



AN ACT REQUIRING A CANDIDATE FOR OFFICE TO BE REGISTERED TO VOTE; AMENDING SECTION 2-16-102, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

**Section 1.** Section 2-16-102, MCA, is amended to read:

**"2-16-102. Qualifications generally -- age and citizenship.** (1) Provisions respecting disqualifications for particular offices are contained in the constitution and in the provisions of the laws concerning the various offices.

(2) A person is not eligible to hold civil office in this state who at the time of election or appointment is not 18 years of age or older and a citizen of this state.

(3) A person is not eligible to hold civil office in this state who at the time of the filing deadline for the race is not registered to vote in Montana. An exemption must be granted for an individual who will turn 18 years old before the election, but not before the filing deadline pursuant to 13-1-114.

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

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I hereby certify that the within bill,  
HB 306, originated in the House.

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Speaker of the House

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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President of the Senate

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

HOUSE BILL NO. 306

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