



AN ACT CREATING THE MONTANA THIRD-PARTY VOTER REGISTRATION INTEGRITY ACT; AND ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS FOR THIRD-PARTY REGISTRARS CONCERNING MAILING OUT AND RETURNING VOTER REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATIONS.

WHEREAS, the purpose of third-party voter registration organizations and individuals is to deliver voter registration and absentee ballot documentation, and the integrity of these organizations and individuals is critical.

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

Section 1. Short title. [Sections 1 through 4] may be cited as the "Montana Third-Party Voter Registration Integrity Act".

Section 2. Definitions. As used in [sections 1 through 4], the following definitions apply:

(1) "Campaign literature" means material that advocates the success or defeat of a candidate, political party, or ballot issue.

(2) "Third-party registrar" means a person, other than an election official, who is supporting an organized effort to register voters or to assist voters in applying for absentee ballots.

Section 3. Prohibitions concerning mailings. A third-party registrar may not mail a voter registration or absentee ballot application in the same envelope as campaign literature if the envelope is marked to resemble a mailing from an election office.

Section 4. Return of voter registration and absentee ballot applications. A third-party registrar may not mail or advise an applicant to mail a voter registration or absentee ballot application to any address other than the county election administrator's address in the applicant's county of residence.

Section 5. Codification instruction. [Sections 1 through 4] are intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 13, chapter 35, and the provisions of Title 13, chapter 35, apply to [sections 1 through 4].

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I hereby certify that the within bill,
HB 0410, originated in the House.

Chief Clerk of the House

Speaker of the House

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2013.

President of the Senate

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2013.

HOUSE BILL NO. 410

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