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**TO:** State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee

**FROM:** Andria Hardin

**DATE:** December 21, 2023

**RE:** Legislative Administrative Rule Review Report

Pursuant to 5-5-228, MCA, the State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee has prepared this report for informational purposes only. This report does not represent any action or opinion of the State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee and does not preclude additional action that may be taken by the State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee pursuant to its authority under the Montana Administrative Procedure Act (Title 2, chapter 4, MCA).

**MAR NOTICE NUMBER:** 44-2-270

**AGENCY/BOARD:** Secretary of State

**RULE CLASSIFICATION** (e.g., substantive/interpretive/emergency/temporary): Substantive

**SUBJECT:** Reporting Results During an Election

**NOTICE DESCRIPTION** (e.g., proposal notice/adoption notice): Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Adoption

**SUMMARY OF RULE(S):** The Secretary of State proposes a new rule to provide guidance on amendments to section 13-15-101, MCA resulting from House Bill 196. This new rule relates to the reporting requirements under 13-15-101, MCA for elections having at least one statewide race or statewide ballot issue and requires immediate communication with the Secretary of State if a county election administrator cannot comply with the reporting requirements under law.

**NOTES:** A public hearing will be held on January 5, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the Secretary of State's Office conference room, Room 260, State Capitol, Helena, Montana. The public comment period ends on January 5, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

**STAFF COMMENT:** None.

**FULL TEXT OF NOTICE:** The full text of the proposal notice may be found online at [https://rules.mt.gov/gateway/Cycle\\_Home.asp?CID=3757](https://rules.mt.gov/gateway/Cycle_Home.asp?CID=3757)