

HOUSE BILL NO. 746
INTRODUCED BY O'CONNELL

IN THE HOUSE

February 9, 1985	Introduced and referred to Committee on Local Government.
February 18, 1985	Committee recommend bill do pass. Report adopted. Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
February 20, 1985	Second reading, do pass. Considered correctly engrossed.
February 21, 1985	Third reading, passed. Transmitted to Senate.

IN THE SENATE

February 22, 1985	Introduced and referred to Committee on Local Government.
March 18, 1985	Committee recommend bill be concurring in. Report adopted.
March 21, 1985	Second reading, concurred in.
March 23, 1985	Third reading, concurred in. Ayes, 49; Noes, 0. Returned to House.

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March 25, 1985	Received from Senate. Sent to enrolling. Reported correctly enrolled.
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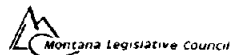
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