

HOUSE BILL 916

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 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS
 5 FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY IN THE ELKHORN/COOLIDGE
 6 HISTORIC DISTRICT IN ORDER TO FACILITATE PRESERVATION OF THE
 7 AREA AS A HISTORIC SITE."

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 9 WHEREAS, the Elkhorn/Coolidge historic district, located
 10 on the west side of the Pioneer Mountains in Beaverhead
 11 County, is an area rich in precious minerals and in the
 12 history of man's attempt to find and extract those minerals;
 13 and

14 WHEREAS, mining and development of the Elkhorn lode and
 15 the nearby Coolidge townsite represent a significant example
 16 of one of the few large-scale mining projects in Montana
 17 designed solely for silver production during the early part
 18 of the 20th century; and

19 WHEREAS, the essential historic appearance and basic
 20 characteristics of the Elkhorn mine and mill sites and the
 21 town of Coolidge are still intact and, if preserved and
 22 maintained, will remain as a site of historic significance
 23 to the people and the State of Montana.

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



1 NEW SECTION. Section 1. Appropriation. There is
 2 appropriated from the income of the trust fund established
 3 in 15-35-108(3)(e) for cultural and aesthetic projects
 4 \$120,000 to the Montana arts council for the purchase of
 5 property in the Elkhorn/Coolidge historic district, located
 6 on the west side of the Pioneer Mountains in Beaverhead
 7 County and consisting of the Elkhorn mine and mill sites and
 8 the town of Coolidge, to facilitate preservation of the area
 9 as a historic site.

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