

HOUSE BILL NO. 883

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2/19 Referred to Local Government
2/21 Hearing
2/22 Committee Report-Bill Do Pass
2/25 2nd Reading Pass
2/27 3rd Reading Pass

Transmitted to Senate

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3/29 Adverse Committee Report
3/29 Bill Killed

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2 INTRODUCED BY Kadon
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5 FOR WHICH A COUNTY MAY INCUR INDEBTEDNESS; PROVIDING THAT A
6 DEBT FOR MORE THAN \$150,000 MUST BE SUBMITTED FOR A VOTE OF
7 THE ELECTORS; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-7-2401 AND 7-7-2402, MCA."
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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
10 Section 1. Section 7-7-2401, MCA, is amended to read:
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12 indebtedness -- purposes. The board of county commissioners
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14 restrictions--as--are--prescribed--by--law, to borrow-money
15 contract an indebtedness, on behalf of and upon the credit
16 of the county, to--meet--current--expenses--if-the-county
17 revenue-is-insufficient by borrowing money or issuing bonds
18 for the following purposes:
19 (1) erection of public buildings;
20 (2) construction of sewers, sewage treatment and
21 disposal plants, waterworks, reservoirs, reservoir sites,
22 and lighting plants;
23 (3) supplying domestic water by contract and the
24 construction or purchase of canals or ditches and water
25 rights for supplying domestic water; and

1 (4) the purchase of fire apparatus and street and
2 other equipment."
3 Section 2. Section 7-7-2402, MCA, is amended to read:
4 "7-7-2402. Election required to borrow money --
5 exceptions. (1) Except as provided in subsection (3), the
6 board of county commissioners must may not borrow money for
7 any of the purposes mentioned in this title or for any
8 single purpose to an amount exceeding ~~\$10,000~~ \$150,000
9 without:
10 (a) first having submitted the question of a loan to a
11 vote of the electors of the county; and
12 (b) the approval of a majority of the electors of the
13 county.
14 (2) If a majority of the votes cast are in favor of
15 the loan, then the board may make the loan, issuing bonds or
16 otherwise as may seem best for the interests of the county.
17 (3) It shall not be necessary to submit to the
18 electors the question of borrowing money:
19 (a) to refund outstanding bonds; or
20 (b) for the purpose of enabling any county to
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