

HB 120 CONCERNS

Page 13, line 20- 21 -- House Republicans have issues with this language. Could allow late registrations sites anywhere, at McDonalds for example.

Page 13, line 27-28 – Seems to allow late registration ballots to be returned to any polling location – not just the county court house or election administrators headquarters. Not good.

Page 20, Lines 14-15 -- This change would allow 3rd party candidates more time to qualify for the general election ballot. Current law says their filing deadline is the same as all other candidates--75 days prior to the primary election. The change in HB 120 would give them up until Primary Election Day to file for the general. This is really bad and needs to be taken out.

Page 20, Lines 21-23 -- This narrows who can run as an independent candidate. I don't think we want that narrowed. If you've run for office in another state as a partisan candidate, then you should not be allowed to be an independent candidate in Montana. We should strike these changes.

Page 25, line 17 -- This would allow absentee ballot applications to be faxed or emailed in. Not a huge problem with this at first glance, but we might want to think this through. It still has to be a signed application, so they couldn't use online forms, but still...raises some concern.