

HOUSE BILL NO. 804

INTRODUCED BY WILLIAMS, SWITZER, VINGER, ROTH, ASAY,
UNDERDAL, NEUMAN, DEVLIN, ZABROCKI

BY REQUEST OF THE HOUSE TAXATION COMMITTEE

IN THE HOUSE

February 18, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Taxation.
February 19, 1981	Fiscal note requested.
February 23, 1981	Fiscal note returned.
March 4, 1981	Committee recommend bill do pass. Report adopted.
March 5, 1981	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
March 7, 1981	Second reading, do pass.
March 9, 1981	Considered correctly engrossed.
March 10, 1981	Third reading, passed. Ayes, 94; Noes, 3. Transmitted to Senate.

IN THE SENATE

March 11, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Taxation.
March 27, 1981	Committee recommend bill be concurrent in. Report adopted.
March 30, 1981	Motion pass consideration.
March 31, 1981	Motion pass consideration.
April 1, 1981	Second reading, concurred in.
April 3, 1981	Third reading, concurred in. Ayes 46; Noes, 0.

IN THE HOUSE

April 4, 1981

Returned from Senate. Con-
curred in. Sent to enrolling.

Reported correctly enrolled.

HOUSE BILL NO. 804

INTRODUCED BY *William Switzer, Virginia R. Kelly, Andy Underdal, Newman Curtis, Zbranko*
BY REQUEST OF THE HOUSE TAXATION COMMITTEE

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO REVISE THE MILEAGE LIMITATIONS ON TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT THAT QUALIFIES FOR CLASS SEVEN TAXATION; AMENDING SECTION 15-6-137, MCA."

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

Section 1. Section 15-6-137, MCA, is amended to read:

"15-6-137. Class seven property -- description -- taxable percentage. (1) Class seven property includes:

(a) livestock, poultry, and unprocessed products of both;

(b) all property used and owned by persons, firms, corporations, or other organizations that are engaged in the business of furnishing telephone communications exclusively to rural areas or to rural areas and cities and towns of 800 persons or less;

(c) all property owned by cooperative rural electrical and cooperative rural telephone associations that serve less than 95% of the electricity consumers or telephone users within the incorporated limits of a city or town;

(d) electric transformers and meters; electric light

and power substation machinery; natural gas measuring and regulating station equipment, meters, and compressor station machinery owned by centrally assessed public utilities; and tools used in the repair and maintenance of this property; and

(e) tools, implements, and machinery used to repair and maintain machinery not used for manufacturing and mining purposes.

(2) To qualify for this classification, the average circuit miles for each station on the telephone communication system described in subsection (1)(b) must be more than ~~1-3/4~~ 1 mile.

(3) Class seven property is taxed at 3% of its market value."

-End-

-2- INTRODUCED BILL
HIB 804

STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. _____

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received February 20, 19 81, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House Bill 804 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

An act to revise the mileage limitations on telephone communications equipment that qualifies for class seven taxation.

FISCAL IMPACT

The proposed legislation has no fiscal impact. All telephone companies which presently qualify for treatment as class seven property will continue to do so. No new properties will be added to class seven as a result of enactment of this bill.

PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

David M. Lewis

BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: 2-23-81

Approved by Committee
on Taxation

HOUSE BILL NO. 804

INTRODUCED BY ~~William S. Switzer, Virginia R. Robb, Amy
Funderdal, Herman Perle, Elizabeth~~
BY REQUEST OF THE HOUSE TAXATION COMMITTEE

1
2
3
4
5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO REVISE THE MILEAGE
6 LIMITATIONS ON TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT THAT
7 QUALIFIES FOR CLASS SEVEN TAXATION; AMENDING SECTION
8 15-6-137, MCA."
9
10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
11 Section 1. Section 15-6-137, MCA, is amended to read:
12 "15-6-137. Class seven property -- description --
13 taxable percentage. (1) Class seven property includes:
14 (a) livestock, poultry, and unprocessed products of
15 both;
16 (b) all property used and owned by persons, firms,
17 corporations, or other organizations that are engaged in the
18 business of furnishing telephone communications exclusively
19 to rural areas or to rural areas and cities and towns of 800
20 persons or less;
21 (c) all property owned by cooperative rural electrical
22 and cooperative rural telephone associations that serve less
23 than 95% of the electricity consumers or telephone users
24 within the incorporated limits of a city or town;
25 (d) electric transformers and meters; electric light

