

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 32

INTRODUCED BY EUDAILY, LORY

IN THE HOUSE

February 6, 1979	On motion, rules suspended to allow Rep. Lory to sign Rep. Eudaily's name as chief sponsor on bill.
February 7, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Education and Cultural Resources.
February 15, 1979	Committee recommend bill do pass. Report adopted.
February 17, 1979	Second reading, do pass.
February 19, 1979	Considered correctly engrossed. Third reading, passed. Transmitted to second house.

IN THE SENATE

February 20, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Education.
March 1, 1979	Committee recommend bill be concurred in. Report adopted.
March 3, 1979	Second reading, concurred in.
March 6, 1979	Third reading, concurred in.

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March 7, 1979	Returned from second house. Concurred in. Sent to enrolling. Reported correctly enrolled.
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 7 REVISION OF THE LAWS RELATING TO SCHOOL ELECTIONS IN THE  
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 11 45th Legislature recognized the need to create a uniform  
 12 system for all elections in Montana; and

13 WHEREAS, the interim legislative committee on election  
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 20 school laws; and

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24 WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Instruction is,  
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1 for all school elections; and

2 WHEREAS, the clerk of the district is the local  
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4 WHEREAS, the knowledge of modern and efficient election  
 5 administration procedures is not the primary interest of  
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7 WHEREAS, some school election procedures may contribute  
 8 to the disenfranchisement of voters, delays in counting of  
 9 ballots, deterioration of voter confidence in the electoral  
 10 process, and increased costs for the conduct of school  
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12 WHEREAS, the central administration of all elections  
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22 That the Committee on Priorities is hereby requested to  
 23 give high priority to a study of all laws pertaining to  
 24 school elections in the state of Montana and to the  
 25 preparation of legislation that would coordinate school

1 elections with other elections and would allow for the  
2 central administration of all elections, including school  
3 elections, by a single local election administrator.

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WHEREAS, House Joint Resolution No. 14 adopted by the 45th Legislature recognized the need to create a uniform system for all elections in Montana; and

WHEREAS, the interim legislative committee on election laws created pursuant to House Joint Resolution No. 14 to prepare the extensive revision of Montana election laws identified problems relating to the administration of school elections; and

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