SENATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT
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COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIAL VACANCIES

It is the intent of the Montana Association of Counties to seek legislation to amend the statutory dates related to filling vacancies in county elected offices.

WHEREAS, statutes establish the dates related to filling vacancies in county elected officials; and

WHEREAS, the Military and Overseas Citizen Voter Empowerment Act imposed new deadlines for ballots to be available to certain registered voters; and

WHEREAS, the established deadlines make it difficult, and in some cases impossible, to meet the deadlines for certification of the ballots, and the deadlines for nominations of candidates, filling candidate vacancies, conducting special candidate filing periods, notification requirements, and requesting nominations from county central committees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montana Association of Counties will seek legislation to provide sufficient time when elections are necessary to fill vacancies for the remainder of county elected officials terms of office.

SPONSOR:	**MACo Staff**
RECOMMENDATION:	**Do Pass as Amended**
REFERRED TO:	**MACo Resolutions & Legislative Committee**
ADOPTED:	**Annual Conference, Great Falls, MT, September 26, 2012**