

**Title 13, Chapter 25, Part 7**  
**Montana Ballot Interference Prevention Act**  
**2019 MCA**

Part Compiler's Comments

Effective Date: Section 7, Ch. 238, L. 2017, provided that this part is effective upon approval by the electorate. Approved November 6, 2018.

**13-35-701. Short title.** This part may be cited as the "Montana Ballot Interference Prevention Act".

**13-35-702. Definitions.** As used in this part, the following definitions apply:

- (1) "Acquaintance" means an individual known by the voter.
- (2) "Caregiver" means an individual who provides medical or health care assistance to the voter in a residence, nursing care institution, hospice facility, assisted living center, assisted living home, residential care institution, adult day health care facility, or adult foster care home.
- (3) "Collect" means to gain possession or control of a ballot.
- (4) "Family member" means an individual who is related to the voter by blood, marriage, adoption, or legal guardianship.
- (5) "Household member" means an individual who resides at the same residence as the voter.

**13-35-703. Ballot collection prohibited — exceptions.** (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), a person may not knowingly collect a voter's voted or unvoted ballot.

- (2) This section does not apply to:
  - (a) an election official;
  - (b) a United States postal service worker or other individual specifically authorized by law to transmit United States mail;
  - (c) a caregiver;
  - (d) a family member;
  - (e) a household member; or
  - (f) an acquaintance.
- (3) An individual authorized to collect a voter's ballot pursuant to subsections (2)(c) through (2)(f) may not collect and convey more than six ballots.

**13-35-704. Record of delivery.** An individual permitted to collect and convey a ballot under 13-35-703(2)(c) through (2)(f) shall sign a registry when delivering the ballot to the polling place, a place of deposit, or the election administrator's office. In addition to the signature requirement, the individual collecting and conveying the ballot shall provide the following information:

- (1) the individual's name, address, and phone number;
- (2) the voter's name and address; and
- (3) the individual's relationship to the voter required to collect and convey a ballot pursuant to 13-35-703(2)(c) through (2)(f).

**13-35-705. Penalty.** A violation of a provision of this part is punishable by a fine of \$500 for each ballot unlawfully collected.

State Administration and Veterans Affairs

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