EXHIBIT 8
DATE 02/20/07
HB 694

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

State Administration Committee

WITNESS STATEMENT

PLEASE PRINT

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WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? MACR - Mt. Assoc of Clerks & Recorders

SUPPORT: OPPOSE ✓ AMEND

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COMMENTS:

The MT Assoc. of Clerks & Recorders opposes HB 694. The bill requires that a written request for a public document must be complied with within 5 days - Amend 5 to 5 bus. days

§ 2 2-6-102 B.2.d

We all strive to respond to those requests - generally - in 1-3 days after receipt. However, during hectic election cycles, esp. in small counties w 1 or 2 people handling day-day ops & the election activities, the 5-day requirement simply isn't realistic

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Finally, the stated fees to be charged would be inconsistent throughout the State based on the "current hourly rate of the lowest paid Employee employed in our offices for each hour or fraction of an hour needed to produce records.

We request a min of 14-days to respond w the assurance we will continue to respond as quickly as we can.

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