

## Late Registration Procedures – Directive #01-06 (updated May 2010)

### **ELECTION ADVISORY ISSUED OCTOBER 11 AND NOVEMBER 3, 2006**

#### **New registrants--registering less than 30 days before the election (Not registered anywhere in Montana)**

- Must have been a resident of the county where they intend to vote for at least 30 days.
- Must register to vote at the county election administrator's office and **MUST PICK UP THEIR BALLOT IN PERSON** at the election administrator's office; they can vote immediately or they can take an absentee ballot with them, but the voted ballot **MUST** be returned to the Election Administrator's office in person or by mail (13-2-304, MCA).

#### **Electors changing counties (Registered elector changing counties of residence)**

- As long as they are registered in another Montana county, they need not have been a resident for at least 30 days of the new county where they intend to vote (13-2-514, MCA).
- Make sure MT Votes does not indicate that an absentee ballot has already been sent -- **if it does, they can only change registration for the next election.**
- If the county-to-county registrant wants to vote in the new county they must change their registration at the county election administrator's office and **MUST PICK UP THEIR BALLOT IN PERSON** at the election administrator's office; they can vote immediately or they can take an absentee ballot with them but the voted ballot **MUST** be returned to the Election Administrator's office (13-2-304, MCA).
- **IMPORTANT NOTE:** In order to reduce the possibility of any individual voting in more than one county, and consistent with current procedures for individuals who do not appear in your precinct registers, individuals who choose to change their registration from one Montana county to another county will need to vote provisionally only on election day, providing supplemental registers are run the Monday before the election. The provisional ballot will be counted after you confirm that they have not voted in another county.

- In MT Votes, notify the old county of the transfer AND the fact that the elector voted in the election (done through use of the Provisional Module in MT Votes).
- After the election, the old county will verify that the elector did not vote in the old county (through the Provisional Module in MT Votes). If the elector attempts to cast two ballots in different counties in the same election, count the ballot which is not provisional and notify the county attorney and the Secretary of State's office.

**Electors changing precincts within the county (Must already be registered in the County)**

- They can vote once in their old precinct (13-2-512, MCA).
- If people want to vote a ballot for their new precinct in the upcoming election, they must late register in their new precinct at the election administrator's office and **MUST PICK UP THEIR BALLOT IN PERSON** at the election administrator's office. They can vote immediately or they can take an absentee ballot with them, but the voted ballot **MUST** be returned to the Election Administrator's office in person or by mail (13-2-304, MCA).
- Make sure MT Votes does not indicate that an absentee ballot has already been sent -- **if it does, they can only change registration for the next election.**
- **IMPORTANT NOTE:** In order to prevent any individual from voting at the polls in your county and also voting (through late registration at the county election administrator's office) in a different precinct, individuals who choose to change their registration from one precinct to another in your county will need to vote provisionally only on election day. The provisional ballot will be counted after you confirm that they have not voted at the polls.

*Remember: An application for voter registration properly executed and postmarked on or before the day regular registration is closed still must be accepted as a regular registration for 3 days after regular registration is closed (13-2-301(3), MCA)*