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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