

Madame chair & members of the committee:

My name is Becky Stockton & I reside in Helena.

Today, I come before you in support of HB 30. As a Chief Election Judge for many years, election integrity for the election process is of the highest priority.

I support this bill for several reasons:

The county election offices need adequate time to verify that potential voters are not registered in another county.

Example: A voter can be registered in one county & then register in same-day registration in another county that same day. By closing the registration day three days prior or the Friday before the Tuesday election as stated in the bill, the county election officials would be able to verify that nobody is registered in two different counties.

The reason I mention this I experienced this on the general election in Nov. of 2012. At 7pm, I had a young man enter the precinct polling location to vote. He said he was from Great Falls & wanted to vote. I informed him that he could not vote at our precinct if he was a registered voter in Great Falls. I informed him that he could go to the County election office to see if he could vote that day. At 10:10 pm, when I and another judge dropped off our ballots to be counted, that same young man & about 20 others were still in line to see if they could qualify to register as a legal voter to vote in that day's election. How can an election official determine that this voter had not voted in Great Falls earlier that day? The elections officials need to have ample time to make sure people are not voting in multiple counties. Passage of this bill would ensure that this could not happen in our state elections. We need to protect the integrity of everyone's one person, one vote.

I know there is a Montana registry requirement to be able to vote, but is there a registry requirement for how many days you need to be a resident in that county to be able to vote?

HB 30 would provide reasonable time to verify that potential legal voters meet the requirements for residency as stated in state law.

Same-day registration causes confusion for potential voters as to where to register & how to vote on Election Day. By requiring a reasonable cut-off time for registrations, operations at the county election offices & precincts would go more smoothly.

Election judges need to have accurate & up to date precinct registers on the day of the election for all legal voters to vote & for ballots to count. HB 30 will make the voter precinct registers comply with 13-2-116 where law states that the voter registers need to be prepared no sooner than the Friday before the election with the up to date electorate information.

Please support HB 30.

Rep. Angraham,

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Sincerely,
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2013 Session

House Joint Resolution 2 - Testimony

Short Title: Requesting an interim study to investigate electronic records management by state and local government. Study outcome reported to 64th Legislature.

Testifying: Kathy Bramer, Chief Deputy, Secretary of State

My name is Kathy Bramer (spell name) and I am the Chief Deputy for the Secretary of State. I

appear before you today on behalf of Secretary of State Linda McCulloch to urge your support

of HJR 2. The office of the Secretary of State holds certain powers and duties regarding the

State of Montana's public records (see 2-6-201 through 208 MCA) and guides and assists the

executive branch, legislative services, and judicial agencies in the management of public records

and information. As administrator of the State Records Committee, the Secretary of State

works to safeguard the state's ability to identify and protect, provide access to, dispose of, and

preserve public records.

HJR 2 will provide a much-needed opportunity to gather data , assess needs, and make strategic

recommendations for the how the state's public records will be managed in the electronic age.

Today's challenges of public records management are extensive. We are facing volumes of

electronic records in unidentified storage locations or applications. In addition, electronic

records are being kept in inconsistent formats and, in many cases, left behind in obsolete

systems. Definitions and standards are outdated and much of our communication is now in electronic format only and not always easily accessible.

The State of Montana needs enterprisewide policy, planning and resources to properly archive, maintain, and access state and local electronic records. The need is great – Montana needs a comprehensive framework for electronic government records management. These tools will allow the Secretary of State's office to fulfill its mission to guide management of the public records of Montana for its citizens, businesses, and government customers. The challenge is before us to effectively manage public records in today's e-business world.

The Office of Secretary of State Linda McCulloch is prepared to partner with an interim committee and other stakeholders to make this effort a success and bring practical, sustainable, and cost-effective recommendations for electronic records management to the 2015 legislative session for consideration.

I strongly encourage you to vote Do Pass on HJR2.

I am available for any questions. Thank you.