

HOUSE BILL 714

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1 House BILL NO. 714  
 2 INTRODUCED BY Julia Lew

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 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING FOR THE  
 5 APPOINTMENT OF AN URBAN TRANSPORTATION BOARD; AMENDING  
 6 SECTIONS 7-14-212, 7-14-213, 7-14-214, AND 7-14-216, MCA;  
 7 AND REPEALING SECTION 7-14-215, MCA."

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

10 **Section 1.** Section 7-14-212, MCA, is amended to read:

11 "7-14-212. District to be governed by elected  
 12 transportation board. The district shall be governed by a  
 13 transportation board. The board shall consist of three  
 14 members. ~~After expiration of the term of the individuals~~  
 15 ~~appointed to the initial board, the board members shall be~~  
 16 ~~elected."~~

17 **Section 2.** Section 7-14-213, MCA, is amended to read:

18 "7-14-213. Selection of initial transportation board.  
 19 (1) The initial transportation board shall consist of three  
 20 members appointed by a selection board composed of the  
 21 commissioners and an equal number of representatives from  
 22 the governing bodies of each incorporated city included or  
 23 partially included in the district.

24 (2) The appointed initial members shall serve either  
 25 until the first county general election after their

1 appointment or until their successors are appointed."

2 NEW SECTION. **Section 3.** Option to appoint or elect  
 3 board members. The commissioners and the governing bodies of  
 4 each incorporated city included or partially included in the  
 5 district shall determine if the board is to be elected or  
 6 appointed.

7 NEW SECTION. **Section 4.** Appointment of members of  
 8 transportation board -- term of office. (1) Any resident of  
 9 the district may be appointed to the board. The selection  
 10 board provided for in 7-14-213 shall appoint the members.

11 (2) The members who are first appointed must be  
 12 designated to serve for terms of 1, 2, and 3 years,  
 13 respectively. Thereafter, each member must be appointed for  
 14 a term of 3 years.

15 **Section 5.** Section 7-14-214, MCA, is amended to read:

16 "7-14-214. Election of members of transportation board  
 17 -- term of office. (1) Any registered elector in the  
 18 district may file a petition of candidacy with the election  
 19 administrator of the county where the district is located.  
 20 No filing fee shall be required. All candidates shall file a  
 21 nonpartisan petition for candidacy containing the signatures  
 22 of not less than 25 registered electors of the district.  
 23 Except for the number of petition signers required, the  
 24 petition shall be filed as provided in 13-14-113.

25 (2) The names of the six candidates receiving the

1 highest number of votes in the primary election shall be  
2 placed on the ballots in the county general election.

3 (3) At the first election for membership, the candidate  
4 receiving the highest number of votes in the county general  
5 election shall serve a 4-year term on the board. The two  
6 candidates receiving the next highest number of votes in the  
7 county general election shall serve 2-year terms on the  
8 board.

9 (4) After the initial election, two seats on the board  
10 must be filled at every county general election. The  
11 candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall serve  
12 a 4-year term, and the candidate receiving the next highest  
13 number of votes shall serve a 2-year term."

14 **Section 6.** Section 7-14-216, MCA, is amended to read:

15 "7-14-216. Vacancies on transportation board. (1) A  
16 vacancy on the board shall be filled by a selection board  
17 composed of two county commissioners, two representatives  
18 from governing bodies of each municipality included or  
19 partially included in the district, and two transportation  
20 board members.

21 (2) A member appointed to fill a vacancy on an elected  
22 board shall serve until the first county general election  
23 after his appointment.

24 (3) A member appointed to fill a vacancy on an  
25 appointed board shall serve for the remainder of the

1 unexpired term."

2 **NEW SECTION. Section 7. Repealer.** Section 7-14-215,  
3 MCA, is repealed.

4 **NEW SECTION. Section 8. Codification instruction.**  
5 [Sections 3 and 4] are intended to be codified as an  
6 integral part of Title 7, chapter 14, part 2, and the  
7 provisions of Title 7, chapter 14, part 2, apply to  
8 [sections 3 and 4].

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