

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
50TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The eighth meeting of the Education and Cultural Resources Committee was called to order by Chairman Jack Sands, on January 30, 1987, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 312-D of the State Capitol.

ROLL CALL: All members were present.

CHAIRMAN SANDS announced that the committee had six bills to hear so the time would be limited. He said that all of the bills dealt with the same subject matter, school elections. He had every sponsor introduce his bill, and the question and answer period would include all of the bills together; each sponsor would have the opportunity to close at the end. He asked each witness to indicate which bill he was testifying about and whether he was in support or opposition to the bill.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL NO. 258:

REP. FRED THOMAS, House District No. 62, sponsor of HB # 258, stated that his bill merely proposes to change the mill levy system that we currently operate under. He said the bill would change 4 points in our current voted mill levy system annually. 1) It would establish a base mill levy that would run for up to five years and then drop back to zero; 2) there would be no vote on that base the following four years after it is established; 3) the public would only vote on an increase to the mill levy base; and 4) it establishes a cap for the total budget for the school district.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL NO. 294:

REP. RALPH EUDAILY, House District No. 60, sponsor of HB # 60, stated this bill establishes a basic levy for the year that ends June 30, 1988. He said after the levy is established, and the school district finds they need more money the following year, they can go to the voters and ask for additional levy, but they don't lose their base. There is also a restriction that they can only vote upon that one time.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL NO. 341:

REP. MIKE KADAS, House District No. 55, sponsor of the bill, stated his bill would limit the number of the votes on the levy to one, which would be on the amount above the previous

year's budget. He explained that the bill would set up two different forms for the ballot 1) would be for the operation and maintenance levy; 2) would be if a school wanted to go into a capital construction project. It would not count as part of the total budget but would be an allocation for one year.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL NO. 342:

REP. MIKE KADAS, House District No. 55, sponsor of the bill, stated that HB # 342 would just move the school election date from April to the primary election day in June. The point being to save money on the number of elections and to encourage the voter turnout.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL NO. 479:

REP. GERRY DEVLIN, House District 25, sponsor of the bill, stated that HB # 479 would limit a school district to only one special election a year for authorization to impose an additional levy for the general fund budget.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL NO. 390:

REP. GARY SPAETH, House District No. 84, sponsor of the bill, stated HB # 390 is a proposal that eliminates any mill levy votes in a school district if there are no increases in that voted mill levy. If there are decreases, the mill levy would not necessarily be voted on.

CHAIRMAN SANDS announced he would be taking proponents for any of the bills and asked the witnesses to please indicate which bill they were testifying in support of and to indicate if they were opposed to any of the other bills that had been presented.

PROPONENTS:

BOB WALTMIRE, Columbia Falls rose in support of HB # 294, he said it was an excellent idea. He noted he opposed the idea of a cap in HB # 258, because that would be saying that the local people would lose control of their educational quality because they couldn't vote what they need. He also opposed the idea of only having one chance to vote on a levy.

DENNIS KRAFT, Superintendent of Schools, Missoula County High School rose in support of HB # 294, and said he supported many of the concepts in the other bills.

BOB STOCKTON, representing the OPI, rose in support of HB # 294 and HB # 390 and stated he opposed some of the items in the other bills.

BOB ANDERSON, Executive Director of Montana School Boards Association, said in the potpourri of proposed legislation he would favor leaning towards REP. EUDAILY'S HB # 294.

JOHN CAMPBELL, Business manager of the Helena School District, stated he would like to rise in support of the concepts of HB # 294 and HB #341. He said he was neither a proponent nor an opponent of HB # 342, but pointed out a problem with the bill that calls for school elections to be held on the first Monday after the first Tuesday of June, which is the primary election date. He said that section 20-3-321 provides that the board of trustees shall have a reorganization meeting after the election but by the third Saturday in April. He suggested amending that section and change the third Saturday of April to the 30th of June in considering the bill.

