

Montana Code Annotated 2021

TITLE 13. ELECTIONS

CHAPTER 12. ELECTION SUPPLIES AND BALLOTS

Part 2. Ballots

Ballot Form And Uniformity

13-12-202. Ballot form and uniformity. (1) The secretary of state shall adopt statewide uniform rules that prescribe the ballot form for each type of ballot used in this state. The rules must conform to the provisions of this title unless the voting system used clearly requires otherwise. At a minimum, the rules must address:

- (a) the manner in which each type of ballot may be corrected under **13-12-204**;
- (b) what provisions must be made on the ballot for write-in candidates;
- (c) the size and content of stubs on paper ballots, except as provided in **13-19-106**(1);
- (d) how unvoted ballots must be handled;
- (e) how the number of individuals voting and the number of ballots cast must be recorded; and
- (f) the order and arrangement of voting system ballots.

(2) The names of all candidates that appear on the face of a ballot must appear in the same font size and style.

(3) Notwithstanding **13-19-106**(1) and except as provided in **13-3-208**, when the stubs are detached, it must be impossible to distinguish any one of the ballots from another ballot for the same office or issue.

(4) The ballots must contain the name of each candidate whose nomination is certified under law for an office and no other names, except that the names of candidates for president and vice president of the United States must appear on the ballot as provided in **13-25-101**(5).

History: En. Sec. 91, Ch. 368, L. 1969; R.C.M. 1947, 23-3508(4); amd. Sec. 93, Ch. 571, L. 1979; amd. Sec. 22, Ch. 414, L. 2003; amd. Sec. 26, Ch. 242, L. 2011; amd. Sec. 3, Ch. 325, L. 2019.