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 2 INTRODUCED BY *House* BILL NO. *312*  
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING THE BOARD OF  
 5 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO MAINTAIN AN INVENTORY OF PUBLIC  
 6 ROADS IN THE COUNTY."

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 8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

9 Section 1. Section 32-2801, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to  
 10 read as follows:

11 "32-2801. Powers and duties of county commissioners  
 12 respecting county roads. (1) Each board of county  
 13 commissioners has general supervision over the county roads  
 14 within the county. The board may, in its discretion, divide  
 15 the county into suitable road districts, and place each  
 16 district in charge of a competent road supervisor. The board  
 17 shall order and direct each supervisor in the work to be  
 18 done in his district. If the board does not divide the  
 19 county into districts, the county itself shall constitute  
 20 one road district.

21 (2) Each board shall survey, view, lay out, record,  
 22 open, work, and maintain county roads which are petitioned  
 23 for by freeholders. Guideposts shall be erected.

24 (3) Each board shall discontinue or abandon county  
 25 roads when freeholders properly petition therefor.

1 (4) Each board may, in its discretion, do whatever may  
 2 be necessary for the best interest of the county roads and  
 3 the road districts.

4 (5) Each board shall make reports relating to roads  
 5 under its supervision which are requested by the department  
 6 of higaways.

7 (6) Each board shall maintain a complete inventory,  
 8 updated at least once annually, of all public roads and ways  
 9 in the county. Included in the inventory shall be maps  
 10 showing the location of all public roads and ways and  
 11 indicating the length, width, and ownership of the  
 12 right-of-way and the ownership status of the right-of-way  
 13 (whether deeded, adjudicated, prescriptive, or other)."

14 Section 2. Notwithstanding section 43-517, there is no  
 15 additional financing provided by this act because the costs  
 16 of preparing a road inventory is considered a part of the  
 17 commissioners normal operating costs.

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