

1                    SENATE BILL NO. 18  
2 INTRODUCTION BY GOODOVER  
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO REQUIRE MEMBERS OF  
5 THE SENATE OR OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WHO SPONSOR  
6 SIMILAR BILLS TO MEET IN CAUCUS AND FORMULATE ONE BILL FOR  
7 THE CONSIDERATION OF THE RESPECTIVE BODY AND TO MAKE EACH  
8 SUCH MEMBER A PRIME SPONSOR OF THAT BILL."  
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10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:  
11        Section 1. Caucus and compromise on similar bills  
12 required. (1) The purpose of this section is to eliminate or  
13 greatly reduce the expense and duplication of effort  
14 involved in processing identical or similar bills.  
15        (2) Whenever two or more members of the senate or of  
16 the house of representatives sponsor separate bills which  
17 deal with the same subject and have similar purposes, they  
18 shall meet in caucus prior to the preparation of the final  
19 draft of the bills. In the caucus, they shall resolve  
20 differences in the individual bills and reach agreement on  
21 details so that the result is one workable bill for the  
22 consideration of the respective body. Each such member shall  
23 act as a prime sponsor of the bill agreed upon in the  
24 caucus.

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INTRODUCED BILL