

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 22

INTRODUCED BY D. BROWN

IN THE HOUSE

FEBRUARY 6, 1991                   INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE  
ON STATE ADMINISTRATION.

FEBRUARY 7, 1991                   FIRST READING.

FEBRUARY 15, 1991                  COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL  
DO PASS. REPORT ADOPTED.

FEBRUARY 16, 1991                  PRINTING REPORT.

FEBRUARY 21, 1991                  POSTED ON ALTERNATE CONSENT CALENDAR.

FEBRUARY 23, 1991                  THIRD READING, PASSED.  
AYES, 94; NOES, 3.

TRANSMITTED TO SENATE.

IN THE SENATE

FEBRUARY 25, 1991                  INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE  
ON STATE ADMINISTRATION.

FIRST READING.

MARCH 7, 1991                    COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE  
CONCURRED IN. REPORT ADOPTED.

MARCH 12, 1991                    SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.

MARCH 13, 1991                    THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN.  
AYES, 49; NOES, 0.

RETURNED TO HOUSE.

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MARCH 14, 1991                    RECEIVED FROM SENATE.

SENT TO ENROLLING.

REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.

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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 HJ0022, as introduced.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

A joint resolution of the Senate and the House of Representatives of Montana urging the Montana State Library and the Legislative Council to work together to produce guidelines for the use of acid-free paper for publication of state documents.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. The State Library and the Legislative Council will work together to produce guidelines for the use of acid-free paper for the publication of state documents, with no increase in expenses over the amounts included in the executive budget recommendation for the 1993 biennium.
2. The State Library and the Legislative Council will report their recommendations to the 53rd Legislature.
3. All work on the project will be conducted in Helena.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

EFFECT ON COUNTY OR OTHER LOCAL REVENUES OR EXPENDITURES:


None.


LONG-RANGE EFFECTS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

It is anticipated that expanded use of acid-free paper in the future will have minimal impact on overall expenditures because the paper is now available for essentially the same price as non-acid-free paper. Acid-free paper could ultimately become relatively less expensive because the process for producing acid-free paper is cheaper than the traditional method.

TECHNICAL NOTES:

The State Historical Society is the repository for many of the state's most important documents but it is not specifically included in the study.

  
ROD SUNDSTED, BUDGET DIRECTOR      2-13-91      DATE  
Office of Budget and Program Planning

  
DAVE BROWN, PRIMARY SPONSOR      2/15/91      DATE

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