

BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

In the matter of the proposed ) NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
amendment of ARM 44.3.1101 ) ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT  
regarding schedule of fees for )  
centralized voter file )

TO: All Concerned Persons

1. On April 22, 2002, a public hearing will be held at 1:00 p.m. in the Secretary of State's Office Conference Room at room 260 of the State Capitol, Helena, Montana, to consider the proposed amendment of ARM 44.3.1101 regarding the schedule of fees for the centralized voter file, or database.

2. The Secretary of State will make reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities who wish to participate in this public hearing or need an alternative accessible format of this notice. If you require an accommodation, contact the Secretary of State no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 19, 2002, to advise us of the nature of the accommodation that you need. Please contact Kitty Ryan, Secretary of State's Office, P.O. Box 202801, Helena, MT 59620-2801; telephone (406) 444-5598; FAX (406) 444-5833; e-mail kryan@state.mt.us.

3. The rule as proposed to be amended provides as follows, stricken matter interlined, new matter underlined:

44.3.1101 SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR THE CENTRALIZED VOTER FILE (1) Upon written request, the secretary of state shall furnish, for noncommercial use, a list of registered electors as compiled and maintained in its centralized voter file. The fee schedule us as follows: For each record the charge is .009 cents. For paper copies there is an additional charge of 50 cents per page per copy.

~~Price per thousand voters:~~

~~Number of Records Ordered~~

<del>Number of Records Ordered</del>	<del>CD-ROM</del>	<del>Diskette</del>	<del>Paper</del>
<del>Over 400,000</del>	<del>\$8</del>	<del>\$12</del>	<del>\$60</del>
<del>300,000-399,999</del>	<del>\$10</del>	<del>\$16</del>	<del>\$60</del>
<del>200,000-299,999</del>	<del>\$12</del>	<del>\$20</del>	<del>\$60</del>
<del>100,000-199,999</del>	<del>\$14</del>	<del>\$24</del>	<del>\$60</del>
<del>0-99,999</del>	<del>\$16</del>	<del>\$28</del>	<del>\$60</del>
<del>Minimum charge</del>	<del>\$60</del>	<del>\$60</del>	<del>\$60</del>

AUTH: Sec. 2-15-404, MCA  
IMP: Sec. 13-2-115(2), MCA

4. The rule as proposed is intended to revise the charge for election records for voter files in the state of Montana. An additional charge of 50 cents per page for paper copies is necessary to cover office costs associated with making these copies.

5. Currently, the Secretary of State charges .012 cents for each electronic record. Therefore this rule will decrease the cost per record by .002 cents. Approximately 2 individuals or entities have requested the voter files since the beginning of fiscal year 2001. The revenue generated since that time has been \$5016.50. At least two entities or individuals will be affected by this change in the fee schedule. The anticipated change in cost or revenue is negligible.

6. Concerned persons may present their data, views, or arguments, either orally or in writing, at the hearing. Written data, views or arguments may also be submitted to Janice Doggett, Secretary of State's Office, P.O. Box 202801, Helena, MT 59620-2801, or by e-mailing [jdoggett@state.mt.us](mailto:jdoggett@state.mt.us), and must be received no later than May 1, 2002.

7. Janice Doggett, address given in paragraph 6 above, has been designated to preside over and conduct the hearing.

8. The Secretary of State maintains a list of interested persons who wish to receive notices of rulemaking actions proposed by this agency. Persons who wish to have their name added to the list shall make a written request which includes the name and mailing address of the person to receive notices and specifies that the person wishes to receive notices regarding administrative rules, corporations, elections, notaries, records, uniform commercial code or combination thereof. Such written request may be mailed or delivered to the Secretary of State's Office, Administrative Rules Bureau, 1236 Sixth Avenue, P.O. Box 202801, Helena, MT 59620-2801, faxed to the office at (406) 444-5833, e-mailed to [klubke@state.mt.us](mailto:klubke@state.mt.us), or may be made by completing a request form at any rules hearing held by the Secretary of State's Office.

9. The bill sponsor notice requirements of 2-4-302, MCA do not apply.

/s/ Bob Brown  
BOB BROWN  
Secretary of State

/s/ Janice Doggett  
JANICE DOGGETT  
Rule Reviewer

Dated this 18th day of March, 2002