

1 SENATE BILL NO. 416
2 INTRODUCED BY J. ELLIS

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE TIMELINE FOR CHANGES TO PRECINCT
5 BOUNDARIES AFTER DISTRICTING AND APPORTIONMENT; AMENDING SECTION 13-3-102, MCA; AND
6 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 13-3-102, MCA, is amended to read:

11 **"13-3-102. Change of precinct boundaries.** (1) The county governing body may change the
12 boundaries of precincts, but not within 100 days before any primary or between a general election and the
13 primary for that election. When the changes are required to make precinct boundaries conform to legislative
14 district boundaries following the adoption of a districting and apportionment plan under Article V, section 14, of
15 the Montana constitution or other district boundaries changed by the districting and apportionment plan, the
16 changing of precinct boundaries must conform to 13-3-101 and be accomplished within ~~45~~ 90 days of the filing
17 of the final plan.

18 (2) All changes must be certified to the election administrator 3 days or less after the change is
19 made.

20 (3) The officials responsible for preparing a districting and apportionment plan shall consider the
21 problems of conforming present precinct boundaries to the new districts as well as existing boundaries of
22 wards, school districts, and other districts. The election administrator of counties involved in the plan must be
23 consulted before adoption of the final plan."

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

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