ELINOR COLLINS, representing the County School Superintendents, stated she would be opposed to putting a cap on the amount that a school district may vote and would also be opposed to having one levy election a year.

KAY MC KENNA, Superintendent of Schools, Lewis and Clark and a member of SAM legislative committee spoke in support of HB # 479, with grave reservations.

MARY ANN DUSSAULT, second vice-president of the Montana Association of Counties, stated at its annual convention the MA of C took the position that they would support the legislation which would reduce the opportunity for multiple elections on additional mill levies and support legislation where it would be fixed to one election.

JULIE HACKER, representing the Missoula County Freeholders Association, stated she supported the concept of one school mill levy election per year.

OPPONENTS:

TERRY MINNOW, representing the Montana Federation of Teachers, rose in opposition to portions of each one of the bills that were presented. She stated she could not support limiting the vote of the people to one chance, win or lose, nor could she support the cap.

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JANICE JENNINGS, Park County Clerk and Recorder, and the administrator for elections in Park County expressed her concerns about HB # 342. A copy of her testimony is attached as EXHIBIT # 1.

JUDY DOGGETT, Clerk and Recorder and Election Administrator from Broadwater County said she was in agreement with Janice Jennings testimony. She did want to point out that the school district in Broadwater County uses the same election judges for school elections that are used for primary elections and she didn't think there were enough judges to handle both elections.

JOE TROPELIA, Cascade County Clerk and Recorder and President of Montana Clerk and Recorders stated he would like to go on record as opposed to HB # 342 for the reasons that were previously stated. See EXHIBIT # 2.

SANDRA WHITNEY, representing the Montana Taxpayers Association, reviewed the various bills in detail. She concluded by saying that all of the bills that concern the general fund have major problems, and she would like to see them go into a subcommittee to see if something could be worked out.

JEANNE-MARIE SOUVIGNEY, representing the League of Women Voters, stated she opposed HB # 479 which would establish a one vote limit on the entire school levy.

ERIC FEAVER, President, Montana Education Association, rose in opposition to the bills as they are now written. He commented briefly why he was opposed to each bill and suggested that a subcommittee would be appropriate for the bills.

JULIE HACKER, representing the Missoula County Freeholders Association, said she specifically wanted to go on record in opposition to HB # 390.

QUESTIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE:

A lengthy discussion was held regarding limiting the mill levy election to one time. REP. GERRY DEVLIN stated if the local trustees would be honest the first time around, perhaps a bill like that would have never come before the committee.

CHAIRMAN SANDS then called for the sponsors of the bills to close.

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REP. THOMAS stated he thought the combination bill was worth the committee's consideration because it combines elements that the public in general would find acceptable. He also suggested putting the bills into a subcommittee.

REP. EUDAILY said the first thing the committee should keep in mind was that there is a constitutional mandate to educate the kids in the state. He said the system is breaking down and it was up to the legislature to make it work. He stated there was a place in every one of the bills that was presented to begin to make a better system, and he also agreed to the idea of putting them into a subcommittee.

REP. KADAS, stated that his bill is quite clear that it is a dollar amount and not a mill levy and that is the way it should be. He also was in agreement that the bills should be assigned to a subcommittee.

CHAIRMAN SANDS announced that REP. SPAETH had closed. He then closed the hearing and appointed a subcommittee composed of Rep. Phillips, Chairman, Rep. Nelson, Rep. Stratford, Rep. Keenan and Rep. Stang.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ACTION ON HOUSE BILL NO. 105:

REP. EUDAILY moved a DO NOT PASS on HB # 105. REP. MERCER made a substitute motion to table HB # 105. CHAIRMAN SANDS requested REP. MERCER to hold his motion until there was some discussion but it was a non-debatable motion. The question was called, the motion CARRIED unanimously.

ACTION ON HOUSE BILL NO. 69:

CHAIRMAN SANDS noted there were amendments to hand out on HB # 69, see EXHIBIT # 3.

