



1 *Amended* JOINT RESOLUTION NO. *37*  
 2 INTRODUCED BY *STEPHENS Blaylock Adams*  
 3 *E. Smith Kolstad*

4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF  
 5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA TO ESTABLISH AN  
 6 INTERIM LEGISLATIVE IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE  
 7 FEASIBILITY OF REVISING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE STRUCTURE,  
 8 ASSIGNING CERTAIN OVERSIGHT FUNCTIONS TO THE COMMITTEES, AND  
 9 LIMITING THE NUMBER OF BILLS WHICH MAY BE INTRODUCED AFTER  
 10 THE BEGINNING OF THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

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 12 WHEREAS, there has been a significant increase in the  
 13 volume of legislation considered by each succeeding  
 14 Legislature in the past decade, with more than 2,000  
 15 legislative drafting requests being made in the 46th  
 16 Legislature; and

17 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds it necessary to  
 18 streamline certain current procedures in order to more  
 19 effectively consider such proposed legislation.

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 21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE  
 22 OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

- 23 (1) That an interim legislative improvement committee  
 24 be appointed to study:  
 25 (a) the committee structure in each house of

1 Legislature to determine the feasibility of realigning  
 2 general areas of responsibilities and assigning legislative  
 3 oversight responsibilities to the committees;

4 (b) methods of limiting the number of bills requested  
 5 to be drafted and requiring the drafting of legislation  
 6 prior to the commencement of the legislative session.

7 (2) That the committee shall use House Joint  
 8 Resolution No. 46 introduced in the 46th Legislature as a  
 9 basis for its study.

10 (3) That the committee be composed of two senators  
 11 appointed by the President of the Senate, two senators  
 12 appointed by the Senate Minority Floor Leader, two  
 13 representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
 14 Representatives, and two representatives appointed by the  
 15 House Minority Floor Leader.

16 (4) That the committee may meet not more than three  
 17 times during the interim preceding the 1981 legislative  
 18 session. Necessary travel expenses of the committee shall be  
 19 paid from the appropriation contained in House Bill No. 1  
 20 of the 46th Legislature to the Legislative Council for  
 21 legislative travel, after approval as provided therein.

22 (5) That the committee shall present its  
 23 recommendations to the pre-1981 session caucus, together  
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 25 rules necessary to implement the recommendations. It is

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1 intended that the rules committees appointed at or following  
2 the pre-session caucuses meet jointly prior to the convening  
3 of the 1981 session to consider the recommendations and to  
4 present such proposed rules or amendments as they approve to  
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