

YELLOWSTONE COUNTY ELECTION OFFICE

TABULATION POLICY

Pursuant to § 13-15-206, MCA, a county must count its ballots in a uniform manner. A county may choose to either conduct a manual hand count of ballots in their entirety or use a machine tabulator to count the ballots in their entirety. Once automated tabulation is chosen as the method of counting, then “if a vote is recognized and counted by the system, it is a valid vote[.]” and “if a vote is not recognized and counted by the system, it is not a valid vote.” A ballot that is not able to be run through the tabulator must be transcribed to “...a new ballot that can be processed by the voting system.”

Yellowstone County tabulates election ballots by machine. Therefore, except as provided by 13-15-209, MCA, Yellowstone County shall count all ballots using machine tabulation. In accordance with § 13-15-206, MCA, Yellowstone County shall transcribe a ballot that is unable to be processed by the voting system to a new ballot that is able to be processed by the voting system.

Passed and adopted this 30th day of April, 2024.

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