

HOUSE BILL NO. 950

3/27 Introduced
3/27 Referred to Appropriations
3/31 Hearing
4/01 Committee Report-Bill Pass As Amended
4/03 2nd Reading Pass
4/04 3rd Reading Pass

Transmitted to Senate

4/13 On Motion Rules Suspended
 To Accept For Consideration
4/15 Referred to Rules
4/16 Hearing
4/16 Rereferred to Local Government
4/19 Hearing
4/22 Tabled in Committee

1 township five (5) north, range fourteen (14) west, thence
 2 running east to the southeast corner of township six (6)
 3 north, range twelve (12) west, thence running north
 4 following the lines between ranges eleven (11) and twelve
 5 (12) west, to an intersection with the divide between Big
 6 Blackfoot and Hell Gate rivers, thence westerly along the
 7 summit of the divide to an intersection with the range line
 8 between ranges thirteen (13) and fourteen (14) west, thence
 9 north along said range line to the northeast corner of
 10 section one (1), township twelve (12) north, range fourteen
 11 (14) west, thence west along the township line between
 12 townships twelve (12) and thirteen (13) north, to the
 13 northwest corner of section six (6), township twelve (12)
 14 north, range fourteen (14) west, thence south to the
 15 southwest corner of section seven (7), township twelve (12)
 16 north, range fourteen (14) west, thence west to the
 17 northwest corner of section fifteen (15), township twelve
 18 (12) north, range fifteen (15) west, thence south to the
 19 southwest corner of section thirty-four (34), township
 20 twelve (12) north, range fifteen (15) west, thence west to
 21 the northwest corner of section six (6), township eleven (11)
 22 north, range fifteen (15) west, thence south to the
 23 northeast corner of section twelve (12), township eleven
 24 (11) north, range sixteen (16) west, thence west to the
 25 north-quarter corner of section twelve (12), township eleven

1 (11) north, range sixteen (16) west, which is the northwest
 2 corner of lot one (1) of section twelve (12), township
 3 eleven (11) north, range sixteen (16) west, thence south to
 4 the south-quarter corner of section twelve (12), township
 5 eleven (11) north, range sixteen (16) west, which is the
 6 southwest corner of lot four (4) of said section twelve
 7 (12), thence west to the northwest corner of section
 8 eighteen (18), township eleven (11) north, range sixteen
 9 (16) west, thence south to the southwest corner of section
 10 thirty-one (31), township eleven (11) north, range sixteen
 11 (16) west, thence running west thence running west along the
 12 third standard parallel to the southeast corner of section
 13 36, township thirteen (13) north, range eighteen (18) west,
 14 principal meridian, Montana, thence north along the eastern
 15 boundary of section 36 to the northeast corner of said
 16 section 36, thence west along the northern boundary of said
 17 section 36 to the northwest corner of said section 36,
 18 thence south along the western boundary of said section 36
 19 to the third standard parallel at the southwest corner of
 20 said section 36, thence running east along the third
 21 standard parallel to the northwest corner of section 5,
 22 township twelve (12) north, range eighteen (18) west,
 23 principal meridian, Montana, thence south to the southwest
 24 corner of section 32, township 11 north, range eighteen (18)
 25 west, principal meridian, Montana, thence running east along

1 the township line between townships ten (10) and eleven (11)
 2 north, to an intersection with the summit of the divide
 3 between the Bitter Root river and Rock creek, thence running
 4 in a southerly direction following the summit of said divide
 5 to its intersection with the continental divide, thence
 6 following the continental divide in a general northeasterly
 7 direction to its intersection with the line between ranges
 8 thirteen (13) and fourteen (14) west, thence north following
 9 the said line to the place of beginning. The county seat is
 10 Philipsburg, Montana.

