

SENATE BILL 161

IN THE SENATE

January 18, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Labor and Employment Relations.
February 13, 1979	Committee recommend bill, do pass.
February 14, 1979	Printed and placed on members' desks.
February 15, 1979	Second reading, indefinitely postponed, as amended.

1 *Senate* BILL NO. *161*
 2 INTRODUCED BY *Low Thiessen*
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 5 REFERENDUM METHOD OF RESOLVING AN IMPASSE DURING MUNICIPAL
 6 LABOR NEGOTIATIONS."

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

9 Section 1. Resolution of municipal labor dispute by
 10 referendum. If, after mediating and factfinding, a dispute
 11 concerning the collective bargaining agreement exists
 12 between a municipal employer and the exclusive
 13 representative, the following method may be used to resolve
 14 the dispute:

15 (1) Within 30 days of receiving the fact finder's
 16 recommendations, either party may give written notice to the
 17 board and the other party of its decision to refuse the fact
 18 finder's recommendations and calling for a special municipal
 19 election.

20 (2) Within 30 days of receipt of the notice calling
 21 for a special election, the city or town council shall call
 22 a special municipal election submitting the final offers of
 23 both parties to the vote of the electors of the municipality
 24 for their approval or disapproval. If a regular election is
 25 to occur within 90 days after the board receives the written

1 notice calling for a special municipal election, the issue
 2 shall be decided at the regular election.

3 (3) The final offer receiving the highest number of
 4 votes shall constitute the final terms of the contract.

5 (4) The cost of a special municipal election called
 6 under this section shall be paid by the city.

7 Section 2. Codification. It is intended that section 1
 8 be codified as an integral part of Title 39, chapter 31,
 9 part 3, and the provisions of Title 39, chapter 31, part 3,
 10 apply to section 1.

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Section 1. Resolution of municipal labor dispute by referendum. If, after mediating and factfinding, a dispute concerning the collective bargaining agreement exists between a municipal employer and the exclusive representative, the following method may be used to resolve the dispute:

(1) Within 30 days of receiving the fact finder's recommendations, either party may give written notice to the board and the other party of its decision to refuse the fact finder's recommendations and calling for a special municipal election.

(2) Within 30 days of receipt of the notice calling for a special election, the city or town council shall call a special municipal election submitting the final offers of both parties to the vote of the electors of the municipality for their approval or disapproval. If a regular election is to occur within 90 days after the board receives the written

1 notice calling for a special municipal election, the issue
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THIRD READING