

1 nontribal members in each election since the settlement in *Wandering Medicine v. McCulloch*;

2 (3) analyze what is an adequate number of satellite or alternative election offices and places of
3 deposit for ballots on each Indian reservation based on distances of reservation communities and census-
4 designated places from county election offices and to ensure compliance with the federal Voting Rights Act;

5 (4) review the staffing, equipment, and funding needs of each county in providing the adequate
6 number of satellite or alternative election offices and places of deposit;

7 (5) review potential alternative funding sources to assist in the establishment and operation of these
8 locations;

9 (6) analyze the potential to use election judges and other trained community-based volunteers to help
10 staff these locations;

11 (7) assess the education, outreach, and training needed to increase state and federal election
12 volunteerism on Indian reservations;

13 (8) assess the challenges for effective communications and relationships between counties and tribal
14 governments regarding the counties' responsibility to provide adequate satellite or alternative election offices
15 and places of deposit on Indian reservations; and

16 (9) identify processes and procedures to improve communications and relationships between
17 counties and tribal governments regarding election-related matters using the guiding principles provided in
18 section 2-15-142, MCA, required of state agencies for formulating or implementing policies or administrative
19 rules that have direct tribal implications.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in conducting this study, the input and perspectives of various
21 stakeholders be sought throughout, particularly from each of the eight federally recognized tribes in Montana
22 and the counties in which each Indian reservation exists.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the study consider other recommendations to ensure American
24 Indians in Montana have an equal opportunity to participate in the elections process.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the study is assigned to staff, any findings or conclusions be
26 presented to and reviewed by an appropriate committee designated by the Legislative Council.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all aspects of the study, including presentation and review
28 requirements, be concluded prior to September 15, 2022.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the final results of the study, including any findings, conclusions,
2 comments, recommendations, or proposed legislation, be reported to the 68th Legislature.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to each of the eight federally
4 recognized tribal governments in Montana.

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