

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 20

IN THE HOUSE

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Committee on Business and
Industry.

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Committee recommend bill, do
not pass.

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1 House JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 20
 2 INTRODUCED BY Legue Rosette Davignon
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 4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
 5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING BANKS TO USE
 6 CARE TO AVOID ISSUING CHECKING ACCOUNTS TO INDIVIDUALS WHO
 7 ISSUE BAD CHECKS AND URGING COUNTY ATTORNEYS TO PROSECUTE
 8 UNDER THE APPLICABLE LAW.
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 10 WHEREAS, there are a great number of individuals in
 11 Montana who abuse the privilege of drawing checks on
 12 checking accounts issued to them by banks in Montana; and
 13 WHEREAS, the crime of issuing a bad check has increased
 14 tremendously over the past decade; and
 15 WHEREAS, this problem impedes the continued development
 16 of a stable economy in Montana and is detrimental to the
 17 creation of a sound financial climate in which business can
 18 flourish; and
 19 WHEREAS, a healthy and prosperous business community is
 20 essential to the economic and social well-being of the
 21 state; and
 22 WHEREAS, every citizen of Montana will benefit by
 23 prevention of the crime of issuing a bad check.
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 25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE

1 OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
 2 (1) That banks in Montana are strongly and most
 3 emphatically urged to employ great care to avoid issuing
 4 checking accounts to individuals who issue bad checks;
 5 (2) That banks in Montana join an organization such as
 6 Chex System Incorporated which maintains a centralized
 7 record of individuals who have repeatedly issued bad checks;
 8 and
 9 (3) That county attorneys are emphatically urged to
 10 prosecute violations of 45-6-316 to the maximum extent of
 11 their abilities whenever a violation comes to their
 12 attention.
 13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution
 14 be sent to every bank and county attorney in the state.

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