11 The boundaries of Missoula County are amended to
 12 conform to the provisions of Chapter 223, Laws of 1943."

13 Section 2. Section 16-232, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to
 14 read:

15 "Missoula County. Beginning at the intersection of the
 16 center of the channel of the Flathead river with the south
 17 line of the north tier of sections of township twenty-one
 18 (21) north; running thence southerly along the center of the
 19 main channel of the said Flathead or Pend d'Oreille river to
 20 its intersection with the south boundary line of township
 21 nineteen (19) north, range twenty-one (21) west, said point
 22 being approximately two (2) miles east of the southwest
 23 corner of said township; thence east on the line between
 24 townships eighteen (18) and nineteen (19) north, to the
 25 point where said line intersects the line between ranges

1 twenty (20) and twenty-one (21) west; thence south on said
 2 line between ranges twenty (20) and twenty-one (21) west, to
 3 the summit of the range of mountains commonly called the
 4 Coeur d'Alene, said mountains dividing the waters of the
 5 Missoula and Pend d'Oreille or Flathead rivers; thence
 6 westerly along said summit of the Coeur d'Alene mountains,
 7 to a point where said summit intersects the summit of the
 8 watershed dividing the waters of the Missoula and Clarks
 9 Fork rivers; thence westerly along said summit dividing the
 10 waters of the Missoula and Clarks Fork rivers to the
 11 northeast corner of section five (5), township seventeen
 12 (17) north, range twenty-five (25) west; thence running
 13 south to the southwest corner of section nine (9), township
 14 seventeen (17) north, range twenty-five (25) west; thence
 15 running east to the southeast corner of said section nine
 16 (9); thence running south to the southwest corner of section
 17 fifteen (15), township seventeen (17) north, range
 18 twenty-five (25) west; thence running east to the northeast
 19 corner of section twenty-four (24); township seventeen (17)
 20 north, range twenty-five (25) west; thence running south to
 21 the southeast corner of section thirty-six (36), township
 22 seventeen (17) north, range twenty-five (25) west; thence
 23 running east to the northeast corner of section one (1),
 24 township sixteen (16) north, range twenty-five (25) west;
 25 thence running south to the southeast corner of said section

1 one (1); thence running east to the northeast corner of
2 section eight (8), township sixteen (16) north, range
3 twenty-four (24) west; thence running south to the southeast
4 corner of section seventeen (17), township sixteen (16)
5 north, range twenty-four (24) west; thence running east to
6 the northeast corner of section twenty-one (21), township
7 sixteen (16) north, range twenty-four (24) west; thence
8 running south to the southeast corner of said section
9 twenty-one (21); thence running east to the northeast corner
10 of section twenty-six (26), township sixteen (16) north,
11 range twenty-four (24) west; thence running south to the
12 southwest corner of section thirty-six (36), township
13 sixteen (16) north, range twenty-four (24) west; thence
14 running east to the southeast corner of said section
15 thirty-six (36); thence running south to the southwest
16 corner of section seven (7), township fifteen (15) north,
17 range twenty-three (23) west; thence running east to the
18 northeast corner of section fifteen (15), township fifteen
19 (15) north, range twenty-three (23) west; thence running
20 south to the southwest corner of section twenty-six (26),
21 township fifteen (15) north, range twenty-three (23) west;
22 thence running east to the northeast corner of section
23 thirty-one (31), township fifteen (15) north, range
24 twenty-two (22) west; thence running south to the southeast
25 corner of said section thirty-one (31); thence running west

1 to the quarter corner on the north line of section one (1),
2 township fourteen (14) north, range twenty-three (23) west;
3 thence running south to an intersection with the center of
4 the channel of the Missoula river; thence running in a
5 northwesterly direction, following the center of the channel
6 of the Missoula river to its intersection with the line
7 dividing townships fourteen (14) and fifteen (15) north;
8 thence running west to the northeast corner of section five
9 (5), township fourteen (14) north, range twenty-three (23)
10 west; thence running south to the southeast corner of said
11 section five (5); thence running west to the southwest
12 corner of said section five (5); thence running south to the
13 southeast corner of section eighteen (18), township fourteen
14 (14) north, range twenty-three (23) west; thence running
15 west to the southwest corner of said section eighteen (18);
16 said point being on the Lo Lo guide meridian; thence running
17 south on the Lo Lo guide meridian to the third standard
18 parallel north; thence running east to the northeast corner
19 of section one (1), township twelve (12) north, range
20 twenty-four (24) west; thence running south to the southeast
21 corner of section thirty-six (36), township twelve (12)
22 north, range twenty-four (24) west; thence running west to
23 the northwest corner of section six (6), township eleven
24 (11) north, range twenty-four (24) west; thence running
25 south to the Montana-Idaho state line; thence running in a

