

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16

2 INTRODUCED BY BROWN

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4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING THE SUPREME
6 COURT TO RESCIND ITS RULE REQUIRING ASPIRANTS TO THE MONTANA
7 BAR TO HOLD A DEGREE FROM AN ACCREDITED COLLEGE OF LAW.

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10 Montana bar who discharge their duties in a competent and
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14 entire state of Montana, and

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16 citizens of the state of Montana desirous of becoming
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18 other reasons find it difficult or impossible to attend law
19 school, and

20 WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of Montana which under
21 Article VII, section 2, of the Montana constitution has the
22 power to make rules governing admission to the bar and has
23 pursuant to this power adopted a rule requiring that each
24 new member of the bar be a graduate of an accredited law
25 school, and

1 WHEREAS, many citizens of Montana in reliance upon the
2 former practice of entry into the bar upon passage of the
3 bar examination suffered loss in terms of both time and
4 money spent preparing for the bar examination by the
5 adoption of Rule VI.A.1., and

6 WHEREAS, the administration of a comprehensive and
7 well-planned bar examination is the only fair and equitable
8 method of maintaining a competent and professional bar.

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14 from an accredited law school before entry into the bar, and

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16 is urged to adopt the rule establishing qualifications for
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18 December 31, 1969, and

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21 Justice of the Montana Supreme Court.

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INTRODUCED BILL

Judiciary

On motion reconsider
adverse committee report.

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