

1 \_\_\_\_\_ BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

2 INTRODUCED BY \_\_\_\_\_  
3 (Primary Sponsor)

4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT EXTENDING THE CLOSE OF REGULAR VOTER  
5 REGISTRATION; AND AMENDING SECTION 13-2-301, MCA."

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

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9 **Section 1.** Section 13-2-301, MCA, is amended to read:

10 **"13-2-301. Close of regular registration -- notice -- changes.** (1) The election administrator shall:

11 (a) close regular registrations for ~~30~~ 10 days before any election; and

12 (b) publish a notice specifying the day regular registrations will close and the availability of the late  
13 registration option provided for in 13-2-304 in a newspaper of general circulation in the county at least three  
14 times in the 4 weeks preceding the close of registration or broadcast a notice on radio or television as provided  
15 in 2-3-105 through 2-3-107, using the method the election administrator believes is best suited to reach the  
16 largest number of potential electors. The provisions of this subsection (1)(b) are fulfilled upon the third  
17 publication or broadcast of the notice.

18 (2) Information to be included in the notice must be prescribed by the secretary of state.

19 (3) An application for voter registration properly executed and postmarked on or before the day  
20 regular registration is closed must be accepted as a regular registration for 3 days after regular registration is  
21 closed under subsection (1)(a).

22 (4) An elector who misses the deadlines provided for in this section may register to vote or change  
23 the elector's voter information and vote in the election, except as otherwise provided in 13-2-304."

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