

Senate Joint Resolution 9

In The Senate

January 30, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Judiciary.
February 19, 1981	Committee recommend bill do pass as amended.
February 20, 1981	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
February 21, 1981	Motion pass consideration.
February 23, 1981	Second reading do pass.
February 24, 1981	Correctly engrossed.
February 25, 1981	Third reading passed.

In The House

March 3, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on State Administration.
March 18, 1981	Committee recommend bill not concurred.

In The Senate

March 19, 1981	Returned from House not concurred.
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2 INTRODUCED BY Turnage

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5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA DIRECTING THE  
6 ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF LEGISLATIVE AND  
7 PUBLIC MEMBERS TO DIRECT THE TRANSITION OF THE OFFICE OF THE  
8 CODE COMMISSIONER FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO THE  
9 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION.

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12 arm of the legislative branch of government of the State of  
13 Montana; and

14 WHEREAS, the demands of the Legislature are increasing  
15 with every legislative session; and

16 WHEREAS, the Legislative Council is required to assist  
17 the Legislature during legislative sessions and the interim;  
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19 WHEREAS, the demands placed upon the Legislative  
20 Council are increasing at a rapid pace; and

21 WHEREAS, the Legislative Council, by and through the  
22 office of the Code Commissioner, is also required by law to  
23 recodify, publish, and distribute the Montana Code  
24 Annotated; and

25 WHEREAS, since the director of the Legislative Council

1 is vested with sufficient duties to be a full-time position  
2 and the office of Code Commissioner is similarly vested with  
3 full-time responsibilities, it is a false economy to ask one  
4 person to perform both functions and it is unfair to the  
5 person concerned; and

6 WHEREAS, the function of the Code Commissioner could be  
7 adequately performed by the Department of Administration,  
8 with the Supreme Court of the State of Montana having  
9 supervisory authority over the Code Commissioner.

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11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE  
12 OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

13 That a committee be appointed to plan transition of the  
14 Office of the Code Commissioner from the Legislative Council  
15 to the Department of Administration and that the Supreme  
16 Court of the State of Montana be given supervisory authority  
17 over distribution of the Montana Code Annotated.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee shall  
19 consist of four legislators and two judicial officers. The  
20 two members from the Senate shall be appointed by the  
21 Committee on Committees and the two members from the House  
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23 more than one member of each house may be of the same  
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25 serve on the committee. The two judicial officers, who may

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1 be justices of the Supreme Court or district judges, shall  
2 be appointed by the Montana Supreme Court.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee shall report  
4 its recommendations to the Forty-eighth Legislature on the  
5 manner in which the transition should occur.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee shall be  
7 funded by the Legislative Council, that the committee shall  
8 elect one of its members as chairman and may elect other  
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Senate Joint  
12 Resolution is effective on passage and approval of Senate  
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Approved by Committee  
on Judiciary

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is vested with sufficient duties to be a full-time position and the office of Code Commissioner is similarly vested with full-time responsibilities, it is a false economy to ask one person to perform both functions and it is unfair to the person concerned; and

WHEREAS, the function of the Code Commissioner could be adequately performed by the Department of Administration, with the Supreme Court of the State of Montana having supervisory authority over the Code Commissioner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

That a committee be appointed to plan STUDY A transition of the Office of the Code Commissioner from the Legislative Council to the Department of Administration ~~and that--the--Supreme--Court--of--the--State--of--Montana--be--given supervisory--authority--over--distribution--of--the--Montana--Code Annotated.~~

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