

1 SENATE BILL NO. 433

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO TALLYING VOTES; REQUIRING
5 ALL VOTES TO BE TALLIED IN PUBLIC; REQUIRING ALL RESULTS TO BE PRINTED AND POSTED;
6 AMENDING SECTION 13-15-101, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

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10 **Section 1.** Section 13-15-101, MCA, is amended to read:

11 **"13-15-101. Votes to be publicly counted -- return forms.** (1) Any ~~official~~ vote count must be open
12 to public observation conducted in a public area and must be recorded by both audio and video.

13 ~~(2)~~ Any official vote count must be held at the precinct where the votes being counted were cast.

14 ~~(2)(3)~~ Immediately after all the ballots are counted by at each precinct voting location, the election
15 judges shall copy the total votes cast for each candidate and for and against each proposition on the return
16 forms furnished by the election administrator.

17 ~~(4)~~ All election results for the precinct must be publicly declared, printed on paper, and posted at
18 the precinct voting location for at least 7 days.

19 ~~(3)(5)~~ The election judges shall immediately display one of the return forms at the place of counting
20 and return a copy to the election administrator. Both forms must be signed by all the election judges completing
21 the count."

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23 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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