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HB 693

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

State Administration Committee

WITNESS STATEMENT

PLEASE PRINT

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ADDRESS Butte Silver Bow Gov't. 155 W. Granite - Butte DATE 2-20-07

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? Mt. Assoc. of Clerks + Recorders (MACR)

SUPPORT: OPPOSE ✓ AMEND

COMMENTS: HB 693 - Retention

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The MT Assoc. of Clerks + Recorders opposes HB693 that would require we keep an electronic format of public records for 7 years. The main objection stems from the impact it would have on our budgets + our storage capabilities. We don't believe an electronic format is guaranteed to even be readable or reproducable 7 yrs. from now with the ever-changing technologies.

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HB 693 also requires we retain voted ballots, unvoted ballots, unused ballots, stubs, etc. for 7 yrs. This requirement will place a huge storage burden on all counties - large + small. Of the 56 clerks surveyed, not one recalls ever having been requested to provide such info beyond the current 2-yr. retention period which we believe is more than adequate.

We request your vote against HB 693.

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