

1 *Senate* BILL NO. *422*
 2 INTRODUCED BY *Chang*
 3 BY REQUEST OF THE COMMITTEE
 4 ON STATE ADMINISTRATION
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6 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT STATE
 7 LANDS MAY BE SOLD TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS; AND AMENDING
 8 SECTION 77-2-306, MCA."
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 17 of this state. No person shall be qualified to purchase
 18 state land who has not reached the age of 18 years. As far
 19 as possible to determine, the lands shall be sold only to
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 21 not to persons who are likely to hold such lands for
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 23 higher price without having added anything to their value.
 24 (2) State lands may be sold to any sovereign state of
 25 the United States or to any board of trustees or public

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 2 an agency or political subdivision thereof. Said lands may
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 4 by such state, board of trustees, public corporation,
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7 (3) State lands located wholly within the exterior
 8 boundaries of the tribal government's reservation as
 9 recognized by the federal government may be sold to a tribal
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 11 in excess of the acreage limitations in 77-2-307 may be made
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