

House Bill 348

In The House

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Introduced and referred
to Committee on Judiciary.

February 7, 1981

Committee recommend bill
do not pass.

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 348
2 INTRODUCED BY *Metcalf* *Lizman* *Eric Stanger* *VINCENT*
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO SUBMIT TO THE
5 QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III,
6 SECTION 4, OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION TO REQUIRE A
7 TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF EACH HOUSE OF THE LEGISLATURE TO AMEND OR
8 REPEAL A LAW ENACTED BY INITIATIVE."

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

11 Section 1. Article III, Section 4, of the Constitution
12 of the State of Montana is amended to read:

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

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

25 (3) The sufficiency of the initiative petition shall

1 not be questioned after the election is held.

2 ~~(4) A law enacted by initiative is fully effective~~
3 ~~unless amended or repealed by a two-thirds vote of each~~
4 ~~house of the legislature."~~

5 Section 2. If approved by the electorate, this
6 amendment shall be effective immediately on such approval.

7 Section 3. Submission to electorate. This amendment
8 shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Montana
9 at the general election held November 2, 1982, by printing
10 on the ballot the full title of this act and the following
11 words:

12 FOR requiring a two-thirds vote of each house of the
13 legislature to amend or repeal a law enacted by
14 initiative.

15 AGAINST requiring a two-thirds vote of each house of
16 the legislature to amend or repeal a law enacted by
17 initiative.

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