REP. SCHYE moved a DO PASS on HB # 69, then he moved the amendments. After a brief discussion on the amendments the question was called on them the motion CARRIED.

REP. EUDAILY noted that the new section 4 in the amendments provides for an effective date upon passage and approval but it is not in the title, so the title would have to be amended also.

A discussion was held concerning the effective date. Bob Stockton, OPI, stated under present law a new district

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cannot be created between January 1st and August 1st of any year.

REP. EUDAILY withdrew his motion. The question was called on DO PASS AS AMENDED on HB # 69, the motion CARRIED with Rep. Kennerly voting no.

ACTION ON HOUSE BILL NO. 83:

REP. DAILY moved that HB # 83 DO NOT PASS. REP. LORY asked if the bill could be amended to say that over 50% are native Americans. CHAIRMAN SANDS stated that amendments could be worked out in that regard. REP. LORY moved the committee pass consideration for the day of HB # 83 to work on some amendments. CHAIRMAN SANDS announced without objection he would pass consideration for the day on HB # 83.

ACTION ON HOUSE BILL NO. 145:

REP. LORY moved a DO PASS on HB # 145. CHAIRMAN SANDS called for discussion. REP. HARRINGTON said he had some serious problems with the bill. He noted that the federal government had passed legislation removing school district employees from being eligible for unemployment compensation, and if this bill was passed it would be discriminating against private industry. He made a substitute motion that HB # 145 DO NOT PASS.

REP. WILLIAMS stated he supported the motion because it would cause serious trouble by affecting employees of a contractor. There are hundreds of contractors around the country and the first thing they would be saying is discrimination.

REP. LORY said he opposed the DO NOT PASS motion because the bill does make several indications they must have a statement that they have a job. Most contractors don't have that statement.

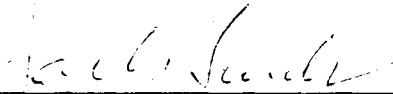
A lengthy discussion was held concerning the school bus drivers who work for contractors being able to draw unemployment benefits.

REP. DAILY offered an amendment on page 4, line 1, after "be" insert " a written guarantee of a contract for the ensuing year". He moved the amendment. The question was called on the amendment, on a hand vote there were 10 in favor and 8 opposed, the motion CARRIED.

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The question was called on REP. HARRINGTON'S motion DO NOT PASS AS AMENDED on HB # 145. a roll call vote was taken, the motion CARRIED with 10 favorable and 8 opposing votes.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.



REP. JACK SANDS, CHAIRMAN

DAILY ROLL CALL

RECREATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

50th LEGISLATIVE SESSION -- 1987

Date JANUARY 30, 1987

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
REP. JACK SANDS, CHAIRMAN	X		
REP. RICHARD NELSON, VICE CHRMN.	X		
REP. FRITZ DAILY	X		
REP. RALPH EUDAILY	X		
REP. WILLIAM GLASER	X		
REP. DAN HARRINGTON	X		
REP. NANCY KEENAN	X		
REP. ROLAND KENNERLY	X		
REP. EARL LORY	X		
REP. JOHN MERCER	X		
REP. GERALD NISBET	X		
REP. JOHN PHILLIPS	X		
REP. TED SCHYE	X		
REP. BARRY STANG	X		
REP. TONIA STRATFORD	X		
REP. CHARLES SWYSGOOD	X		
REP. FRED THOMAS	X		
REP. MEL WILLIAMS	X		

