



MONTANA SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE



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TO: Jerry Howe, Executive Director
Legislative Services Division

FROM: Angela Nunn, Chief Deputy
Montana Secretary of State

Subject: Annual Summary Report on Statewide Election Security

In accordance with 13-1-205 and 5-11-210, MCA, enclosed is a report titled Annual Report to the Montana State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee on Statewide Election Security.

The report contains an anonymized aggregation of statewide compliance, during the 2023 calendar year, with election security rules prescribed in ARM 44.3.2901 through 44.3.2905.

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Report Period: 2023

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Summary of Statewide Compliance

In January 2024 (in accordance with 13-1-205, MCA), the Secretary of State's Office received a 2023 Security Compliance Report from county election administrators in all 56 Montana counties.

Because security assessments are considered confidential information according to 13-1-205, MCA, the following information is an anonymized aggregation of statewide compliance with the election security rules prescribed in ARM 44.3.2901 through 44.3.2905.

- ARM 44.3.2902 – Annual Security Assessment Requirements
 - 95% reported compliance
- ARM 44.3.2903 – Annual Security Awareness Training Requirements
 - 89% reported compliance
- ARM 44.3.2904 (1) – Physical Security, Access Control, and Tamperproof Seal Requirements
 - 100% reported compliance
- ARM 44.3.2904 (2) – Physical Security, Chain of Custody Requirements
 - 100% reported compliance
- ARM 44.3.2904 (3) – Physical Security, Ballot Reconciliation Requirements
 - 98% reported compliance
- ARM 44.3.2904 (4) – Physical Security, Surveillance Recommendations
 - 63% reported compliance
- ARM 44.3.2905 (1) – Other Election Security Requirements, Network Connection
 - 100% reported compliance (any type of component that is used within a voting system as defined in MCA 13-1-101 was not connected to a computer network at any time.)
- ARM 44.3.2905 (2) – Other Election Security Requirements, Anti-Virus Requirements
 - 100% reported compliance