

ELECTION BILLS 2019 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Bill	Change	Effective Date
HB 166	Only one sample ballot must be displayed in each polling location - must be in a larger version than the actual ballot if possible	10/1/2019
HJ 3	Interim study resolution on accessibility for disabled electors (next meeting date Oct 29th) https://www.leg.mt.gov/committees/interim/2019sava/	N/A
SB 130	25 days to canvas and hold organizational meeting (previously 15)	7/1/2019
SB 148	Allow late registrant absentee ballots to be dropped off at polling locations (previously only at election office)	10/1/2019
SB 162	Ballots may be separated from the secrecy envelope up to 3 business days before the election. Automatic tabulation using a vote count machine may begin 1 day before election day (but not on a Saturday or Sunday). Ballot preparation and tabulation are open to the public. In counties with fewer than 8,000 registered electors or fewer than 5,000 absentee electors at the close of registration, the process may not begin sooner than 1 business day before election day. Sequestration of those observing the early count is no longer required - must take an oath (subject to a penalty of up to 2 years in prison and a fine not less than \$100,000 and not more than \$500,000.	Effective upon passage and approval (5/2/19)