

HOUSE BILL 35

Introduced by Connelly

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1 HOUSE BILL NO. 35

2 INTRODUCED BY CONNELLY

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING THE ELECTION
5 OF A COUNTY COMMISSIONER ONLY BY THE ELECTORATE OF THE
6 COMMISSIONER DISTRICT; AND AMENDING SECTION 7-4-2104, MCA."

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8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

9 Section 1. Section 7-4-2104, MCA, is amended to read:

10 "7-4-2104. Commissioners to be elected by district. (1)
11 At each general election, the member or members of the board
12 of county commissioners to be elected ~~shall~~ must be selected
13 from the residents and electors of the district or districts
14 in which the vacancy occurs, but and the election of ~~such~~
15 the member or members of the board ~~shall~~ must be submitted
16 to the entire electorate of the county district.

17 (2) ~~No-one-shall~~ A person may not be elected as a
18 member of ~~said the~~ board ~~who-has-not~~ unless he has resided
19 in the county for at least 2 years next preceding the time
20 when he ~~shall-become~~ became a candidate for ~~said the~~ office
21 and unless he was ~~not~~ a resident of the district at the time
22 of filing for the primary election."

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STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE
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In compliance with a written request, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for HB35, as introduced.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

A act amending 7-4-2104, MCA, to require the election of a county commissioner be limited to the electorate of that respective commissioner's district.

ASSUMPTIONS:


1. The cost to implement the act, if any, would be absorbed by the affected county.
2. Individual ballots will need to be prepared and distributed to each respective commissioner district.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No state impact.

EFFECT ON COUNTY OR OTHER LOCAL REVENUES OR EXPENDITURES:

County election administrators may experience logistical problems under terms of the bill because commissioner districts currently are determined by population and geographic area, and are not coterminous with either precinct or school district boundaries. Consequently, precincts would need to be redrawn to avoid overlapping commissioner districts within a single precinct. Counties may incur additional printing/distribution costs to provide multiple ballots to individual precincts.

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ROD SUNDSTED, BUDGET DIRECTOR DATE
Office of Budget and Program Planning

MARY ELLEN CONNELLY, PRIMARY SPONSOR DATE

Fiscal Note for HB35, as introduced

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