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MONTANA SECRETARY OF STATE



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Jerry Howe
Executive Director
Legislative Services Division
Helena, MT 59620-1706

Dear Mr. Howe:

The Secretary of State's office has the official responsibility to refer to you, as prescribed in MCA 13-27-228, a copy of the proposed initiatives for the review by the appropriate interim committee or legislative council. Therefore, I have enclosed the following for your review, submitted by:

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I-193 will allow increased hunting opportunities for landowners. If passed, the initiative prohibits hunting regulations that would impose or effect a prohibition on a landowner hunting deer, elk, or black bear on the landowner's private property during a statewide general hunting season. Landowners would still need to be licensed and follow all hunting laws and regulations pertaining to means of take and bag limits. An exception would allow the Fish and Wildlife Commission to limit this landowner hunting right when wildlife populations are in severe decline due to environmental factors such as disease or drought.

Per subsection (3)(b) of the above statute, the outcome of the vote must be submitted to the Secretary of State's Office no later than 14 days after receipt of the final text of the proposed issue and ballot statements. In addition to the outcome of the vote, please provide the name of the interim committee that voted on the proposal, as well as the date the committee voted.

If you have questions, please contact the Secretary of State's office at (406) 444-9608 or soselections@mt.gov.

Sincerely,

Ray Dagnall, Election Specialist

Cc: Jaret Coles, Todd Everts, Leah Hibbs – Legislative Services Division