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Campaign Finance and Practices

Complaint Form (08/17)

Type or print in ink all information on this form except for verification signature

Person bringing complaint (Complainant):

Complete Name: Sheila Hogan
Complete Mailing Address: PO Box 801, Helena, MT 59624
Phone Numbers: Work 406-442-9520, Home

Person or organization against whom complaint is brought (Respondent):

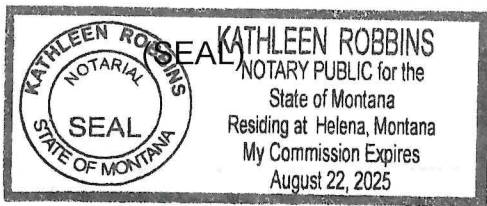
Complete Name: William L "Bill" Hodges
Complete Mailing Address: PO Box 124, Hardin, MT 59034
Phone Numbers: Work, Home (406) 998-7476

Please complete the second page of this form and describe in detail the facts of the alleged violation.

Verification by oath or affirmation

State of Montana, County of Lewis and Clark

I, Sheila Hogan, being duly sworn, state that the information in this Complaint is complete, true, and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.



Signature of Complainant: [Handwritten signature]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of October, 2024.

Notary Public: [Handwritten signature]

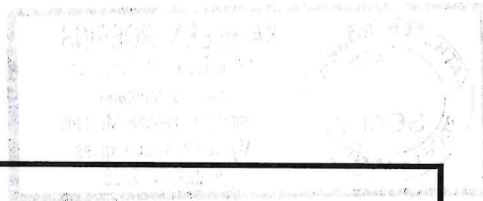
My Commission Expires:

Statement of facts:

Describe in detail the alleged violation(s) and cite the statute or statutes you believe have been violated. Please attach copies of documentary evidence to support the facts alleged in your statement.

If the space provided below is insufficient, you may attach additional pages as necessary.

William "Bill" L. Hodges filed to run in HD 42 on January 19, 2024. Mr. Hodges listed 115 Parker Ln Not Hispanic or Latino, MT 59034 as his residence address on his C1. Presuming that "Not Hispanic or Latino" is supposed to read "Hardin," this address is in House District 41. House District 42 includes portions of Yellowstone and Big Horn Counties, and House District 41 includes portions of Big Horn and Rosebud Counties. Since both House Districts 41 and 42 cross county lines, candidates for office are required to reside within the district boundaries per the MT State Constitution, Article V, Part V, Section 4. Mr. Hodges is not qualified due to residency, and he knowingly filed a false declaration and oath of candidacy resulting in a violation of MCA § 13-35-207.



Complaints must be:

- signed
- notarized
- delivered in person or by mail.

Montana Code Annotated 2023

TITLE 13. ELECTIONS

CHAPTER 35. ELECTION AND CAMPAIGN PRACTICES AND CRIMINAL PROVISIONS

Part 2. Specific Provisions

Deceptive Election Practices

13-35-207. Deceptive election practices. A person is guilty of false swearing, unsworn falsification, or tampering with public records or information, as appropriate, and is punishable as provided in **45-7-202**, **45-7-203**, or **45-7-208**, as applicable, whenever the person:

(1) falsely represents the person's name or other information required upon the person's voter registration form and causes registration with the form;

(2) signs a voter registration form knowingly witnessing any false or misleading statement;

(3) knowingly causes a false statement, certificate, or return of any kind to be signed;

(4) falsely makes a declaration or certificate of nomination;

(5) files or receives for filing a declaration or certificate of nomination knowing that all or part of the declaration or certificate is false;

(6) forges or falsely makes the official endorsement of a ballot;

(7) forges or counterfeits returns of an election purporting to have been held at a precinct, municipality, or ward where no election was in fact held;

(8) knowingly substitutes forged or counterfeit returns of election in place of the true returns for a precinct, municipality, or ward where an election was held;

(9) signs a name other than the person's own to a petition, signs more than once for the same ballot issue, or signs a petition while not being a qualified elector of the state; or

(10) makes a false oath or affidavit where an oath or affidavit is required by law.

History: En. 23-47-115 by Sec. 15, Ch. 334, L. 1977; R.C.M. 1947, 23-47-115; amd. Sec. 218, Ch. 571, L. 1979; amd. Sec. 23, Ch. 481, L. 2007; amd. Sec. 32, Ch. 368, L. 2017.

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THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

ARTICLE V. THE LEGISLATURE

Part V. THE LEGISLATURE

Qualifications

Section 4. Qualifications. A candidate for the legislature shall be a resident of the state for at least one year next preceding the general election. For six months next preceding the general election, he shall be a resident of the county if it contains one or more districts or of the district if it contains all or parts of more than one county.