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| 1 | SENATE BILL NO. 333 |
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| 2 | INTRODUCED BY C. JUNEAU |
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| 4 | A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ABSENTEE VOTING IN PERSON AT |
| 5 | ALTERNATIVE SITES WITHIN A COUNTY; AND AMENDING SECTION 13-13-222, MCA." |
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| 7 | BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA: |
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| 9 | Section 1. Section 13-13-222, MCA, is amended to read: |
| 10 | "13-13-222. Marking ballot before election day Absentee voting in person alternative sites. (1) |
| 11 | As soon as the official ballots are available pursuant to 13-13-205, the election administrator shall permit an |
| 12 | elector to apply for, receive, and mark an absentee ballot before election day by appearing in person at the office |
| 13 | of the election administrator and marking the ballot in a voting station area designated by the election |
| 14 | administrator. |
| 15 | (2) (a) Subject to the provisions of this subsection (2), an election administrator may provide an alternate |
| 16 | site for absentee voting in person upon the request of a municipality, nonprofit community organization, |
| 17 | community organization, tribal college, or other postsecondary educational institution within the county. |
| 18 | (b) The requesting entity must be able to provide, at no cost to the county, adequate space for the |
| 19 | security of the ballots and the privacy of the voter and shall pay for the travel expenses of the election |
| 20 | administrator and staff. |
| 21 | (c) An alternative site: |
| 22 | (i) may not be less than 15 miles away from the election administrator's office or from another alternative |
| 23 | site; and |
| 24 | (ii) must be open for voting for not less than 6 hours. |
| 25 | (d) The election administrator may not approve more than five alternative sites within the county for the |
| 26 | election. |
| 27 | (e) The election administrator shall provide reasonable public notice of the dates, times, and locations |
| 28 | for absentee voting in person at alternative sites within the county. |
| 29 | (f) To vote absentee in person at an alternative site pursuant to this subsection (2), the elector must be |
| 30 | legally registered. |
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1 (2)(3) The provisions of this chapter apply to voting <u>and handling ballots</u> under this section.

2 (3)(4) If the ballot is marked before the election administrator <u>pursuant to subsection (1)</u>, the election
 3 administrator shall deal with it as provided in 13-13-231."

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<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Section 2. Notification to tribal governments. The secretary of state shall send a
copy of [this act] to each tribal government located on the seven Montana reservations and to the Little Shell
Chippewa tribe.

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