

1 SENATE BILL NO. 86
2 INTRODUCED BY S. MORIGEAU
3 BY REQUEST OF THE MONTANA DISTRICTING AND APPORTIONMENT COMMISSION
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5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT LIMITING THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS IN EACH
6 ELECTION PRECINCT; AND AMENDING ~~SECTION SECTIONS~~ 13-3-101 AND 13-3-102, MCA."

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

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10 **Section 1.** Section 13-3-101, MCA, is amended to read:

11 **"13-3-101. Establishment of election precincts.** (1) The territorial unit for elections is the election
12 precinct. All election precincts ~~shall~~ must be designated by numbers, names, or both.

13 (2) The governing body of each county shall establish a convenient number of election precincts,
14 equalizing the number of electors in each precinct as nearly as possible. A precinct may not contain more than
15 2,000-2,500 registered voters."
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17 **Section 2.** Section 13-3-102, MCA, is amended to read:

18 **"13-3-102. Change of precinct boundaries.** (1) The county governing body may change the
19 boundaries of precincts, but not within 100 days before any primary or between a general election and the
20 primary for that election. ~~When the changes~~ Changes are required to be made to make precinct boundaries
21 conform to legislative district boundaries following the adoption of a districting and apportionment plan under
22 Article V, section 14, of the Montana constitution or other district boundaries changed by the districting and
23 apportionment plan, and the changing of precinct boundaries must conform to 13-3-101 and must be
24 accomplished within 45-90 days of the filing of the final plan.

25 (2) All changes must be certified to the election administrator 3 days or less after the change is
26 made.

27 (3) The officials responsible for preparing a districting and apportionment plan shall consider the
28 problems of conforming present precinct boundaries to the new districts as well as existing boundaries of

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1 wards, school districts, and other districts. The election administrator of counties involved in the plan must be
2 consulted before adoption of the final plan."

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