

FIRST READING

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Approved by Committee
on Judiciary

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2 INTRODUCED BY HUENNEKENS, VINCENT, LORY

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4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF

5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA EXPRESSING A REQUEST

6 THAT THE USE OF LAW CLERK AND SECRETARIAL ASSISTANCE TO

7 DISTRICT JUDGES BE EXPLORED BEFORE BILLS CREATING ADDITIONAL

8 JUDGESHIPS ARE INTRODUCED AND ENACTED IN SUBSEQUENT

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12 district courts during the 1975-1976 interim; and

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15 district court system; and

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18 WHEREAS, bills are usually introduced in each session

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