

1 SENATE BILL NO. 155

2 INTRODUCED BY B. HAWKS

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING WHEN A COUNTY GOVERNING BODY MAY CHANGE
5 ELECTION PRECINCT BOUNDARIES; AND AMENDING SECTION 13-3-102, MCA."

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

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9 **Section 1.** Section 13-3-102, MCA, is amended to read:10 **"13-3-102. Change of precinct boundaries.** (1) The county governing body may not change the
11 boundaries of precincts, ~~but not within 100 days before any primary or between a general election and the primary~~
12 ~~for that election. When unless:~~13 (a) the changes are required to make precinct boundaries conform to legislative district boundaries
14 following the adoption of a districting and apportionment plan under Article V, section 14, of the Montana
15 constitution or other district boundaries changed by the districting and apportionment plan; or16 (b) the changes are required to equalize the number of electors between precincts.17 (2) the The changing of precinct boundaries pursuant to subsection (1)(a) must be accomplished within
18 45 days of the filing of the final plan.19 ~~(2)(3)~~ All changes must be certified to the election administrator 3 days or less after the change is made.20 ~~(3)(4)~~ The officials responsible for preparing a districting and apportionment plan shall consider the
21 problems of conforming present precinct boundaries to the new districts as well as existing boundaries of wards,
22 school districts, and other districts. The election administrator of counties involved in the plan must be consulted
23 before adoption of the final plan."

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