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The Associated Students of the University of Montana
Resolution Regarding LR-126
April 23, 2014
SB94-13/14

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Whereas, the ballot initiative LR-126 reads:

"LEGISLATIVE REFERENDUM NO. 126
AN ACT REFERRED BY THE LEGISLATURE
AN ACT PROTECTING THE INTEGRITY OF MONTANA ELECTIONS BY ENDING LATE VOTER REGISTRATION ON THE FRIDAY BEFORE ELECTION DAY AND ELIMINATING ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION; ENSURING COMPLIANCE WITH THE NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION ACT; PROVIDING THAT THE PROPOSED ACT BE SUBMITTED TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN NOVEMBER 2014; AMENDING SECTIONS 13-2-301, 13-2-304, 13-19-207, AND 61-5-107, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
The 2013 Legislature submitted this proposal for a vote. LR-126 changes the deadline for late voter registration from the close of polls on Election Day to 5:00 p.m. on the Friday before the election. LR-126 also moves the deadline for changes to an elector’s voter registration information from the close of polls on Election Day to 5:00 p.m. on the Friday before the election.
[ ] YES on Legislative Referendum LR-126
[ ] NO on Legislative Referendum LR-126;"

Whereas, LR-126 will be on the November 4, 2014 ballot;

Whereas, according to mtpirg.org, LR-126 would do the following:

“This ballot referendum seeks to eliminate an existing voting right by ending same day voter registration in Montana. Since its passage in 2005, over 28,000 voters have taken advantage of same day voter registration to make sure their voice was heard on Election Day. Eliminating same day voter registration means that veterans returning from deployment, single mothers working multiple jobs, or the student whose registration was mistakenly not entered by the county would see new hurdles between them and their right to vote;"

Therefore, Let it Be Resolved, that the Associated Students of the University of Montana Senate urges the student body to vote “no” on LR-126;

Passed by Committee: April 21, 2014
Passed by ASUM Senate: __________________________, 2014

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Sean McQuillan,    Mariah Williams,
Relations and Affairs Chair   Chair of the Senate