

HOUSE BILL 925

Introduced by Gervais, et al.

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House BILL NO. 925

INTRODUCED BY Senators: Jimmie Whalen
Robbie Dolezal Earl Peak Yellowtail

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO CHANGE THE COUNTY BOUNDARY BETWEEN GLACIER COUNTY AND PONDERA COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL OF THE ELECTORS OF BOTH COUNTIES AS REQUIRED BY THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION; AMENDING SECTIONS 16-218 AND 16-237, R.C.M. 1947; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THE BOUNDARY CHANGE IF APPROVED."

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

Section 1. Section 16-218, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read:

"16-218. Glacier County. Beginning at the point where the international boundary between the United States and Canada intersects the range line between ranges four (4) and five (5) west; thence west, following said international boundary to its intersection with the summit of the main range of the Rocky mountains; thence meandering in a southeasterly direction and following the summit of the main range of the Rocky mountains to a point which intersects the township line common to townships twenty-nine (29) and thirty (30) north; thence in an easterly direction on the township line common to townships twenty-nine (29) and thirty (30) north, to the northwest corner of lot two (2),

section four (4), township twenty-nine (29) north, range eleven (11) west, and the boundary line between the Lewis and Clark national forest and the Blackfeet Indian reservation; thence south fifty-one (51) degrees, seventeen (17) minutes east along the boundary line between the Lewis and Clark national forest and the Blackfeet Indian reservation to monument number nine (9), section twenty-eight (28), township twenty-nine (29) north, range ten (10) west; thence south along the boundary line between the Lewis and Clark national forest and the Blackfeet Indian reservation to a point in the center of the north fork of Birch creek situated on the southwest corner of lot one (1), section twenty-nine (29), township twenty-eight (28) north, range ten (10) west; thence meandering easterly along the north fork of Birch creek across sections twenty-nine (29), twenty-eight (28), and twenty-seven (27), township twenty-eight (28) north, range ten (10) west to Swift dam; thence meandering northeasterly along the centerline of Birch creek across sections twenty-six (26), twenty-three (23), twenty-four (24), and thirteen (13), township twenty-eight (28) north, range ten (10) west; thence meandering northeasterly along the centerline of Birch creek across sections eighteen (18), seventeen (17), eight (8), nine (9), four (4), and three (3), township twenty-eight (28) north, range nine (9) west; thence meandering



1 east-northeasterly along the centerline of Birch creek
 2 across sections thirty-four (34), thirty-five (35),
 3 thirty-six (36), and twenty-five (25), township twenty-nine
 4 (29) north, range nine (9) west; thence meandering easterly
 5 along the centerline of Birch creek across sections thirty
 6 (30), twenty-nine (29), twenty-eight (28), and twenty-seven
 7 (27), township twenty-nine (29) north, range eight (8) west;
 8 thence meandering north-northeasterly along the centerline
 9 of Birch creek across sections twenty-two (22), twenty-three
 10 (23), fourteen (14), eleven (11), twelve (12), and one (1),
 11 township twenty-nine (29) north, range eight (8) west;
 12 thence meandering northeasterly along the centerline of
 13 Birch creek to the southeast corner of section thirty-six
 14 (36), township thirty (30) north, range eight (8) west;
 15 thence-in-a-northerly-direction-on-the-township-line-between
 16 ranges-seven-(7)-and-eight-(8)-west,-to-the-northeast-corner
 17 of--section--one--(1)-, township thirty-one (31) north, range
 18 eight-(8)-west,-thence-in-an-easterly-direction--on thence
 19 meandering northeasterly along the centerline of Birch creek
 20 across sections thirty-one (31), thirty-two (32),
 21 twenty-nine (29), twenty-eight (28), and twenty-one (21),
 22 township thirty (30) north, range seven (7) west; thence
 23 meandering easterly along the centerline of Birch creek
 24 across sections twenty-two (22), twenty-three (23), and
 25 twenty-four (24), township thirty (30) north, range seven

1 (7) west; thence meandering southeasterly along the
 2 centerline of Birch creek across sections nineteen (19),
 3 twenty (20), thirty (30), twenty-nine (29), thirty-two (32),
 4 and a portion of thirty-three (33), township thirty (30)
 5 north, range six (6) west; thence meandering easterly along
 6 the centerline of Birch creek across sections thirty-three
 7 (33), thirty-four (34), thirty-five (35), twenty-six (26),
 8 and thirty-six (36), township thirty (30) north, range six
 9 (6) west; thence meandering northerly along the centerline
 10 of Birch creek across sections twenty-five (25),
 11 twenty-three (23), fourteen (14), thirteen (13), twelve
 12 (12), and one (1), township thirty (30) north, range six (6)
 13 west; thence meandering northerly along the centerline of
 14 Birch creek across the northwest quarter (1/4) of section
 15 six (6), township thirty (30) north, range five (5) west,
 16 southwest quarter (1/4) of the southwest quarter (1/4) of
 17 section thirty-one (31), township thirty-one (31) north,
 18 range five (5) west, southeast quarter (1/4) of section
 19 thirty-six (36), township thirty-six (36) north, range six
 20 (6) west; thence meandering northeasterly along the
 21 centerline of Birch creek across sections thirty-one (31),
 22 thirty-two (32), twenty-nine (29), twenty-eight (28),
 23 twenty-one (21), and sixteen (16), township thirty-one (31)
 24 north, range five (5) west to the Birch creek-Two Medicine
 25 river intersection; thence meandering north-northeasterly

