

1 *Senate* BILL NO. *256*
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 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT NEWLY
 5 ELECTED SCHOOL DISTRICT TRUSTEES TAKE OFFICE ON THE FIRST
 6 SATURDAY IN JULY; AMENDING SECTIONS 75-5916 AND 75-5927,
 7 R.C.M. 1947."

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

10 Section 1. Section 75-5916, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to
 11 read as follows:

12 "75-5916. Qualification and oath. Any person who
 13 receives a certificate of election as a trustee under the
 14 provisions of section 75-6423 ~~shall~~ may not assume the
 15 trustee position until he has qualified. Such person shall
 16 qualify by completing and filing an oath of office with the
 17 county superintendent ~~not more than fifteen (15) days after~~
 18 ~~the receipt of the certificate of election before the first~~
 19 Saturday in July in the year of his election. After a
 20 person has qualified for a trustee position, he shall hold
 21 such position for until the expiration of the term of the
 22 position, as provided in 75-5927, and until his successor
 23 has been elected or appointed and has been qualified.

24 If the elected person does not qualify in accordance
 25 with this requirement, a person shall be appointed in the

1 manner provided by section 75-5918 and shall serve until the
 2 next regular election."

3 Section 2. Section 75-5927, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to
 4 read as follows:

5 "75-5927. Organization and officers. (1) The trustees
 6 of each district shall annually organize as a governing
 7 board of the district after the regular election day and
 8 after the issuance of the election certificates to the newly
 9 elected trustees but not later than the third Saturday of
 10 April on the first Saturday in July, at which time newly
 11 elected trustees shall take office. A trustee's term which
 12 is set to expire in a particular year expires on the first
 13 Saturday in July of that year.

14 (2) In order to organize, the trustees of the district
 15 shall be given notice of the time and place where the
 16 organization meeting will be held and, at such meeting, they
 17 shall choose one of their number as the chairman. In
 18 addition, except for the trustees of a high school district
 19 operating a county high school, the trustees shall employ
 20 and appoint a competent person, who is not a member of the
 21 trustees, as the clerk of the district. The trustees of a
 22 high school district operating a county high school shall
 23 appoint a secretary, who shall be a member of the board.

24 (3) The chairman of the trustees of any district shall
 25 serve until the next organization meeting and shall preside

1 at all the meetings of the trustees in accordance with the
2 customary rules of order. He shall perform the duties
3 prescribed by this title and any other duties that normally
4 pertain to such officer."

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