

House Bill 680

In The House

February 7, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on State Administration.
February 12, 1981	Committee recommend bill do not pass.
February 13, 1981	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
February 14, 1981	Second reading do not pass.
February 16, 1981	Motion to reconsider previous action and place back on second reading. Second reading do not pass.

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 680
2 INTRODUCED BY Keedy Bob Brown Untchewett
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO SUBMIT TO THE
5 ELECTORS OF MONTANA AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE VI, SECTION 10,
6 AND ARTICLE V, SECTION 6, OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION
7 REQUIRING THE LEGISLATURE TO CONVENE IN SPECIAL SESSION TO
8 RECONSIDER ANY VETOED BILL THAT HAD BEEN APPROVED BEFORE THE
9 VETO BY TWO-THIRDS OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING."

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

12 Section 1. Article VI, section 10, of the Constitution
13 of the State of Montana is amended to read:

14 "Section 10. Veto power. (1) Each bill passed by the
15 legislature, except bills proposing amendments to the
16 Montana constitution, bills ratifying proposed amendments to
17 the United States constitution, resolutions, and initiative
18 and referendum measures, shall be submitted to the governor
19 for his signature. If he does not sign or veto the bill
20 within five days after its delivery to him if the
21 legislature is in session or within 25 days if the
22 legislature is adjourned, it shall become law. The governor
23 shall return a vetoed bill to the legislature with a
24 statement of his reasons therefor.

25 (2) The governor may return any bill to the

1 legislature with his recommendation for amendment. If the
2 legislature passes the bill in accordance with the
3 governor's recommendation, it shall again return the bill to
4 the governor for his reconsideration. The governor shall not
5 return a bill for amendment a second time.

6 (3) If after receipt of a veto message, two-thirds of
7 the members present approve the bill, it shall become law.

8 (4) If the legislature is not in session when the
9 governor vetoes a bill, he shall return the bill with his
10 reasons therefor to the legislature as provided by law. ~~The
11 if the bill before the veto was approved by two-thirds of
12 the members present and voting, the legislature shall
13 reconvene in special session under procedures provided by
14 law to reconsider the bill. If the bill before the veto was
15 approved by less than two-thirds of the members present and
16 voting, the legislature may reconvene to reconsider any the
17 bill so-vetoed.~~

18 (5) The governor may veto items in appropriation
19 bills, and in such instances the procedure shall be the same
20 as upon veto of an entire bill."

21 Section 2. Article V, section 6, of the Constitution
22 of the State of Montana is amended to read:

23 "Section 6. Sessions. The legislature shall meet each
24 odd-numbered year in regular session of not more than 90
25 legislative days. Any legislature may increase the limit on

1 the length of any subsequent session. The legislature may be
2 convened in special sessions by the governor or at the
3 written request of a majority of the members. ~~However, the~~
4 ~~legislature shall convene in special session under~~
5 ~~procedures provided by law to reconsider any vetoed bill~~
6 ~~approved before the veto by two-thirds of the members~~
7 ~~present and voting."~~

8 Section 3. Effective date. If approved by the
9 electorate, these amendments shall be effective January 1,
10 1983.

11 Section 4. Submission to electorate. These amendments
12 shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Montana
13 at the general election to be held in November, 1982, by
14 printing on the ballot the full title of this act and the
15 following:

16 FOR requiring the legislature to convene in special
17 session to reconsider any vetoed bill approved
18 before the veto by two-thirds of the members present
19 and voting.

20 AGAINST requiring the legislature to convene in
21 special session to reconsider any vetoed bill
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