

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 88

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE CLOSE OF LATE VOTER REGISTRATION; AND
5 AMENDING SECTIONS 13-2-301 AND 13-2-304, 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 13-2-301, MCA, is amended to read:10 **"13-2-301. Close of regular registration -- notice -- changes.** (1) The election administrator shall:

11 (a) close regular registrations for 30 days before any election; and

12 (b) broadcast a notice specifying the day regular registrations will close on radio or television as provided
13 in 2-3-105 through 2-3-107 or publish the notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county at least three
14 times in the 4 weeks preceding the close of registration. The provisions of this subsection (1)(b) are fulfilled upon
15 the third publication.

16 (2) Information to be included in the notice must be prescribed by the secretary of state.

17 (3) An application for voter registration properly executed and postmarked on or before the day regular
18 registration is closed must be accepted as a regular registration for 3 days after regular registration is closed
19 under subsection (1)(a).20 (4) An individual who submits a completed registration form to the election administrator before the
21 deadlines provided in this section is allowed to correct a mistake on the completed registration form until 5 p.m.
22 on the 10th day following the close of regular registration, and the qualified elector is then eligible to vote in the
23 election at the polling place for that elector's precinct.24 (5) ~~Subject to the provisions of 13-2-304, an~~ An elector who misses the deadlines provided for in this
25 section may register to vote or change the elector's voter information and vote in the election, ~~except as otherwise~~
26 only as provided in 13-2-304.

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28 **Section 2.** Section 13-2-304, MCA, is amended to read:29 **"13-2-304. Late registration -- late changes -- nonapplicability for school elections.** (1) Except as
30 provided in subsections (2) and (3), the following provisions apply:

