

SENATE BILL NO. 115

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ADJUSTING THE TIMEFRAME FOR PUBLIC NOTICES RELATED TO ELECTIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 13-15-105 AND 13-17-203, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 13-15-105, MCA, is amended to read:

"13-15-105. Notices relating to absentee ballot counting board. (1) Not more than ~~40 days~~ 12 days or less than 2 days before an election, the election administrator shall broadcast on radio or television, as provided in 2-3-105 through 2-3-107, or publish in a newspaper of general circulation in the county a notice indicating the method that will be used for counting absentee ballots and the place and time that the absentee ballots will be counted.

(2) If the count will begin before the polls close, the notice required under subsection (1) must inform the public that any person observing the procedures of the count is required to take the oath provided in 13-15-207(4) and is subject to 13-35-241."

Section 2. Section 13-17-203, MCA, is amended to read:

"13-17-203. Publication of information concerning voting systems. (1) Not more than ~~40~~ 12 days or less than 2 days before an election at which a voting system will be used by voters, the election administrator shall broadcast on radio or television, as provided in 2-3-105 through 2-3-107, or publish in a newspaper of general circulation in the county:

(a) a diagram showing the voting system to be used by voters and a sample of the ballot layout (in newspaper only);

(b) a statement of the locations where voting systems to be used by voters are on public exhibition;
and

1 (c) instructions on how to vote.

2 (2) The election administrator shall select the method of notification that the election administrator
3 believes is best suited to reach the largest number of potential electors."

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5 NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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