

DID YOU KNOW?

- ✓ Violation of laws governing electors and election administrators is provided for in [Montana Code Annotated \(MCA\) Title 13, chapter 35, parts 1 and 2](#). They include tampering with public records or information, official misconduct, obstruction of a public servant, criminal mischief, and false swearing, among others.
- ✓ Montana's elections are administered by certified elected or appointed officials with the assistance of trained volunteers who are your neighbors and members of your community.
- ✓ Election judges are recruited locally and are required to attend training.
- ✓ Election officials swear an oath, and although specific protocols vary from county to county, all election officials who swear an oath must adhere to state law and rules adopted by the Secretary of State (SOS).
- ✓ Volunteers receive a small stipend for their time and they work under supervision.
- ✓ [MCA 13-15-206](#) governs in detail how your ballots must be handled and counted by election officials, whether by a manual count or with the use of a tabulator.
- ✓ Counties that utilize tabulators hold a public audit.
- ✓ [MCA 13-13-120](#) requires poll watchers to be allowed close to the poll. One poll watcher from each political party must be admitted, and additional poll watchers may be added if space allows.
- ✓ Montana's counties are responsible for the entire cost of elections, whether they are federal, state, or county.
- ✓ The SOS is responsible for training election administrators, prescribing election forms, providing advisory opinions, and seeking advice from election administrators on ways to promote voter confidence in election integrity.
- ✓ The SOS and county election administrators are required to annually assess their compliance with the SOS's election security rules. County election administrators shall provide the results of the confidential security assessments to the SOS in January of each year to ensure that all aspects of elections in the state are secure. Beginning January 1, 2023, and annually, the SOS is required to provide to the legislature's State Administration and Veterans' Affairs interim committee a summary report on statewide election security.
- ✓ Montana's election systems are built according to Montana law. Additionally, they are not allowed to be connected to a network at any time.
- ✓ Montana uses only paper ballots.

If you have additional questions or concerns, contact the Secretary of State Elections Office at 406-444-9608 or your local election officials.