

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** The Office of the Montana Secretary of State  
**From:** The Office of the Montana Attorney General  
**Date:** December 21, 2023  
**Re:** Legal sufficiency review of Proposed Ballot Measure No. 13

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Ballot Measure #13, a constitutional initiative, amends Article IV, Section 5 of the Montana Constitution to provide certain elections must be decided by a majority vote rather than a plurality.

The proposed measure is legally sufficient pursuant to MCA § 13-27-226(2).

Pursuant to MCA § 13-27-226(3), the Attorney General determines the sponsor's proposed ballot statements comply with MCA §§ 13-27-212 and -213.

The budget director determined that Ballot Measure 13 will not have an impact on State revenue or expenditures, therefore, the Attorney General need not prepare a statement of fiscal impact pursuant to MCA § 13-27-226(4).

Finally, pursuant to MCA § 13-27-226(5), the Attorney General determines Ballot Measure 13 does not conflict with any other proposed Ballot Measures.

Sincerely,

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