

House Bill 117

In The House

January 7, 1981

Introduced and referred
to Committee on State
Administration.

On motion by Chief Sponsor
Representatives Burnett and
Ryan were added as authors
to the pre-filed bill.

January 9, 1981

Fiscal note requested.

January 13, 1981

Fiscal note returned.

April 23, 1981

Died in Committee.

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 117
2 INTRODUCED BY Carlton Rusk Vinger
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5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO SUBMIT TO THE
6 QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE STATE OF MONTANA AMENDMENTS TO
7 ARTICLE VIII OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION TO RETURN THE
8 PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT OF PROPERTY SITUATED WITHIN A COUNTY
9 TO THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT."

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

11 Section 1. Section 3, Article VIII, of the Montana
12 constitution is amended to read:

13 "Section 3. Property tax administration. ~~The--state~~
14 ~~Each county~~ shall appraise, assess, and equalize the
15 valuation of all property ~~situated within the county,~~ which
16 is to be taxed in the manner provided by law."

17 Section 2. Section 4, Article VIII, of the Montana
18 constitution is amended to read:

19 "Section 4. Equal valuation. All taxing jurisdictions
20 shall use the assessed valuation of property established by
21 ~~the state a joint state-county taxation commission composed~~
22 ~~of representatives of state government, county governing~~
23 ~~bodies, and county assessing officers, as provided by law,~~
24 ~~which commission shall establish guidelines for equal~~
25 ~~appraisal and assessment and promulgate rules for equal~~

1 appraisal of all property within the state of Montana."

2 Section 3. Submission to electorate. This amendment
3 shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Montana
4 at the general election to be held November 4, 1982, by
5 printing on the ballot the title and the following:

6 ☐ FOR transferring property tax administration from
7 the state to the counties.

8 ☐ AGAINST transferring property tax administration
9 from the state to the counties.

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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 68-81

FISCAL NOTE

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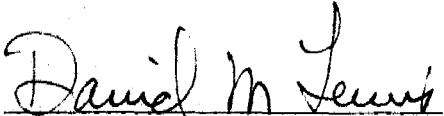
In compliance with a written request received January 9, 19 81, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House Bill 117 pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 4, Part 2 of the Montana Code Annotated (MCA). Background information used in developing this Fiscal Note is available from the Office of Budget and Program Planning, to members of the Legislature upon request.

Description of Proposed Legislation

An act to submit to the qualified electors of the State of Montana amendments to article VIII of the Montana Constitution to return the property tax assessment of property situated within a counto to the county government.

Fiscal Impact

The proposal may have some impact on state and local expenditures in late fiscal year 1983. It is impossible to give an estimate since the composition of the state-county taxation commission and the plan for transition from state to county control are not defined within the Constitutional amendment. Presumably, these will be determined by the 48th Legislative Session in 1983 if the amendment receives an affirmative vote in the 1983 general election. In any event, the fiscal impact will be minimal or nonexistent because the state would probably continue to bear the cost of tax assessment.



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