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

5 **Authored by: Anita Green, ASUM Senator**
6 **Sponsored by: Jacob Foster, ASUM Senator; Shelby Ryann Dolezal, ASUM Senator**

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8 Whereas, the ballot initiative LR-126 reads:

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10 **“LEGISLATIVE REFERENDUM NO. 126**
11 **AN ACT REFERRED BY THE LEGISLATURE**
12 *AN ACT PROTECTING THE INTEGRITY OF MONTANA ELECTIONS BY*
13 *ENDING LATE VOTER REGISTRATION ON THE FRIDAY BEFORE ELECTION*
14 *DAY AND ELIMINATING ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION; ENSURING*
15 *COMPLIANCE WITH THE NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION ACT; PROVIDING*
16 *THAT THE PROPOSED ACT BE SUBMITTED TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF*
17 *MONTANA AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN NOVEMBER 2014;*
18 *AMENDING SECTIONS 13-2-301, 13-2-304, 13-19-207, AND 61-5-107, MCA; AND*
19 *PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.*

20 *The 2013 Legislature submitted this proposal for a vote. LR-126 changes the*
21 *deadline for late voter registration from the close of polls on Election Day to 5:00*
22 *p.m. on the Friday before the election. LR-126 also moves the deadline for changes to an*
23 *elector's voter registration information from the close of polls on Election Day to 5:00*
24 *p.m. on the Friday before the election.*

25 *YES on Legislative Referendum LR-126*
26 *NO on Legislative Referendum LR-126;”*

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

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

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

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

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43 Passed by Committee: April 21, 2014

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45 Passed by ASUM Senate: _____, 2014

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50 Sean McQuillan,
 Relations and Affairs Chair

Mariah Williams,
Chair of the Senate