1 and power substation machinery; natural gas measuring and
2 regulating station equipment, meters, and compressor station
3 machinery owned by centrally assessed public utilities; and
4 tools used in the repair and maintenance of this property;
5 and
6 (e) tools, implements, and machinery used to repair
7 and maintain machinery not used for manufacturing and mining
8 purposes.
9 (2) To qualify for this classification, the average
10 circuit miles for each station on the telephone
11 communication system described in subsection (1)(b) must be
12 more than ~~1-1/4~~ 1 mile.
13 (3) Class seven property is taxed at 3% of its market
14 value."

-End-

HOUSE BILL NO. 804

INTRODUCED BY *William Switzer, Vinson R. Almy*
Hunderdel, Norman Christy, Brooks
 BY REQUEST OF THE HOUSE TAXATION COMMITTEE

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO REVISE THE MILEAGE LIMITATIONS ON TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT THAT QUALIFIES FOR CLASS SEVEN TAXATION; AMENDING SECTION 15-6-137, MCA."

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

Section 1. Section 15-6-137, MCA, is amended to read:

"15-6-137. Class seven property -- description -- taxable percentage. (1) Class seven property includes:

(a) livestock, poultry, and unprocessed products of both;

(b) all property used and owned by persons, firms, corporations, or other organizations that are engaged in the business of furnishing telephone communications exclusively to rural areas or to rural areas and cities and towns of 300 persons or less;

(c) all property owned by cooperative rural electrical and cooperative rural telephone associations that serve less than 95% of the electricity consumers or telephone users within the incorporated limits of a city or town;

(d) electric transformers and meters; electric light

and power substation machinery; natural gas measuring and regulating station equipment, meters, and compressor station machinery owned by centrally assessed public utilities; and tools used in the repair and maintenance of this property; and

(e) tools, implements, and machinery used to repair and maintain machinery not used for manufacturing and mining purposes.

(2) To qualify for this classification, the average circuit miles for each station on the telephone communication system described in subsection (1)(b) must be more than ~~1-1/4~~ 1 mile.

(3) Class seven property is taxed at 8% of its market value."

-End-

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 804
 2 INTRODUCED BY WILLIAMS, SWITZER, VINGER, ROTH, ASAY,
 3 UNDERDAL, NEUMAN, DEVLIN, ZABROCKI
 4 BY REQUEST OF THE HOUSE TAXATION COMMITTEE
 5

6 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO REVISE THE MILEAGE
 7 LIMITATIONS ON TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT THAT
 8 QUALIFIES FOR CLASS SEVEN TAXATION; AMENDING SECTION
 9 15-6-137, MCA."
 10

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

12 Section 1. Section 15-6-137, MCA, is amended to read:

13 "15-6-137. Class seven property -- description --
 14 taxable percentage. (1) Class seven property includes:

15 (a) livestock, poultry, and unprocessed products of
 16 both;

17 (b) all property used and owned by persons, firms,
 18 corporations, or other organizations that are engaged in the
 19 business of furnishing telephone communications exclusively
 20 to rural areas or to rural areas and cities and towns of 800
 21 persons or less;

22 (c) all property owned by cooperative rural electrical
 23 and cooperative rural telephone associations that serve less
 24 than 95% of the electricity consumers or telephone users
 25 within the incorporated limits of a city or town;

1 (d) electric transformers and meters; electric light
 2 and power substation machinery; natural gas measuring and
 3 regulating station equipment, meters, and compressor station
 4 machinery owned by centrally assessed public utilities; and
 5 tools used in the repair and maintenance of this property;
 6 and

7 (e) tools, implements, and machinery used to repair
 8 and maintain machinery not used for manufacturing and mining
 9 purposes.

10 (2) To qualify for this classification, the average
 11 circuit miles for each station on the telephone
 12 communication system described in subsection (1)(b) must be
 13 more than ~~1-1/4~~ miles 1 mile.

14 (3) Class seven property is taxed at 8% of its market
 15 value."

-End-