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

JANUARY 30,

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Mr. Speaker: We, the committee on EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

report HOUSE BILL NO. 69

do pass
 do not pass

be concurred in
 be not concurred in

as amended
 statement of intent attached

REP. JACK SANDS,

Chairman

TO INCREASE REQUIREMENTS FOR CREATION OF A NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

1. Title, line 6.
Following: "DISTRICT"
Insert: " OR NEW HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT"
2. Title 1, line 7.
Strike: "AND"
3. Title 1, line 8.
Strike: "AND"
Insert: ", "
Following: "20-6-217,"
Insert: "AND 20-6-325,"
4. Title, line 8.
Following: "MCA"
Insert: "AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE"
5. Page 1, line 18.
Strike: "\$ 500,000"
Insert: "\$1 million"
6. Page 1, line 23.
Strike: "\$ 500,000"
Insert: "\$ 2 million"
7. Page 5, line 22.
Following: line 21
Insert: "Section 3. Section 20-6-325, MCA, is amended to read:
"20-6-325. Procedure for creation of new high school district out of existing districts -- limitation for creation. (1) To create a new high school district, a petition requesting the creation of a new high school district out of the territory of an existing high school district or districts must be addressed to the county superintendent and must:
(a) describe the territory that is requested to be incorporated in the new district and the taxable value of such territory as shown by the last completed assessment roll;

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(b) state the reasons why the creation of a new district is requested; and

(c) be signed by the parents or guardians of not less than 50 children who are at least 14 years old but less than 18 years old and who reside in the territory that would be included in the new district and who reside more than 20 miles over the shortest practical route from an operating high school.

(2) When a county superintendent receives a valid petition requesting the creation of a new district, he shall:

(a) file such petition;

(b) set a hearing place, date, and time for consideration of the petition that is not more than 40 days after the receipt of the petition; and

(c) give notice of the place, date, and time of the hearing. Notices must be posted in the high school districts affected by the request in the manner prescribed in 20-20-204 for school elections, with at least one such notice posted in the territory to be included in the new district.

(3) The county superintendent shall conduct the hearing as scheduled unless before or at the time of the hearing he receives a protest petition signed by a majority of the electors of the proposed new district who are qualified to vote under the provisions of 20-20-301. A valid protest petition conclusively denies the creation of a new district. If a hearing is conducted, any resident or taxpayer of the affected districts must be heard. If the county superintendent considers it advisable and in the best interests of the residents of the proposed new district, he shall grant the petitioned request and order the creation of a new district with its boundaries coinciding with the boundaries defined in the petition. Otherwise, he shall by order deny the request. In the order creating the new district, the effective date for its creation must be the following July 1.

(4) The county superintendent's order may be appealed to the superintendent of public instruction within 30 days after the date of such order. An appeal must be in writing and be signed by not less than 10 residents of the proposed new district. The superintendent of public instruction shall:

(a) call a hearing on the appeal not less than 20 days or more than 30 days from receipt of the appeal;

(b) provide notice of the hearing in the manner prescribed in subsection (2)(c);

(c) consider the material presented at the county superintendent's hearing and pertinent other material; and

(d) render a decision on the creation of such new high school district. The decision is final.

(5) When a new high school district is created, the trustees of the elementary district in which the high school buildings are located are the trustees of the new district. A trustee appointed under the provisions of this section shall serve until a successor is elected at the next regular school election and is qualified.

(6) If the district does not open and operate a school within 1 year after the effective date of the creation of the new district, the order of the county superintendent or, if his order is appealed, the decision of the superintendent of public instruction creating a new district under this section is void and the new district ceases to exist. If the new district does not satisfy this requirement, the territory must be reincorporated in the district or districts in which it was located before the creation of the new district and the trustees are without capacity to act.

(7) If a petition has been filed under the provisions of this section and denied by the county superintendent, no new petition may be filed until 1 year after the final decision on the original petition.

(8) For the purposes of this section, the taxable value of the taxable property of the territory proposed to be included in the new district must be at least \$500,000 \$1 million, unless 50,000 acres or more of such proposed new district are nontaxable Indian land, and the taxable value of the taxable property of each existing district from which territory would be detached must be at least \$2 million after the territory is detached."

NEW SECTION. Section 4. Effective date. This act is effective on passage and approval."

