

HOUSE BILL NO. 166

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE DISPLAY OF SAMPLE BALLOTS AT POLLING PLACES; ELIMINATING THE REQUIREMENT TO POST SAMPLE BALLOTS AT EACH VOTING STATION; AND AMENDING SECTION 13-13-112, MCA."

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

**Section 1.** Section 13-13-112, MCA, is amended to read:

**"13-13-112. Display of instructions for electors.** (1) Except as provided in subsection (3), instructions for electors on how to prepare their ballots or use a voting system must be posted in each voting station provided for the preparation of ballots.

(2) The instructions must be in easily read type, 18 point or larger, and explain:

- (a) how to obtain ballots for voting;
- (b) how to prepare ballots, including how to:
  - (i) cast a valid vote, including a valid vote for a write-in candidate;
  - (ii) correct a mistake; and
  - (iii) ensure the proper disposition of the ballot after the elector is finished voting;
- (c) how to obtain a new ballot in place of one spoiled by accident; and
- (d) how to vote provisionally pursuant to 13-13-601.

(3) The information required in subsection (2) must also be posted at each polling place along with the election date, the hours the polls are open, and instructions for mail-in registrants and first-time voters.

(4) If the instructions for use of a voting system are printed on the system or are part of a ballot package given to each elector, separate instructions need not be posted in the voting station.

(5) Sample ballots, clearly marked "sample" across the face, must be posted ~~at each voting station and in at least one conspicuous places around the location at each polling place.~~ IF AN ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR HAS THE CAPACITY TO PRINT A LARGER VERSION OF A SAMPLE BALLOT, A SAMPLE BALLOT MUST BE PRINTED AND DISPLAYED IN A SIZE LARGER THAN AN ACTUAL BALLOT."

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