

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 506

2 INTRODUCED BY P. FIELDER

3 BY REQUEST OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING ELECTION LAWS; REVISING
6 PROCEDURES FOR PROSPECTIVE ELECTORS TO REGISTER AND VOTE; CLARIFYING
7 REQUIREMENTS FOR A BOARD OF COUNTY CANVASSERS; ELIMINATING THE EXPERIMENTAL USE
8 OF VOTE SYSTEMS; AMENDING SECTIONS 13-2-205 AND 13-15-401, MCA; AND REPEALING SECTION
9 13-17-105, MCA."

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

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13 **Section 1.** Section 13-2-205, MCA, is amended to read:

14 **"13-2-205. Procedure when prospective elector not qualified at time of registration. (1) An**
15 **Subject to subsection (2), an individual who is not eligible to register because of residence or age requirements**
16 **but who will be eligible on or before election day may apply for voter registration pursuant to 13-2-110 and be**
17 **registered subject to verification procedures established pursuant to 13-2-109.**

18 **(2) Until the individual meets residence and age requirements, a ballot SUBMITTED BY THE INDIVIDUAL**
19 **may not be issued to the individual and the individual may not cast a ballot PROCESSED AND COUNTED BY THE**
20 **ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR.**

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22 **Section 2.** Section 13-15-401, MCA, is amended to read:

23 **"13-15-401. Governing body as board of county canvassers. (1) The governing body of a county**
24 **or consolidated local government is ex officio a board of county canvassers and shall meet as the board of**
25 **county canvassers at the usual meeting place of the governing body ~~within 14 days after each election,~~ at a**
26 **time determined by the board, ~~to and within 14 days after each election to complete the canvass the of~~ returns.**

27 **(2) If one or more of the members of the governing body cannot attend the meeting, the member's**
28 **place must be filled by one or more county officers chosen by the remaining members of the governing body so**

1 that the board of county canvassers' membership equals the membership of the governing body.

2 (3) The governing body of any political subdivision in the county that participated in the election may
3 join with the governing body of the county or consolidated local government in canvassing the votes cast at the
4 election.

5 (4) The election administrator is secretary of the board of county canvassers and shall keep minutes
6 of the meeting of the board and file them in the official records of the administrator's office."

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8 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Repealer. The following section of the Montana Code Annotated is
9 repealed:

10 13-17-105. Experimental use of voting systems.

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