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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

JANUARY 30,

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Mr. Speaker: We, the committee on EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES
report HOUSE BILL NO. 145

do pass
 do not pass

be concurred in
 be not concurred in

as amended
 statement of intent attached

Rep. JACK SANDS,

Chairman


DENY UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS TO CERTAIN EMPLOYERS OF SCHOOL CONTRACTOR

1. Page 4, line 1.

Following: "be"

Strike: "in writing"

Insert: "a written guarantee of a contract for the ensuing school year"


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ROLL CALL VOTE

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

DATE JANUARY 30, 1987 BILL NO. HB # 145 NUMBER 1

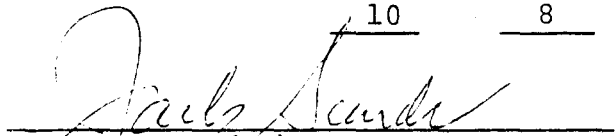
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REP. JACK SANDS, CHAIRMAN	X	
REP. RICHARD NELSON, VICE CHAIRMAN		X
REP. FRITZ DAILY	X	
REP. RALPH FUDALLY		X
REP. WILLIAM GLASER	X	
REP. DAN HARRINGTON	X	
REP. NANCY KEENAN	X	
REP. ROLAND KENNERLY	X	
REP. EARL LORY		X
REP. JOHN MERCER		X
REP. GERALD NISBET	X	
REP. JOHN PHILLIPS		X
REP. TED SCHYE	X	
REP. BARRY STANG	X	
REP. TONIA STRATFORD		X
REP. CHARLES SWYSGOOD		X
REP. FRED THOMAS		X
REP. MEL WILLIAMS	X	

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Secretary


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MOTION: REP. HARRINGTON moved DO NOT PASS AS AMENDED

CARRIED 10 favorable and 8 opposing votes.

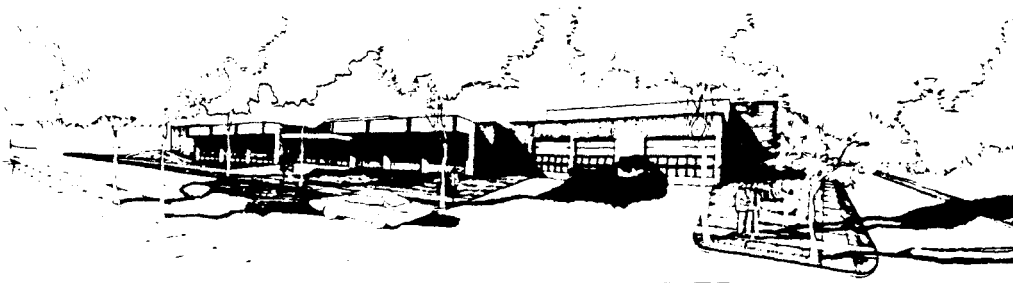


EXHIBIT #1
DATE 1-30-87
HB #342
JANICE JENNINGS
Clerk and Recorder
(406) 222-6120

PARK COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER

P. O. Box 1037 — Livingston, Montana 59047

January 29, 1987

Jack Sands, Chairman
Members of the House Education and Cultural Resources
Montana House of Representatives
Helena, Montana 59620

Dear Mr. Chairman and Committee Members,

I have grave concerns on HB342, which changes the school election day to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June.

My concerns of running a school election along with the Primary Election are based on two problems: 1) School District boundaries do not run concurrent to Precinct and Legislative boundaries in all counties; and 2) Title 20, school election law, do not concur with Title 13, under which the Primary Election would fall.

Dealing with problem number 1, I have attached a list of Park County's School Districts and the Precincts they contain; followed by the Precincts and the School Districts they contain; and finally the Legislative Districts and the School Districts and Precincts they contain. As an example, please examine School District #4. It contains ten different precincts, (but not all in their entirety) and six of those precincts contain several other school districts (also not all in their entirety). School District #4 also is in both Legislative District 81 and 82. HB342 would require numerous ballots at each polling place, with the possibility of giving the wrong ballot to the voter; or require voters to travel up to 50 miles in different directions to vote on both the school election and the Primary Election.

