

SENATE BILL 162

IN THE SENATE

January 18, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Taxation.
January 19, 1979	Fiscal note requested
January 25, 1979	Fiscal note returned
January 30, 1979	Committee recommend bill, as amended.
January 31, 1979	Printed and placed on members' desks.
February 2, 1979	Motion, pass consideration.
February 3, 1979	Motion, pass consideration.
February 5, 1979	Second reading, do pass.
February 6, 1979	Considered correctly engrossed.
February 7, 1979	Third reading, passed (31A--19N)

IN THE HOUSE

February 8, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Taxation.
April 16, 1979	Committee recommend bill, concurred.
April 18, 1979	Second reading, not concurred. (53A - 43N, requires 2/3rds vote)

IN THE SENATE

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1 of a session of the appropriating legislature.

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STATE OF MONTANA

Request No. 48-79

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received January 22, 1979, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for Senate Bill 162 pursuant to Chapter 53, Laws of Montana, 1965 - Thirty-Ninth Legislative Assembly. Background information used in developing this Fiscal Note is available from the Office of Budget and Program Planning, to members of the Legislature upon request.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

An Act to provide the submission of a Constitutional Amendment to the qualified electors of Montana to place a limit on annual state expenditures.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None. See Fiscal Note 49-79 on Senate Bill 163 for the fiscal impact of the proposed spending limitation.

Richard L. Drury for
BUDGET DIRECTOR
Office of Budget and Program Planning
Date: 1/26/79

Approved by Committee
on Taxation

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QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA AN AMENDMENT TO THE
CONSTITUTION TO PLACE A LIMIT ON ANNUAL STATE EXPENDITURES."

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

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amended by adding a new section that reads:

Expenditure limitation. (1) The average state
expenditures for each fiscal year of a biennium may not
exceed 10% of the average annual total personal income in
the state, as defined ESTIMATED by the United States
department of commerce or its successor agency, during the 3
calendar years prior to the convening of a session of the
appropriating legislature unless:

(a) the governor declares an emergency; and

(b) two-thirds of the members of each house approve a
bill stating the amount to be spent in excess of the

limitation, the source of the excess revenue to be spent,
and their intention to exceed the limitation.

(2) Expenditures may exceed the limitation only for
the years when an emergency has been declared.

(3) "State expenditures" means the final amount of
money generated from state resources that is spent by state
government, excluding federal funds; payment on bonded
indebtedness; tax relief payments; unemployment and
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or services; ~~endowments; trusts; pensions; gifts; or~~
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transferred within state government or used to purchase
goods for resale.

(4) The legislature shall by law provide a method for
determining total personal income in the state.

(5) The legislature shall by law provide for the
implementation and enforcement of this section.

Section 2. Effective date. If approved by the
electorate, this amendment is effective January 1, 1981.

Section 3. Submission to electors. This amendment
shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Montana
at the general election to be held November 4, 1980, by
printing on the ballot the full title of this act and the
following:

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