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2024 Voter Information Pamphlet (VIP) FAQs

Q. What is the Voter Information Pamphlet (VIP)?

A. The Secretary of State's office is required by law ([13-27-401](#), MCA) to produce a pamphlet containing all proposed **statewide** ballot issues/initiatives that will appear on the ballot for the Federal General Election in November of every even-numbered year.

Q. What is a proposed ballot issue/initiative?

A. A ballot issue/initiative is a proposed change to Montana law or the Montana Constitution. They can be proposed during the State Legislative Session or submitted by citizens. If a proposed ballot issue/initiative is submitted by citizens, there is an extensive review that takes place to ensure the proposal is legally sufficient. Additionally, there must be a minimum number of petition signatures gathered from registered voters to qualify for the ballot. Steps on drafting a statewide ballot issue can be found on our [website](#).

Q. What information is included in the VIP?

A. Information on all proposed ballot initiatives/referendums qualified for the ballot is contained in the VIP including arguments advocating for and against each. The Secretary of State also includes helpful voter information in the VIP.

Q. When will the VIP be available?

A. After the ballots are certified on August 22, 2024, the VIP will be prepared for publication and mailing no later than October 7th, 2024.

Q. Who receives the VIP?

A. The Secretary of State's office sends one pamphlet to each household for registered voters with the same last name ([13-27-410](#), MCA).

Q. I did not get a VIP; can the Secretary of State's office send me one?

A. Yes, after it is available, contact the Secretary of State's office or your county election office to have a VIP mailed to you. It will also be made available electronically at votemt.gov.

Q. Can I find candidate information in the VIP so I can decide who I want to vote for?

A. No, by law ([13-27-401](#), MCA) the only information contained in the VIP is proposed ballot issues/initiatives.

Q. If the VIP does not contain candidate information, where can I find information so I know who I want to vote for?

A. Contact information for candidates is available on our [website](#).

Q. Will there be a VIP at the polling place when I go to vote on General Election Day, November 5th, 2024?

A. Yes, Montana law requires at least 10 copies be available at each precinct ([13-27-410](#), MCA).

Q. I have difficulty reading small print; do you have alternative versions of the VIP?

A. For other accessible formats of the VIP, please contact the Secretary of State's Office by emailing soselections@mt.gov.

Q. I am blind; is there a Braille version of the VIP?

A. Yes, copies of Braille VIPs are available upon request by contacting the Secretary of State's office.

Q. My elderly parents have difficulty reading; is there an audio version of the VIP?

A. Yes, an audio version of the VIP will be available at votemt.gov.

Q. When will the electronic version of the VIP be available on the Secretary of State website?

A. An electronic version and all accessible formats of the VIP will be available on or before October 7th, 2024, at votemt.gov, per [13-27-410\(4\)](#), MCA.

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