The second problem is that school election laws, as defined in Title 20, do not correspond with Title 13 election laws, which the Primary Election is under. Major differences is in the time frames. Title 13 states that the filing deadline for candidates is 75 days prior to the election and absentee balloting is to begin 45 days prior to the election. Title 20 states that the clerk of the district is to receive the names of the candidates 20 days prior to the election and is to certify to the ballot 15 days prior to the election. Absentee balloting would be going on at different times. Also, other differences are in the canvassing boards. The Board of Commissioners are the canvassing board for the Primary, while the Trustees are the canvassing board for the School.

I believe there are too many differences to run these two elections together. More than listed here. I urge you to vote NO to HB 342. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Janice Jennings
Janice Jennings

P A R K C O U N T Y

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

School District # - Precinct (includes all or a portion of)

- #2 - 6A
- #4 - 1, 2, 3, 4, 2B, 5D, 6B, 7A, 7B, & 7D
- #7 - 5A & 5B
- #9 - 5C
- #19 - 5D, 6A, 6B, & 7A
- #41 - 7D
- #53 - 7C & 7D
- #63 - 7A, 7B, & 7D
- #75 - 5A, 5B, 5D, & 6A

PRECINCTS

Precinct - School District (includes all or a portion of)

- Prt 1 - S/D 4
- Prt 2 - S/D 4
- Prt 3 - S/D 4
- Prt 4 - S/D 4
- Prt 2B - S/D 2, 4, & 19
- Prt 5A - S/D 7 & 75
- Prt 5B - S/D 7 & 75
- Prt 5C - S/D 9
- Prt 5D - S/D 2, 4, 19 & 75
- Prt 6A - S/D 2, 19, & 75
- Prt 6B - S/D 4, 19, & 63
- Prt 7A - S/D 4, 19, & 63
- Prt 7B - S/D 4, 41, & 63
- Prt 7C - S/D 53
- Prt 7D - S/D 4, 41, 53, & 63

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

- House District #81 - Part of S/D 4 and all other school districts listed
- " " " - Precincts 5A, 5B, 5C, 5D, 6A, 6B, 7A, 7B, 7C, & 7D

- House District #82 - S/D 4 and 2
- " " " - Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, & 2B

EXHIBIT #2
DATE 1-30-87
HB # 342

WITNESS STATEMENT

NAME JOE TROPILA BILL NO. ^{HB} 342
ADDRESS 209-2 ST NW GREAT FALLS DATE 1/30/87
WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? MT. ASSOC. OF CLERKS-RECORDERS
SUPPORT _____ OPPOSE AMEND _____

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

Comments:

WILL NOT SAVE MONEY AS SPONSOR STATED!
WILL CAUSE CONFUSION AS ALL ELECTIONS
ARE COVERED BY DIFFERENT TITLES IN
THE STATUTES.

AMENDMENTS TO HB 69

1. Title, line 6.

Following: "DISTRICT"

Insert: "OR NEW HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT"

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Insert: ", "

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" (8) For the purposes of this section, the taxable value of the taxable property of the territory proposed to be included in the new district must be at least ~~\$500,000~~ \$1 million, unless 50,000 acres or more of such proposed new district are nontaxable Indian land, and the taxable value of the taxable property of each existing district from which territory would be detached must be at least \$2 million after the territory is detached."

NEW SECTION. Section ~~3~~⁴. Effective date. This act is effective on passage and approval.))

ISSUE 4: SCHOOL DISTRICT TAXABLE VALUATION

A new school district may not be created unless the taxable property of the territory proposed to be included in the new district is \$1 million or more and the taxable value of the property of each remaining district is \$2 million or more.

Most of the schools with taxable property values under \$1 million are very small or have PL 874 funds. Small schools under 100 cost more per ANB than schools over 100 ANB. Although there is not nearly as large a variance in the average cost for elementary schools as there is with high schools, there is still more costs incurred. There are very expensive schools per ANB in both elementary and high schools under 100 ANB.

