

OFFICIAL REFERENDUM BALLOT

REFERENDUM

Secretary of State's Statement

Referendum No. 68 was introduced as House Bill No. 12 in the Second Extraordinary Session of the 42nd Legislative Assembly of the State of Montana and passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 40 for and 27 against, with 25 members absent and 12 members excused. The Senate vote was 30 to 6 in favor of the bill, with 10 absent, and 9 excused. The bill was signed by the Governor on July 1, 1971.

Attorney General's Explanatory Statement

This referendum offers a choice of taxation methods between the existing 40% income tax surtax, or a 10% income tax surtax coupled with a 2% sales and use tax effective January 1, 1972. The 40% surtax on income requires that the taxpayer pay an additional 40% of his present state income tax liability. The sales and use tax, with specified exceptions, requires that a 2% tax be applied on the sale, charge or exchange of tangible personal property and taxable services; and provides a \$10.00 tax credit for each exemption allowed by state law, namely; self, dependents, blindness and age.

Referendum No. 68

Title of Bill

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A REFERENDUM TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE ELECTORATE IN NOVEMBER 1971 FOR A LAW WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE LEVYING OF A TWO PERCENT (2%) SALES AND USE TAX TO SUPPORT STATE GOVERNMENT; PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION THEREOF AND FOR PENALTY IN CASE OF VIOLATION THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR AN INCOME TAX REFUND OR CREDIT FOR SALES AND USE TAX UPON FOOD, DRUGS AND RELATED ITEMS; PROVIDING AN INCREASE IN INCOME TAX SURTAX TO FORTY PERCENT (40%) BY AMENDING SECTION 84-4902.1, R.C.M. 1947, FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1971 IF THE REFERENDUM PASSES; PROVIDING FOR THE CONTINUANCE OF SUCH SURTAX RATE TO DECEMBER 31, 1972 IF THE REFERENDUM FAILS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ACTS OR PARTS OF ACTS IN CONFLICT HERewith AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES.

For referendum measure No. 68.
For reduction of the 40% Income Tax Surtax to 10% and for the enactment of the 2% Sales and Use Tax.

Against referendum measure No. 68.
Against reduction of the 40% Income Tax Surtax to 10% and against enactment of the 2% Sales and Use Tax.
