

CASCADE COUNTY STUDY COMMISSION
SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT
ELECTION DEPARTMENT

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Pursuant to 7-3-190 of Montana Code Annotated, the members of the Cascade County Study Commission recommend improvement and reform in the Election Department of Cascade County, as administered by the Cascade County Clerk and Recorder's Office.

The Study Commission recommends that the Board of County Commissioners and the Clerk and Recorder make an improvement in the following area:

Accountability of election ballot retrieval. The Election Office should institute a formal and controlled system for retrieving ballots from the polling precincts, and delivering them to the County Courthouse for tabulation.

Comment: The Study Commission learned this evening (election night) that only one individual arrived at each precinct to pick up the ballot boxes. He stated he was from the Courthouse, but offered no identification as an official of the Election Department.

Furthermore, the Study Commission learned that election judges, or their relatives, also transferred and transported ballots to the Courthouse and were not accompanied by any other individuals.

Finally, it appears that there was no opportunity for citizen participation in assuring that the ballots were delivered from the polls to the Courthouse in a responsible manner.

Lawrence J. Strizich

Joan Bennett


R.K. Haffner

ATTEST:

Clerk and Recorder
of Cascade County

Susan Rice Quinn

PLEASE NOTE: A hand-written copy of this report was delivered into the hands of Clerk and Recorder Joe Tropila at 11:40 p.m. on November 4, 1986. Signatures of the above Study Commissioners appeared on the hand-written copy of this report.



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Administrative Assistant

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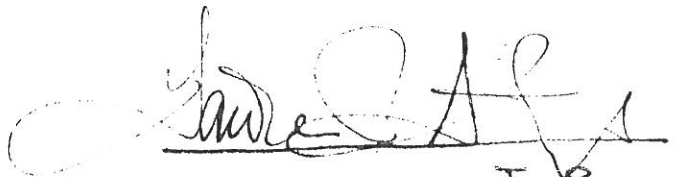
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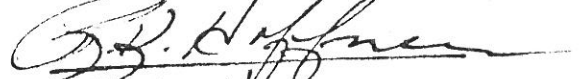
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Submitted November 4, 1986

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