

PETITION TO PLACE INITIATIVE NO. I-187 ON THE ELECTION BALLOT

Subject to applicable laws and deadlines, if 5% of the voters in each of 34 legislative representative districts sign this petition and the total number of voters signing this petition is 25,468, this initiative will appear on the next general election ballot. If a majority of voters vote for this initiative at that election, it will become law.

We, the undersigned Montana voters, propose that the Secretary of State place the following initiative on the November 03, 2020, general election ballot:

Statement of Purpose and Implication:

I-187 generally revises energy and taxation laws, requiring investor-owned electric utilities to increase procurement of renewable sources like wind and solar, gradually equaling an 80% renewable energy requirement by 2035. Pre-2005 hydroelectric generation may only be counted if total renewable generation is 80%. Mandates may not result in rate increases beyond 2% annually. Cooperative utility members must vote on whether to voluntarily adopt initiative standards. To address reduction in coal-related mining, use, transportation and employment, I-187 funds worker retraining, pension safety nets, apprenticeships, and assistance for coal-impacted communities by levying taxes on each kilowatt-hour of electricity produced to offset coal severance tax, gross proceeds tax, and royalty revenue reductions. I-187 allows governments, churches, and nonprofits to participate in 250-kilowatt net metering systems, permits aggregate net metering, and the creation of neighborhood renewable energy facilities.

Fiscal Statement:

I-187 establishes new taxes on each kilowatt-hour of electricity produced in Montana, increasing 2021-2025 net general fund revenues a total of \$7.87 million to supplant declining coal-related revenues, and raising \$121 million by 2025 to retrain up to 7,200 workers.

YES on Initiative I-187

NO on Initiative I-187

Voters are urged to read the complete text of the initiative, which appears with this sheet. A signature on this petition is only to put the initiative on the ballot and does not necessarily mean the signer agrees with the initiative.

WARNING

A person who purposefully signs a name other than the person's own to this petition, who signs more than once for the same issue at one election, or who signs when not a legally registered Montana voter is subject to a \$500 fine, 6 months in jail, or both.

Each person is required to sign the person's name and list the person's address or telephone number in substantially the same manner as on the person's voter registration form or the signature will not be counted.

Signature	Date Signed	Residence Address or Post-Office Address or Home Telephone Number	Printed Last Name and First and Middle Initials	For Co Election Office Use Only	
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Sponsor's Instructions to Signature Gatherers: (1) You must be a Montana resident. (2) You cannot be paid per signature. (3) Collect signatures **from voters, only one county per sheet**. (4) If possible, use blue ink. (5) Show copies of I-187 text to those wishing to review it. (6) **Do not leave a petition unattended; You must personally witness each signature on all pages you submit.** (7) Each group of (not more than 25) signature sheets fastened together must be accompanied by **your notarized affidavit**. (8) **Do not** add signatures after your affidavit is notarized. (9) Bi-weekly, **beginning 10/17/19, and before 5 PM, 6/19/20, deliver the original of each petition signature page** (even if not completely full) **plus your affidavit, to the election administrator of the county where the signers live.** See: <http://sos.mt.gov/portals/142/Elections/forms/electionadministrators.pdf> for election-office addresses. (10) Scan and email a copy of all signature pages/affidavits to admin@mtcares.org. (11) A copy of I-187 and other explanatory and signature gathering material is available in the "about tab" at www.mtcares.org.

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COUNTY: _____

Initials of Petitioner for Signatures on This Page: _____