

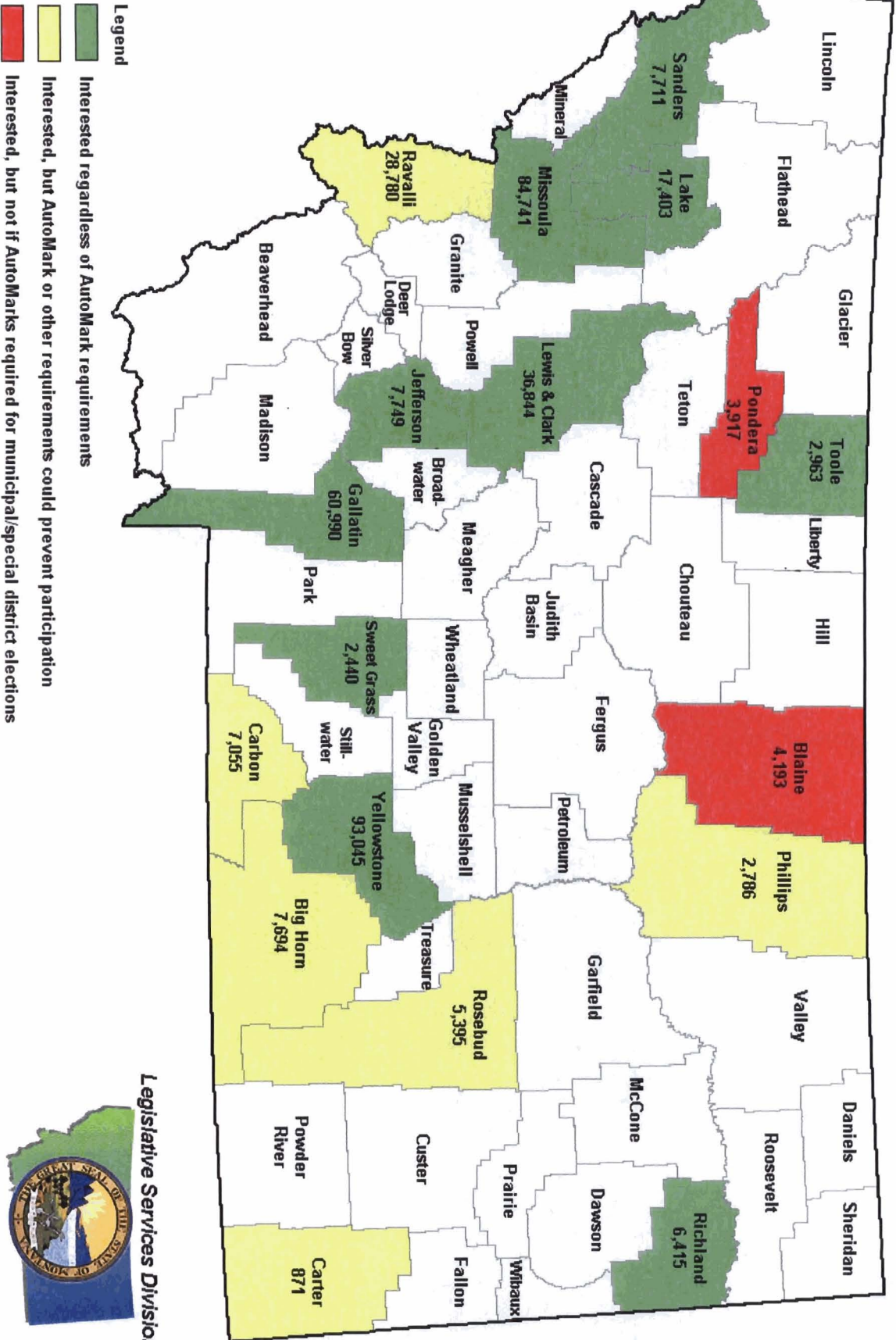
HJR 46: Study of Election Laws
List of Interested Counties – Mail Ballot Pilot Project
 April 2008

Eighteen counties have expressed an interest in participating in the mail ballot pilot project. The table below shows the geographic and demographic characteristics of the counties, as well as the number of registered voters and the number of places of deposit that would be required for federal and state elections under the formula contained in the initial draft of LC 60.

The attached map illustrates the distribution of the counties, shows the number of voters registered in each interested county in 2006, and indicates which counties have reservations about participation or would not participate if AutoMARK machines were required for all types of elections. Issues related to the use of AutoMARK machines are discussed in the related briefing paper entitled "*HJR 46: Study of Election Laws — Use of AutoMARK Machines.*"

| County | Geographic Type | Demographic Type | Registered Voters 2006 | Polling Places | Places of Deposit Formula |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| Yellowstone | East | Urban | 93,045 | 50 | 4 |
| Missoula | West | Urban | 84,741 | 36 | 4 |
| Gallatin | Southcentral | Urban | 60,990 | 32 | 4 |
| Lewis and Clark | Westcentral | Urban | 36,844 | 31 | 4 |
| Ravalli | West | Rural | 28,780 | 11 | 4 |
| Lake | West | Tribal | 17,403 | 9 | 4 |
| Jefferson | Southwest | Rural | 7,749 | 8 | 4 |
| Sanders | West | Rural | 7,711 | 9 | 4 |
| Big Horn | Southeast | Tribal | 7,694 | 20 | 4 |
| Carbon | East | Rural | 7,055 | 10 | 4 |
| Richland | East | Rural | 6,415 | 13 | 4 |
| Rosebud | East | Rural/Tribal | 5,395 | 9 | 3 |
| Blaine | Northcentral | Tribal | 4,193 | 8 | 3 |
| Pondera | Northwest | Rural | 3,917 | 8 | 3 |
| Toole | Northwest | Rural | 2,963 | 4 | 2 |
| Phillips | Northcentral | Rural | 2,786 | 9 | 2 |
| Sweet Grass | Southcentral | Rural | 2,440 | 1 | 1 |
| Carter | Southeast | Rural | 871 | 3 | 2 |

Mail Ballot Pilot Project: Interested Counties



- Legend**
- Interested regardless of AutoMark requirements
 - Interested, but AutoMark or other requirements could prevent participation
 - Interested, but not if AutoMarks required for municipal/special district elections



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