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RESOLUTION 2012-01

AUTOMATIC RE-REGISTRATION OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS

It is the intent of the Montana Association of Counties to seek legislation allowing for the automatic re-registration of absentee ballots.

WHEREAS, the State of Montana is continuing to see growth in the use of absentee ballots; and

WHEREAS, the demand for resources to support efficient elections continues to outpace the counties' ability to fund such demands; and

WHEREAS, the costs of mailing voter confirmations to those persons registered to receive absentee ballots is of substantial cost in every Montana county; and

WHEREAS, the voter database is updated through the mail ballot and NVRA (national voter registration act) process; and

WHEREAS, the data entered into the absentee ballot list is largely redundant and occurs on an annual basis under the current provisions of 13-13-212, MCA and adds nothing to the integrity of the voting process; and

WHEREAS, the use of the full mail ballot with the school districts and the municipalities has caused confusion with the electorate; and

WHEREAS, passage of the following proposed amendment to 13-13-212, MCA will carry no fiscal note if passed by the Montana Legislature; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montana Association of counties will seek legislation to allow automatic re-registration of absentee ballots.

SPONSOR:	**Yellowstone County**
RECOMMENDATION:	**Do Pass**
REFERRED TO:	**MACo Membership**
ADOPTED:	**Annual Conference, Great Falls, MT, September 26, 2012**