

HOUSE BILL 480

IN THE HOUSE

January 29, 1979	On motion, rules suspended and bill allowed to be introduced.
January 30, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Education and Cultural Resources.
February 19, 1979	Committee recommend bill, as amended.
February 21, 1979	Printed and placed on members' desks.
February 22, 1979	Second reading, do pass. Considered correctly engrossed.
February 23, 1979	Third reading, passed.

IN THE SENATE

February 23, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Education.
April 20, 1979	Died in Committee.

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2 INTRODUCED BY R. Pistoria

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7 TRUSTEES' RESOLUTION OR THE VALIDATED PETITION CALLING A
8 SCHOOL ELECTION BE PUBLISHED TWICE; AMENDING SECTIONS
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17 school district bond election shall:

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19 issued, which may be more or less than the amounts estimated
20 in a petition;

21 (2) fix the maximum number of years in which the
22 proposed bonds would be paid; and

23 ~~(3) state the exact purpose of the proposed bonds,~~
24 ~~listing the projects to be completed or the purchases to be~~
25 ~~made with the bond proceeds; and~~

1 ~~(3)(4)~~ in the case of initiation by a petition, state
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3 presentation."

4 Section 2. Section 20-9-423, MCA, is amended to read:
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6 petition proposing school district bond election. Any
7 petition for the calling of an election on the proposition
8 of issuing school district bonds shall:

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10 issue, ~~listing the projects to be completed or the purchases~~
11 ~~to be made with the bond proceeds,~~ and the estimated amount
12 of the bonds that would be issued for each purpose;

13 (2) be signed by not less than 20% of the school
14 district electors qualified to vote under the provisions of
15 20-20-301 in order to constitute a valid petition;

16 (3) be a single petition or it may be composed of more
17 than one petition, all being identical in form, and after
18 being circulated and signed, they shall be fastened together
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20 registrar;

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4 school bond election. The trustees of a school district must
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APPROVED BY COMM. ON
EDUCATION & CULTURAL RESOURCES

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