Table 6 shows the taxable property value, the number of schools, the percentage of schools in that category with over 100 ANB, the average ANB per school, and the general fund/budget and taxable per ANB up to \$2.5 million. The average ANB doubles when the property tax value exceeds \$1 million dollars. There are presently 117, excluding the major PL 874 schools, schools with less than a million dollars of taxable valuation. Of these schools, two are high schools. Of these 117 schools, three have over 100 ANB. Statewide 240 of the 545 schools, or 44 percent, had under 100 ANB. Above the \$1 million property taxable valuation, the percentage of schools with over 100 ANB increases significantly.

Table 6
 Average ANB and General Fund Budget Cost Per ANB By Taxable Valuation - Excluding Major PL 874 Schools - Fiscal 1985

Tax Value	Schools	Schools		Average ANB	General Fund Budget/ANB	Tax/Value per ANB
		100 ANB	ANB			
0-150,000	9		60	10	3,964	18,565
150,001-300,000	22		305	14	2,782	14,668
300,001-600,000	44		804	18	3,464	26,157
600,001-1,000,000	42	2%	1,667	40	3,087	19,864
1,000,001-1,500,000	44	34%	3,407	77	3,228	15,891
1,500,001-2,000,000	45	29%	3,665	81	3,667	21,067
2,000,001-2,500,000	30	37%	2,917	97	3,611	22,926

Since 1975, there have been 10 new or reopened school districts. The average ANB of these new school districts is 21 and the mileage between the new schools and existing schools is under 20 miles except for Lincoln High School which is 48 miles from the nearest high school. In fiscal 1985 the taxable value was under \$1 million for six of the districts. The last new school district for the state was to have 26 ANB with a taxable valuation of \$157,421. Reasons given for forming the new district were: (1) the distance (16 miles) to the nearest school; (2) different home language, (3) different dress and (4) cultural differences.

Amendments for HB 145

1. Page 4, line 1.

~~Following~~ "be"

Strike "in writing"

Insert: " a written guarantee
of a contract for the
ensuing school year "

State of Montana

County of Gallatin

Bozeman



January 29, 1987

EXHIBIT #6
DATE 1-30-89
HB # 342

TO: Education Committee

RE: House Bill 342

The Gallatin County Clerk & Records Office is opposed to the passage of this bill. Our reasons are as follows:

1. School district boundaries and precinct boundaries do not coincide and do not have the same polling places. If the school election and primary election were held on the same day most voters would have to travel to two different polling places, most of which are at least four miles apart.
2. The Clerks Office and the School Districts make use of the same list of election judges. With all elections on the same day there would be a shortage of election judges.
3. In Gallatin County, registers of electors are generated through the County computer. It takes this office between three and five days to input all new and corrected information after close of registration. It then takes the computer operator four to six days to select and print the registers and precinct lists, which then have to be assembled into separate books for each precinct. Because our precinct and school district boundaries are different we have to prepare separate registers for each precinct and each school district. If these elections were held together it would triple our work load and force the Clerks Office and the Computer personnel into overtime work if they are to complete their preparation for an election within the time frame from close of registration to Election day. At Primary elections, we are also required by law to furnish lists of registered voters and all supplies for conducting an election. If we were to do the same work for Primary elections and School elections during the same period of time, it would put a hardship on the Clerk & Records Office both financially and with employee work hours.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gerald R. Wine".

