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April 24, 2012

TO: Department Directors, Elected Officials, Other Interested Parties
FROM: Dave Bohyer, Research Director, Legislative Services Division
RE: Request for assistance in identifying unnecessary statutes

At the April 10, 2012, meeting of the Select Committee on Efficiency in Government, the Committee asked staff to contact each department within Montana state government and solicit agencies' staff recommendations to eliminate statutory requirements for either notarization of documents or an original signature on documents that are integral to the agency's business, including the business of entities administratively attached to your agency.

Consequently, as the Select Committee's lead staff, I am asking you to work with your staffs to identify five Montana Code Annotated sections that you or your clients/customers deal with on a regular basis that require either the notarization of a document or an original signature on a document that you believe could be eliminated without harming the safety, security, or trustworthiness of the transaction requiring the notarization or the original signature. Once you've identified the MCA sections, please forward to me:

- the MCA section(s) to be amended or repealed; and
- a brief description regarding why the notarization or original signature requirement can or should be eliminated.

It would be most helpful if you could reply by May 9. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions; by email at dbohyer@mt.gov or by phone at 444-3592.

On behalf of the Legislature's Select Committee on Efficiency in Government, thank you for your assistance in this effort to enhance efficiency in state government processes.

Respectfully submitted.

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List of Recipients: These should all be available through DEADHEAD mail

- ✓ Governor Brian Schweitzer
- Dan Villa, Director, Office of Budget and Program Planning
- Department Directors:
 - ✓ Janet Kelly, Department of Administration
 - Dan Bucks, Department of Revenue
 - Tim Riordan, Department of Transportation
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- ✓ Honorable Denise Juneau, Superintendent of Public Instruction
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