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MONTANA SECRETARY OF STATE



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Jerry Howe
Executive Director
Legislative Services Division
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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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CI-127 amends the Montana Constitution to provide that elections for certain offices must be decided by majority vote as determined as provided by law rather than by a plurality or the largest amount of the votes. If it cannot be determined who received a majority of votes because two or more candidates are tied, then the winner of the election will be determined as provided by law. CI-127 applies to elections for governor and lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor, attorney general, superintendent of public instruction, state representative, state senator, United States representative, United States Senator, and other offices as provided by law.

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