

1 _____ BILL NO. _____

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING ELECTION LAWS PERTAINING TO ELECTION
5 ADMINISTRATORS; REMOVING THE COUNTY GOVERNING BODY AUTHORITY TO DESIGNATE OR
6 APPOINT AN ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR; AMENDING SECTION 13-1-301, MCA; AND PROVIDING A
7 RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE."

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

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11 **Section 1.** Section 13-1-301, MCA, is amended to read:

12 **"13-1-301. Election administrator.** (1) The county clerk and recorder of each county is the election
13 administrator ~~unless the governing body of the county designates another official or appoints an election~~
14 ~~administrator.~~

15 (2) The election administrator is responsible for the administration of all procedures relating to
16 registration of electors and conduct of elections, shall keep all county records relating to elector registration and
17 elections, and is the primary point of contact for the county with respect to the statewide voter registration list
18 and implementation of other provisions of applicable federal law governing elections.

19 (3) The election administrator may appoint a deputy election administrator for each political
20 subdivision required to hold elections."

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22 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Retroactive applicability -- applicability.** (1) [This act] applies
23 retroactively, within the meaning of 1-2-109, to positions designated or appointed as election administrator by
24 the governing body of the county before [the effective date of this act].

25 (2) [This act] applies to positions designated or appointed as election administrator by the
26 governing body of the county on or after [the effective date of this act].

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