



AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO INACTIVE VOTER STATUS; CLARIFYING THAT A VOTER ON THE INACTIVE LIST IS NOT MOVED TO THE ACTIVE LIST BY SIGNING A PETITION FOR A STATEWIDE BALLOT ISSUE; AMENDING SECTION 13-2-222, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Section 1. Section 13-2-222, MCA, is amended to read:

"13-2-222. Reactivation of elector. (1) The name of an elector must be moved by an election administrator from the inactive list to the active list of a county if an elector meets the requirements for registration provided in this chapter and:

(a) appears at a polling place in order to vote, submits an application to vote by absentee ballot in a polling place election or mail ballot election, or votes in a mail ballot election conducted under Title 13, chapter 19;

(b) notifies the county election administrator in writing of the elector's current residence, which must be in that county; or

(c) completes a reactivation form provided by the county election administrator that provides current address information in that county.

(2) The name of an elector may not be moved from the inactive list to the active list of a county by the elector signing a petition for a statewide ballot issue.

(2)(3) After an elector has complied with subsection (1)(a), (1)(b), or (1)(c), the county election administrator shall place the elector's name on the active voting list for that county.

(3)(4) An elector reactivated pursuant to subsection (1)(a) is a legally registered elector for purposes of the election in which the elector voted."

Section 2. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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I hereby certify that the within bill,
HB 179, originated in the House.

Chief Clerk of the House

Speaker of the House

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2025.

President of the Senate

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2025.

HOUSE BILL NO. 179

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