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1		SENATE B	ILL NO. 226		
2		INTRODUCED	BY M. CUFFE		
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4	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED	: "AN ACT REVISING	CERTIFICATION OF PET	FITION SIGNATURES TO	
5	ADD A FILING TIMELINE; AMENDING SECTION 13-27-302, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE				
6	EFFECTIVE DATE."				
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8	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:				
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10	Section 1. Section 13-2	7-302, MCA, is amende	d to read:		
11	"13-27-302. Certificati	on of signatures. <u>(1)</u> /	An affidavit, in substantial	lly the following form, must be	
12	attached to each sheet or section submitted to the county official:				
13	I, (name of person who is the signature gatherer), swear that I gathered the signatures on the petitic				
14	to which this affidavit is attached on the stated dates, that I believe the signatures on the petition are genuine				
15	are the signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be, and are the signatures of Montana electors				
16	who are registered at the addres	s or have the telephone	e number following the pe	erson's signature, and that the	
17	signers knew the contents of the petition before signing the				
18	petition		_(Date on which the first s	ignature was	
19	gathered)		(Signature of petition si	ignature	
20	gatherer)		_(Address of petition sign	nature gatherer)	
21	Subscribed and sworn to				
22			(Person authorized		
23	oaths)	(Fitle or notarial informatio	n)	
24	(2) (a) <mark>The For an a</mark>	ffidavit provided for in s	subsection (1) that is attac	ched to a signature sheet with	
25	a collected signature dated 98 days or more prior to the final date provided in 13-27-104 for filing the petition,				
26	the signature gatherer or an agent of the group gathering signatures shall submit the affidavit provided for in				
27	subsection (1) and the signature	sheet or the section to	which the affidavit is atta	ched to the county election	

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	1	administrator w	thin <u>4 weeks of the first co</u>	llected signature covered by the affic	davit by 84 days before the final
	2	date provided in	13-27-104 for filing the pe	etition. ONCE THE AFFIDAVIT PROVIDED	FOR IN SUBSECTION (1) IS
	3	SUBMITTED, THE	ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR S	HALL DATE AND TIME STAMP THE AFFID	AVIT, REGISTER IT IN A LOG, AND
I	4	PROVIDE A RECE	IPT OF SUBMISSION TO THE S	GIGNATURE GATHERER OR AGENT OF TH	E GROUP GATHERING SIGNATURES.
	5	<u>(b)</u>	If the affidavit and the sig	nature sheet or the section to which	the affidavit is attached are
	6	subject to the d	eadline in subsection (2)(a) and are not submitted within 4 wee	ks of the earliest signature
	7	7 <u>covered by the affidavit the timeline required under subsection (2)(a), the county election administrate</u>			ty election administrator shall
I	8	reject the filing	and may not process it furt	ther."	
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	10	NEW S	ECTION. Section 2. Effe	ective date. [This act] is effective on	passage and approval.
	11			- END -	

