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September 4, 1986

Dear M. Williams.

The end is in sight for completion of your study of local government. last date for adoption of your final report was August 21 (7-3-192(1)). You have 30 days from the date of adoption of the final report to certify your report to the municipal or county records administrator (7-3-187(4)). The last possible date for doing that is September 14, if you waited until August 21 to adopt your final report.

Every study commission is required to adopt a final report whether an alternative form of government is recommended or not (7-3-187(1)). If you are not making a recommendation your final report must be published and distributed within 60 days after the final report is adopted (7-3-186(2)(d)).

The law requires that you file two copies of your final report with the state Department of Commerce. Their address is:

Department of Commerce Division of Local Government Services Capitol Station Helena, Mt. 59620

After you have submitted your final report you should also deposit copies of your minutes and other records with your county clerk and recorder (7-3-187(6).

For those of you recommending a proposal to the voters you must have the final report available to the voters not later than 30 days prior to the election (7-3-187(5)). That date is October 5. You must also publish once each week for two successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in your area a summary of findings and recommendations, together with the address of a convenient public place where the text of your proposal may be obtained (7-3-191).

The Local Government Center has worked with many study commissions since November, 1984. We are very interested in having a copy of your final report whether you are making a recommendation or not. We will be happy to share our findings of who is recommending what with you. Will you please send a copy of your final report to:

Local Government Center Department of Political Science Montana State University Bozeman, Mt. 59717

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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