

HOUSE BILL NO. 186

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING A CITY, OR TOWN, OR CONSOLIDATED CITY-COUNTY TO HOLD CERTAIN SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICT ELECTIONS ON A GENERAL ELECTION DAY; AMENDING SECTION 13-1-504, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

**Section 1.** Section 13-1-504, MCA, is amended to read:

**"13-1-504. Dates for special purpose district elections -- call for election.** (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), the following elections for a special purpose district must be held on the same day as the regular school election day established in 20-20-105(1), which is the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May:

- (a) an election to create, alter the boundaries of, continue, or dissolve a special purpose district;
- and
- (b) an election to fill a special purpose district office.

(2) (a) A special purpose district election that includes a question affecting district funding, such as fee assessments, bonds, or the sale or lease of property, may be held on the day specified in subsection (1) or scheduled as a special election.

(b) A conservation district election must be held on a primary or general election day.

(c) If the special purpose district will be administered by a ~~city or town~~ CITY, TOWN, OR CONSOLIDATED CITY-COUNTY, the ~~city or town~~ CITY, TOWN, OR CONSOLIDATED CITY-COUNTY may schedule an election to create, dissolve, or continue a special purpose district on the same day as the general election day.

(3) If specifically authorized by law, a special purpose district election may be held at the district's annual meeting.

(4) A special purpose district election may not be held earlier than 85 days after the date of the order or resolution calling for the election.

(5) Pursuant to 13-19-201, the governing body authorized by law to call an election shall specify in

1 the order or resolution calling for the election whether the governing body is requesting that the election be  
2 conducted by mail."

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

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