

SENATE BILL 268

Introduced by Lynch, et al.

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1/27	Referred to State Administration
1/27	First Reading
1/27	Fiscal Note Requested
2/02	Fiscal Note Received
2/03	Fiscal Note Printed
2/10	Hearing
2/15	Committee Report--Bill Passed as Amended
2/17	2nd Reading Passed
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2/23	Referred to State Administration
2/23	First Reading
3/11	Hearing
3/12	Tabled in Committee

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Lynch *Vonderhaar* *Clark*
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Frank *Ernest*

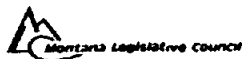
A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING THAT
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DEPARTMENT WARDENS, OR LICENSE AGENTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT
PROVIDE FOR VOTER REGISTRATION AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION
FOR A LICENSE, PERMIT, OR CERTIFICATE PRESCRIBED BY THE
DEPARTMENT."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Voter registration with sale
of licenses, permits, or certificates prescribed by
department. A voter registration form for mail registration,
as prescribed by the secretary of state, must be attached to
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a license, permit, or certificate prescribed by the
department. If the applicant wishes to register to vote at
the time of application, the department employee, warden, or
authorized license agent shall accept the registration and
forward the form to the election administrator.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction.
[Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part
of Title 87, chapter 2, and the provisions of Title 87 apply
to [section 1].

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STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE
Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for SB0268, as introduced.

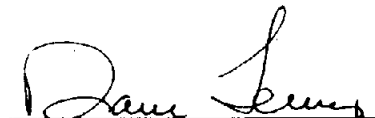
DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION: An act requiring employees of the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, department wardens, or license agents for the department provide for voter registration at the time of application for a license, permit or certificate prescribed by the department.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. All license holders are required to purchase a conservation license as a prerequisite for hunting and fishing licenses. The voter registration card would be part of the conservation license. Special drawing applications would not have a card attached because a conservation license is required to apply for the special drawings.
2. There will be an additional 20% increase in the cost of DFWP conservation license forms and all park permits.
3. Section 13-2-203, MCA, requires that voter registration cards be witnessed by at least one registered voter of the county and mailed to the election administrator within 15 days. This would require license agents to mail voter registration cards to the appropriate election official.
3. There will be an increase in the license agent commissions of \$.20 to cover the increased time and mailing costs to sort and mail voter registration cards. License agents sell about 800,000 licenses.
4. There will be staff time for setting up, explaining, collecting, processing and possibly witnessing voter registration forms. The amount is unknown, but may be significant.

FISCAL IMPACT: Operating expenses for the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks will increase by \$170,300 per year.

TECHNICAL NOTES: As stated in section 13-2-203(3), MCA, an elector's registration form requires a witness of at least one registered voter who resides in the same county or by a deputy registrar. Because many licenses are issued to residents in one county who reside in another county, license agents may want to become deputy registrars by completing a class given through the Secretary of State's Office at no cost.

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DAVID LEWIS, BUDGET DIRECTOR DATE
Office of Budget and Program Planning

 2/3/93
J. D. LYNCH, PRIMARY SPONSOR DATE

Fiscal Note for SB0268, as introduced

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APPROVED BY COMMITTEE
ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

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