

PETITION TO PLACE INITIATIVE NO. I-184 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 6, 2018, general election ballot:

Statement of Purpose and Implication:

I-184 revises energy and taxation laws. It requires investor-owned electric utilities to increase procurement of renewable sources like wind and solar, gradually equaling an 80% renewable energy requirement by 2050. Pre-2005 hydroelectric generation may only be counted if total renewable generation is 80%. Rate increases beyond 2% annually for costs caused by the mandates are prohibited. I-184 requires cooperative utilities to allow members to vote whether to voluntarily adopt initiative standards. To address reduction in coal-related mining, electric generation, and rail traffic, I-184 funds worker retraining and pension safety nets, and levies replacement taxes on each kilowatt hour of electricity produced to offset coal severance tax and royalty revenue reductions. I-184 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-184 establishes two new taxes on each kilowatt of electricity produced in Montana, increasing 2019-2023 general fund revenues a total of \$1.48 million to supplant declining coal severance tax revenues, and raising \$20 million by 2023 for worker retraining. The volume of displaced workers who will seek assistance is unknown.

- YES on Initiative I-184
 NO on Initiative I-184

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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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-184 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, and **before 5 PM, 6/22/18, 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 gather@mtcares.org. (11) A copy of I-184 and other explanatory and signature gathering material is available in the "about tab" at www.mtcares.org.

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