House Bill 327

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HOUSE BILL NO. 327 INTRIDUCED BY Kanduch Sefect 1 2

4 A PILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO SUBMIT TO THE 5 OUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III, 6 SECTION 4, OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION INCREASING THE NUMBER 7 OF QUALIFIED ELECTORS WHO MUST SIGN AN INITIATIVE PETITION 8 AND AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATURE TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF 9 INITIATIVES THAT MAY APPEAR ON THE BALLOT; AND PROVIDING AN 10 FEFECTIVE DATE FOR THE AMENDMENT."

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12 BE IT FNACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

13 Section 1. Article III, section 4, of the Constitution14 of the State of Montana, is amended to read:

13 "Section 4. Initiative. (1) The people may enact laws
16 by initiative on all matters except appropriations of money
17 and local or special laws.

(2) Initiative petitions must contain the full text of 10 the proposed measure, shall be signed by at least five 10 19 percent of the qualified electors in each of at least 20 21 one-third 40 of the legislative representative districts and 22 the total number of signers must be at least five 10 percent 23 of the total gualified electors of the state. Petitions 24 shall be filed with the secretary of state at least three 25 months prior to the election at which the measure will be

1 voted upon. 2 (3) The sufficiency of the initiative petition shall 3 not be questioned after the election is held. 4 [4] The legislature may ligit the number of 5 initiatives that may appear on the ballot." 6 Section 2. Effective date. If approved by the 7 electorate, this amendment is effective January 1, 1983. 8 Section 3. Submission to electorate. This amendment 9 shall be submitted to the electors at the general election 10 to be held November 2, 1982, by printing on the ballot the full title of this act and the following: 11 FOR increasing the number of gualified electors who 12 13 must sign an initiative petition and authorizing the 14 legislature to limit the number of initiatives that 15 may appear on the ballot. 16 AGAINST increasing the number of qualified electors 17 who must sign an initiative petition and authorizing 18 the legislature to limit the number of initiatives

that may appear on the ballot.

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