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HOUSE BILL NO. 207

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING CANDIDATE FILING LAWS; REQUIRING CANDIDATES FOR LOCAL AND STATE OFFICE TO FILE FOR OFFICE PRIOR TO THE PRIMARY ELECTION; PROHIBITING UNSUCCESSFUL PRIMARY CANDIDATES FROM SEEKING NOMINATION IN THE GENERAL ELECTION; ~~INCREASING THE SIGNATURE PERCENTAGE REQUIRED FOR A THIRD-PARTY OR INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE PETITION;~~ AMENDING SECTIONS 13-1-403, 13-1-502, 13-10-201, 13-10-211, 13-10-501, 13-10-502, AND 13-10-503, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

Section 1. Section 13-1-403, MCA, is amended to read:

"13-1-403. Election deadlines for candidate filing, write-in candidacy, and withdrawal -- election cancellation -- election by acclamation. (1) Consistent with the candidate filing deadline in 13-10-201(7) for primary elections and except as provided in subsection (2) for a write-in candidate, the candidate filing deadline for election to a local government office is no sooner than ~~445~~105 days and no later than ~~85~~90 days before the election.

(2) (a) A declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate must be filed with the election administrator by 5 p.m. on the ~~65th~~90th day before the date of the election.