

HOUSE BILL 689

Introduced by Simpkins, et al.

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1 HOUSE BILL NO. 689  
 2 INTRODUCED BY [Signature]  
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 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO SUBMIT TO THE  
 5 QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE X,  
 6 SECTION 1, OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION TO DELETE THE TERM  
 7 "QUALITY" FROM THE PHRASE "FREE QUALITY PUBLIC ELEMENTARY  
 8 AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS"; TO DELETE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORIZATION  
 9 TO PROVIDE OTHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, LIBRARIES, AND  
 10 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS; AND TO DELETE THE LEGISLATIVE  
 11 REQUIREMENT TO FUND SCHOOLS."

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

14 **Section 1.** Article X, section 1, of The Constitution of  
15 the State of Montana is amended to read:

16 "Section 1. Educational goals and duties. (1) It is the  
17 goal of the people to establish a system of education which  
18 will develop the full educational potential of each person.  
19 Equality of educational opportunity is guaranteed to each  
20 person of the state.

21 (2) The state recognizes the distinct and unique  
22 cultural heritage of the American Indians and is committed  
23 in its educational goals to the preservation of their  
24 cultural integrity.

25 (3) The legislature shall provide a basic system of

1 free quality public elementary and secondary schools. The  
2 legislature may provide such other educational institutions,  
3 public libraries, and educational programs as it deems  
4 desirable; it shall fund and distribute in an equitable  
5 manner to the school districts the state's share of the cost  
6 of the basic elementary and secondary school system."

7 NEW SECTION. **Section 2.** Submission to electorate. This  
8 amendment shall be submitted to the qualified electors of  
9 Montana at the general election to be held in November 1992  
10 by printing on the ballot the full title of this act and the  
11 following:

12  FOR deleting the term "quality", deleting authority  
13 to provide other educational institutions,  
14 libraries, and programs, and deleting the  
15 requirement that the legislature fund public  
16 schools.

17  AGAINST deleting the term "quality", deleting  
18 authority to provide other educational institutions,  
19 libraries, and programs, and deleting the  
20 requirement that the legislature fund public  
21 schools.

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