

## 1 HOUSE BILL NO. 506

2 INTRODUCED BY P. FIELDER

3 BY REQUEST OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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 5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING ELECTION LAWS; REVISING  
 6 PROCEDURES FOR PROSPECTIVE ELECTORS TO REGISTER AND VOTE; CLARIFYING  
 7 REQUIREMENTS FOR A BOARD OF COUNTY CANVASSERS; ELIMINATING THE EXPERIMENTAL USE  
 8 OF VOTE SYSTEMS; AMENDING SECTIONS 13-2-205 AND 13-15-401, MCA; AND REPEALING SECTION  
 9 13-17-105, MCA."

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

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 13 **Section 1.** Section 13-2-205, MCA, is amended to read:

14 **"13-2-205. Procedure when prospective elector not qualified at time of registration. (1)** ~~As~~  
 15 Subject to subsection (2), an individual who is not eligible to register because of residence or age requirements  
 16 but who will be eligible on or before election day may apply for voter registration pursuant to 13-2-110 and be  
 17 registered subject to verification procedures established pursuant to 13-2-109.

18 (2) Until the individual meets residence and age requirements, a ballot may not be issued to the  
 19 individual and the individual may not cast a ballot."

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 21 **Section 2.** Section 13-15-401, MCA, is amended to read:

22 **"13-15-401. Governing body as board of county canvassers. (1)** The governing body of a county  
 23 or consolidated local government is ex officio a board of county canvassers and shall meet as the board of  
 24 county canvassers at the usual meeting place of the governing body ~~within 14 days after each election,~~ at a  
 25 time determined by the board, ~~to~~ and within 14 days after each election to complete the canvass the of returns.

26 (2) If one or more of the members of the governing body cannot attend the meeting, the member's  
 27 place must be filled by one or more county officers chosen by the remaining members of the governing body so  
 28 that the board of county canvassers' membership equals the membership of the governing body.

