By Request of the State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee

A Bill for an Act entitled: "An Act revising qualified elector provisions for water and sewer districts; providing that a resident of an existing or proposed water or sewer district must be registered to vote to be considered a qualified elector; amending section 7-13-2212, MCA; and providing an immediate effective date."

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Montana:

Section 1. Section 7-13-2212, MCA, is amended to read:

"7-13-2212. Qualifications to vote. (1) An individual is qualified to vote in any election under the provisions of part 23 and this part if the individual is a qualified voter pursuant to 13-1-111, not including 13-1-111(1)(a) and (1)(c) except as provided in subsection (2), and is:

(a) a resident of the proposed or existing district;

(b) an owner of taxable real property within the boundaries of the proposed or existing district or, if the property is owned by more than one person, an agent designated by the owners;

(c) an individual listed in 13-1-506 representing a corporation or company that owns taxable real property within the boundaries of the proposed or existing district; or
(d) a designated agent for a property held in trust within the boundaries of the proposed or existing district.

(2) An individual qualified to vote pursuant to subsections (1)(b) through (1)(d) does not need to be a resident or registered to vote but shall provide written proof of the individual's qualifications to the election administrator at least 25 days before the election."

{Internal References to 7-13-2212: x7-13-2201 x75-5-601 *}

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

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