1 along the centerline of the Two Medicine river across
 2 sections sixteen (16), fifteen (15), ten (10), eleven (11),
 3 two (2), and three (3), township thirty-one (31) north,
 4 range five (5) west to the township line between townships
 5 thirty-one (31) and thirty-two (32), to at a point where
 6 said township line intersects with the Marias river; thence,
 7 following on down the center of the channel of the Marias
 8 river to its intersection with the line between ranges four
 9 (4) and five (5) west, thence north following the line
 10 between ranges four (4) and five (5) west, to the point of
 11 beginning. The county seat is Cut Bank, Montana."

12 **Section 2.** Section 16-237, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to
 13 read:

14 "16-237. Pondera County. Beginning at a point at the
 15 intersection of the line between township twenty-nine (29)
 16 and thirty (30) north with the summit of the main divide of
 17 the Rocky mountains; thence in an easterly direction on the
 18 township line between townships twenty-nine (29) and thirty
 19 (30) north, to the southeast-corner--of--section--thirty-six
 20 {36},--township--thirty--{30}--north,--range-eight--{8}--west;
 21 thence due north on the line between ranges--seven--{7}--and
 22 eight--{8}--west to the northeast corner of section one--{1},
 23 township thirty-one--{31}--north,--range-eight--{8}--west; thence
 24 in an easterly direction on northwest corner of lot two (2),
 25 section four (4), township twenty-nine (29) north, range

1 eleven (11) west and the boundary line between the Lewis and
 2 Clark national forest and the Blackfeet Indian reservation;
 3 thence south fifty-one (51) degrees seventeen (17) minutes
 4 east along the boundary line between the Lewis and Clark
 5 national forest and the Blackfeet Indian reservation to
 6 monument number nine (9), section twenty-eight (28),
 7 township twenty-nine (29) north, range ten (10) west; thence
 8 south along the boundary line between the Lewis and Clark
 9 national forest and the Blackfeet Indian reservation to a
 10 point in the center of the north fork of Birch creek
 11 situated on the southwest corner of lot one (1), section
 12 twenty-nine (29), township twenty-eight (28) north, range
 13 ten (10) west; thence meandering easterly along the north
 14 fork of Birch creek across sections twenty-nine (29),
 15 twenty-eight (28), and twenty-seven (27), township
 16 twenty-eight (28) north, range ten (10) west to Swift dam;
 17 thence meandering northeasterly along the centerline of
 18 Birch creek across sections twenty-six (26), twenty-three
 19 (23), twenty-four (24), and thirteen (13), township
 20 twenty-eight (28) north, range ten (10) west; thence
 21 meandering northeasterly along the centerline of Birch creek
 22 across sections eighteen (18), seventeen (17), eight (8),
 23 nine (9), four (4), and three (3), township twenty-eight
 24 (28) north, range nine (9) west; thence meandering
 25 east-northeasterly along the centerline of Birch creek

1 across sections thirty-four (34), thirty-five (35),
 2 thirty-six (36) and twenty-five (25), township twenty-nine
 3 (29) north, range nine (9) west; thence meandering easterly
 4 along the centerline of Birch creek across sections thirty
 5 (30), twenty-nine (29), twenty-eight (28), and twenty-seven
 6 (27), township twenty-nine (29) north, range eight (8) west;
 7 thence meandering north-northeasterly along the centerline
 8 of Birch creek across sections twenty-two (22), twenty-three
 9 (23), fourteen (14), eleven (11), twelve (12), and one (1),
 10 township twenty-nine (29) north, range eight (8) west;
 11 thence meandering northeasterly along the centerline of
 12 Birch creek to the southeast corner of section thirty-six
 13 (36), township thirty (30) north, range eight (8) west;
 14 thence meandering northeasterly along the centerline of
 15 Birch creek across sections thirty-one (31), thirty-two
 16 (32), twenty-nine (29), twenty-eight (28), and twenty-one
 17 (21), township thirty (30) north, range seven (7) west;
 18 thence meandering easterly along the centerline of Birch
 19 creek across sections twenty-two (22), twenty-three (23),
 20 and twenty-four (24), township thirty (30) north, range
 21 seven (7) west; thence meandering southeasterly along the
 22 centerline of Birch creek across sections nineteen (19),
 23 twenty (20), thirty (30), twenty-nine (29), thirty-two (32),
 24 and a portion of thirty-three (33), township thirty (30)
 25 north, range six (6) west; thence meandering easterly along

