

HOUSE BILL NO. 198

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CLARIFYING THAT A BALLOT MAY NOT STATE A CANDIDATE'S TITLE OR CERTAIN OTHER DESIGNATIONS; AND AMENDING SECTION 13-12-203, MCA."

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

**Section 1.** Section 13-12-203, MCA, is amended to read:

**"13-12-203. Appearance of candidate's name and party designation on ballot.** (1) Subject to 13-12-202 and except as provided in 13-10-209 for nonpartisan offices and 13-10-303 for certain other candidates, in partisan elections, candidates' names must appear under the title of the office sought, with the name of the party in not more than three words appearing opposite or below the name.

(2) Subject to 13-12-202, in nonpartisan general elections, the candidates' names must appear under the title of the office sought, with no description or designation appearing with the name unless partisan and nonpartisan offices appear on the same ballot. In such a case, the names of nonpartisan candidates must appear with the word "Nonpartisan".

(3) Except as otherwise provided by this section, information about the candidate other than the candidate's name may not appear on the ballot, including a title, accomplishment, award, or degree."

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