



MONTANA SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE



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Subject: Report of the Youth Voting Act

In accordance with 13-22-108 and 5-11-210, MCA, enclosed is a report titled Report to the Montana State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee on the Youth Voting Act.

The Youth Voting Act establishes a nonpartisan youth voting program. The intent of the program is to provide Montana youth with practical voting experience to encourage future participation in the democratic process.

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Montana Youth Vote Act

The Youth Voting Act, a nonpartisan youth voting program, was enacted in 1991 by the Legislature and is outlined in Title 13, Chapter 22 of the Montana Code Annotated. The objectives of the program are to provide Montana youth with practical voting experience to increase future participation in the democratic process and to encourage the participation of more parents in elections.

Youth Voting Program Coordination and Outreach

Secretary Jacobsen and former Superintendent Arntzen opened the YouthVote program on October 21, 2024. Voting closed on October 31st, 2024.

The Secretary of State, in consultation with the Office of Public Instruction, conducted outreach to Montana schools (public, private, and homeschool) to share information about the YouthVote program and encouraged Montana students to participate.

The announcement was also provided to Montana media outlets via press release and shared on social media.

Montana County Election Administrators were also contacted and asked to encourage participation in their communities.

Participation and Results

In 2024, over 4,000 Montana students participated in the YouthVote Program, almost four times the number who participated in the 2022 General Election.

- Nearly 3,700 students in grades 7-12 received the full ballot for federal and statewide offices, as well as statewide ballot initiatives. These students correctly predicted every candidate! They correctly predicted one of the three ballot measures.
- More than 600 students in grades K-6 participated. They received a ballot with President, U.S. Senate/Representatives, and Governor, along with additional age-appropriate questions (favorite subject in school, favorite sport, etc.).

The YouthVote results were shared on the Secretary of State's civics website (<https://sosmt.gov/civics-youthvote>) on the Friday before General Election Day (November 1st). The results were also provided to program partners, Montana media outlets, and constituents.

Next Election

The next YouthVote election will be the 2026 General Election. Youth voting will start in October 2026, and results will be released before Election Day (November 3, 2026).