1 the centerline of Birch creek across sections thirty-three
 2 (33), thirty-four (34), thirty-five (35), twenty-six (26),
 3 and thirty-six (36), township thirty (30) north, range six
 4 (6) west; thence meandering northerly along the centerline
 5 of Birch creek across sections twenty-five (25),
 6 twenty-three (23), fourteen (14), thirteen (13), twelve
 7 (12), and one (1), township thirty (30) north, range six (6)
 8 west; thence meandering northerly along the centerline of
 9 Birch creek across the northwest quarter (1/4) of section
 10 six (6), township thirty (30) north, range five (5) west,
 11 southwest quarter (1/4) of the southwest quarter (1/4) of
 12 section thirty-one (31), township thirty-one (31) north,
 13 range five (5) west, southeast quarter (1/4) of section
 14 thirty-six (36), township thirty-six (36) north, range six
 15 (6) west; thence meandering northeasterly along the
 16 centerline of Birch creek across sections thirty-one (31),
 17 thirty-two (32), twenty-nine (29), twenty-eight (28),
 18 twenty-one (21), and sixteen (16), township thirty-one (31)
 19 north, range five (5) west to the Birch creek-Two Medicine
 20 river intersection; thence meandering north-northeasterly
 21 along the centerline of the Two Medicine river across
 22 sections sixteen (16), fifteen (15), ten (10), eleven (11),
 23 two (2), and three (3), township thirty-one (31) north,
 24 range five (5) west to the township line between townships
 25 thirty-one (31) and thirty-two (32) to a point where said

1 township line intersects with the Marias river; thence
 2 following on down the center of the channel of the Marias
 3 river to its intersection with the section line between
 4 sections fifteen (15) and sixteen (16), township thirty-one
 5 (31) north, range three (3) west; thence south about three
 6 (3) miles to the southwest corner of section thirty-four
 7 (34), township thirty-one (31) north, range three (3) west;
 8 thence east about nine (9) miles to the northwest corner of
 9 section six (6), township thirty (30) north, range one (1)
 10 west; thence south about three (3) miles to the southwest
 11 corner of section eighteen (18), township thirty (30) north,
 12 range one (1) west; thence east about six (6) miles to the
 13 southeast corner of section thirteen (13), township thirty
 14 (30) north, range one (1) west; thence south about nine (9)
 15 miles to the southwest corner of section thirty-one (31),
 16 township twenty-nine (29) north, range one (1) east; thence
 17 due east along the boundary lines between townships
 18 twenty-eight (28) north and twenty-nine (29) north, to the
 19 northeast corner of township twenty-eight (28) north, range
 20 two (2) east; thence south along the boundary line between
 21 ranges two (2) and three (3) east, to the northeast corner
 22 of section twenty-five (25), township twenty-six (26) north,
 23 range two (2) east; thence due west along the section line
 24 to the southwest corner of section twenty-two (22), township
 25 twenty-six (26) north, range three (3) west; thence due

1 north along the section line to the southwest corner of
 2 section thirty-four (34), township twenty-seven (27) north,
 3 range three (3) west; thence due west along the township
 4 line three (3) miles, to the southwest corner of section
 5 thirty-one (31), township twenty-seven (27) north, range
 6 three (3) west; thence due north along the township line
 7 three (3) miles to the southwest corner of section eighteen
 8 (18), township twenty-seven (27) north, range three (3)
 9 west; thence due west along the section line to the
 10 southwest corner of section eighteen (18), township
 11 twenty-seven (27) north, range four (4) west, a distance of
 12 six (6) miles; thence due north along the township line
 13 between ranges four (4) and five (5) west, a distance of
 14 three (3) miles to the southwest corner of section
 15 thirty-one (31), township twenty-eight (28) north, range
 16 four (4) west; thence due west along the line between
 17 township twenty-seven (27) north and twenty-eight (28)
 18 north, to a point where such line, if extended, would
 19 intersect the summit of the main range of the Rocky
 20 mountains; thence in a northwesterly direction along the
 21 summit of the main range of the Rocky mountains to the point
 22 of beginning. The county seat is Conrad, Montana."

23 NEW SECTION. **Section 3.** Approval of county boundary
 24 change. The question of whether the boundaries of Glacier
 25 and Pondera Counties shall be changed as provided in

LC 1477/01

1 sections 1 and 2 shall be placed on the ballots of each of
2 those counties. If approved by a majority of those voting on
3 the question in each of the counties, the boundaries, as
4 amended in sections 1 and 2, are effective on July 1
5 following the election.

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STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for HB0925, as introduced.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

An act to change the county boundary between Glacier County and Pondera County; providing for approval of the electors of both counties as required by the Montana Constitution; and providing an effective date for the boundary change if approved.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The proposal should have minimal fiscal impact for the state and the two counties.

 2/22/91

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

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FLOYD "BOB" GERVAIS, PRIMARY SPONSOR DATE

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