GERALD R. WINE
Gallatin County Clerk & Recorder

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DATE JANUARY 30, 1987

SPONSOR REP. DEVLIN

NAME (please print)	RESIDENCE	SUPPORT	OPPOSE
Eric Fear	WEA		✓
Elinor Collins	County Sup Schools		
Ed Mitchell	OPI		✓
Bob Anderson	ASTA		✓
Julie Blacker	Mesa Co Freeholder	✓	
Gene Marie Soumyneel	League of Women Voters		✓
Robert Charles Waltmore	Columbia Falls		✓
Patricia Laird	myself	✓	
Dorothy Traylor	myself (toppayer)	✓	
Edward Haege	Mesa Co Freeholder	✓	
John Wittenberg	Mesa Co Freeholder	✓	
J. Mackay		✓	
Douglas K Sch	Jefferson County	✓	
A. R. (Tom) Hagard	Mesa	✓	

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SPONSOR REP. THOMAS

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Eric Fleaver	MEA		✓
Elynn Collins	County Suph. Schools		
Sandra Whitney	Mon Tot		✓
Bob Amersca	MSBA	✓	
Stuart Daggitt	mt. Chamber of Commerce		✓
Edward Haal	Missoula		✓
Keith Vinal	Missoula		c
Bigi Wearden	Carroll college		
Kay McKenna	Helena		✓
Phil Waltraie	Columbia Falls		Nope
Donna Murphy	Missoula		
Cal Murphy	Missoula		
Ken Bray	Kalispell		
Sally Fawcett	Col Falls		
David Garner	Kalispell		
Ben Garner	Kalispell		
Go Mole	Kalispell		
Don R. Garner	"		
Julie Hacker	Moia Co Truckers		

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SPONSOR REP. SPAETH

NAME (please print)	RESIDENCE	SUPPORT	OPPOSE
Eric Fearner	MEA		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sandra Whitney	Montef		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Eleanor Collins	County Supr. Schools		
Bob Anderson	MSBA		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Judith Hacker	Mala Co. Freeholders		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Karen Bailey	Missoula		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Stuart Duggan	Mt. Chamber of Commerce		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dorothy Traylor	myself taxpayer		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Edward Hoo	Mala Co Freeholders		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Keith Umal	Missoula, Mt		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
John Wittenberg	Missoula Freeholders		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
J. Mackay	Missoula		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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SPONSOR REP. KADAS

NAME (please print)	RESIDENCE	SUPPORT	OPPOSE
Eric Feaver	MEA		✓
Joe TROPILA	Mr. Assoc Clerks & Rec		✓
Debbie L Pallett	Yergus Co Clerk & Rec		✓
Elinor Collins	County Supt Schools		✓
Norman Kraft	M. C. S. Co		
Bob ANDERSON	MSBIT		✓
Juanice Jennings	Port Co Clerk & Rec		X
Andy Bennett	Spokane Clerk & Rec		X
Kathy Bryant	Messala		X
Douglas K. Schultz	Jefferson County	✓	
Greg JACKSON	MTA ASSOC CL & REC.		✓

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SPONSOR REP. KADAS

NAME (please print)	RESIDENCE	SUPPORT	OPPOSE
Eric Feaver	MEA		✓
Elynn Collins	County Supt Schools		
Sandra Whitney	Montpelier		✓
Norman Kraft	Missoula		
Bob Anderson	MSBA		✓
Stuart Duggan	Mt. Chamber of Commerce		✓
Keith O'Neil	Missoula		✓
Jeff Zerk	Carroll College		
A. R. (Tom) Hagen	MACO	✓	
Douglas K. Johnson	Jefferson County	✓	
Ray McKenna	Idaho		✓
John C. Campbell	Kellou	✓	
Tom Alms	MACO	✓	
Art McDonald	Kalispell		
CE & son	Idaho Falls		

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SPONSOR REP. EUDAILY

NAME (please print)	RESIDENCE	SUPPORT	OPPOSE
Eric Fearo			✓
Eleanor Collins	County School Dept.		✓
Sandra Whitney	Manford		✓
Almond Kroff	Missoula	✓	
Bob Anderson	MSBA	✓	
Stuart Daggard	Mt. Chamber of Commerce		—
Kerth Umal	Missoula		✓
John C. Campbell	Helena	✓	
J. Malin	MACU	✓	
Berli Hacker	Miss. Co. Truholders		✓

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