

HOUSE BILL NO. 429

INTRODUCED BY VINCENT, FABREGA, BARDANOUE

IN THE HOUSE

January 23, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Rules.
January 31, 1981	Fiscal note requested.
February 4, 1981	Fiscal note returned.
February 13, 1981	Committee recommend bill do pass as amended. Report adopted.
February 14, 1981	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
February 16, 1981	Motion pass consideration until 38th legislative day.
February 17, 1981	Second reading, do pass as amended.
February 18, 1981	Correctly engrossed.
February 19, 1981	Third reading, passed. Ayes, 70; Noes, 30. Transmitted to Senate.

IN THE SENATE

February 20, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on State Administration.
March 26, 1981	Committee recommend bill be not concurred in as amended. Report not adopted.
March 28, 1981	Motion pass consideration.
March 30, 1981	Motion pass consideration.

March 31, 1981

Second reading, concurred in.

On motion rules suspended.
Bill placed on calendar for
third reading this day and
allowed to be transmitted on
71st legislative day.
Motion adopted.

Third reading, concurred in
as amended. Ayes, 28;
Noes, 22.

IN THE HOUSE

April 1, 1981

Returned from Senate with
amendments.

April 8, 1981

Second reading, pass
consideration.

April 13, 1981

Second reading, pass consider-
ation to the 85th legislative
day.

April 17, 1981

Second reading, pass consider-
ation to the 88th legislative
day.

April 20, 1981

Second reading, pass consideration.

April 22, 1981

Second reading, amendments
concurred in.

On motion rules suspended
and bill placed on third
reading this day.

Third reading, amendments
concurred in. Ayes, 83;
Noes, 14.

Third reading, extraordinary
vote. Ayes, 73; Noes, 26.
Sent to enrolling.

Reported correctly enrolled.

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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 261-81

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received February 2, 19 81, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House Bill 429 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:

House Bill No. 429 proposes amending the constitution to provide for annual legislative sessions beginning in 1983. The first session would be devoted to budget and finance matters and would be limited to 45 days. The second session would be limited to 60 days.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. Shorter sessions would obviate the need for a mid-session break. Round trip travel costs would be the same and are not considered.
2. The number of reimbursable Sundays would increase by 1. Staff and legislator salaries and legislator expense allowances would increase in proportion to the number of additional days.
3. Supply and equipment costs would not change appreciably and are not considered.

EXPENDITURE IMPACT:

All expenditures from the general fund in FY 1983.

	Current law	Proposed law
Personal Services	\$1,457,345	\$1,700,236
Operating Expense	<u>708,750</u>	<u>816,750</u>
Total	2,166,095	2,516,986

Net increase to the state will be \$350,891 for the biennium.

Daniel M Lewis

BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: 2-3-81

Approved by Comm.
on Rules

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SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT
(State Administration)

That House Bill No. 429 be amended as follows:

1. Title, line 8.

Following: "IN"

Strike: "EVEN-NUMBERED"

Insert: "ODD-NUMBERED"

2. Title, line 9.

Following: line 8

Strike: "ODD-NUMBERED"

Insert: "EVEN-NUMBERED"

3. Page 1, line 22.

Following: "in"

Strike: "even-numbered"

Insert: "odd-numbered"

4. Page 1, line 23.

Following: "in"

Strike: "odd-numbered"

Insert: "even-numbered"

5. Page 1, line 24.

Following: "IN"

Strike: "EVEN-NUMBERED"

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6. Page 2, line 4.

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