

Montana Ballot Interference Prevention Act FAQs

Overview:

- The Montana Ballot Interference Prevention Act was passed by voters with 63% approval in the 2018 Federal general election (LR-129).
- The effective date is immediate.
- The legal language appears in Title 13, Chapter 35, Part 7 of Montana Code Annotated.
- The law limits the number of ballots that a person can deposit to 6 (not including their own ballot).
- Election officials do not have enforcement authority for this portion of statute. If somebody refuses to complete the registry form, we cannot force them to comply with the law and have no authority to refuse the ballots. We will NEVER refuse ballots under any circumstance.

Q: What is this thing?

A: The Montana Ballot Interference Prevention Act requires that anyone who is delivering another person's ballot must sign a registry and provide the information required by statute (e.g. name, address, phone number, etc.). Voters will receive this registry form with their ballot in order to have the form completed before depositing the ballots with an election official.

Q: Do I have to fill this out? Is this required?

A: If you are depositing another person's ballot, this registry is required. This is not required for delivering your own ballot.

Q: Why do I have to do this?

A: This is a result of a new law that was approved by the voters on the 2018 general election ballot. This is not required if the ballot is being mailed.

Q: Where do I put this? Where does this go?

A: There will be an additional receptacle near the ballot box where you drop off any ballots subject to this law for you to deposit the form. It should not be placed in the secrecy envelope or affirmation envelope with a ballot.

Q: Do I need to fill this out if it's my own ballot?

A: No. This form is not required if you are depositing your own ballot.

Q: Who do I talk to about getting this changed?

A: Contact your state representative and state senator to voice your concerns about this new election procedure.

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Q: How do I fill this out?

A: If you are depositing another voter's ballot, it is necessary to provide your name, address, phone number, and signature as well as the name, address, and relationship to each voter for whom you are delivering ballots.

Q: What if I lost the form?

A: There are additional forms available at the place of deposit/polling place and can be completed at the time of deposit.