1 general southeasterly direction following said line to the
 2 intersection with the south line of township eleven (11)
 3 north, range twenty-two (22) west; thence running east along
 4 the line between townships ten (10) and eleven (11) north;
 5 ~~to an intersection with the center of the channel of Rock~~
 6 ~~creek; thence running in a northerly direction following~~
 7 ~~down the center of the channel of Rock creek to the center~~
 8 ~~of the channel of the Hell Gate river; thence running in an~~
 9 ~~easterly direction up the center of the old original channel~~
 10 ~~of said river as the same existed at the time of the~~
 11 ~~creation of Missoula county; to an intersection with a line~~
 12 ~~projected due north from the top of Medicine Tree hill; said~~
 13 ~~natural monument being located in township eleven (11)~~
 14 ~~north, range fifteen (15) west; thence running north along~~
 15 ~~said line to the top of the divide between the Hell Gate and~~
 16 ~~Blackfoot rivers; thence running in an easterly direction~~
 17 ~~following the summit of said divide to its intersection with~~
 18 ~~the east line of township twelve (12) north, range fourteen~~
 19 ~~(14) west; to the southeast corner of section 31, township~~
 20 eleven (11) north, range eighteen (18) west, principal
 21 meridian, Montana; thence north along the section boundaries
 22 to the third standard parallel, principal meridian, Montana;
 23 thence east to the southwest corner of section 36, township
 24 thirteen (13) north, range eighteen (18) west, principal
 25 meridian, Montana; thence north to the northwest corner of

1 said section 36; thence east to the northeast corner of said
 2 section 36; thence south along the eastern boundary of
 3 section 36 to the third standard parallel at the southeast
 4 corner of section 36, township thirteen (13) north, range
 5 eighteen (18) west, principal meridian, Montana; thence east
 6 along the third standard parallel to the range line between
 7 range fourteen (14) west and range thirteen (13) west at the
 8 southeast corner of township thirteen (13) north, range
 9 fourteen (14) west, principal meridian, Montana; thence
 10 running north along the line between ranges thirteen (13)
 11 and fourteen (14) west, observing the offsets and
 12 corrections thereto to the northeast corner of township
 13 sixteen (16) north, range fourteen (14) west; thence running
 14 west along the fourth standard parallel north to an
 15 intersection with a line heretofore described as being
 16 projected due north from the top of Medicine Tree hill;
 17 thence running north along said line to an intersection with
 18 the south line of the north tier of sections of township
 19 twenty-one (21) north, range fifteen (15) west; thence
 20 running west along the south line of the north tier of
 21 sections of township twenty-one (21) north to the place of
 22 beginning. The county seat is Missoula, Montana."

23 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Procedure for change of
 24 boundary. (1) The question of whether the boundaries of
 25 Granite and Missoula Counties shall be changed as provided

1 in sections 1 and 2 shall be placed on the ballots of each
2 county at a date determined by a joint meeting of the boards
3 of county commissioners of Granite and Missoula Counties. If
4 approved by a majority of those voting on the question in
5 each of the counties, the boundaries as amended in sections
6 1 and 2 are effective 120 days after the date of the
7 election.

8 (2) If the change of boundaries is approved by the
9 electorate, officials and employees of Granite and Missoula
10 Counties shall cooperate to effect an orderly, expeditious,
11 and fair transition for the boundary change. Provisions
12 relating to county records, indebtedness, liabilities,
13 assets, and taxation shall be as provided in Title 7,
14 chapter 2, part 1, and 7-2-2102.

15 NEW SECTION. Section 4. Appropriation. There is
16 appropriated to the Department of Administration \$1,000 from
17 the general fund for distribution to the Counties of Granite
18 and Missoula, based upon the number of persons in each
19 county voting on the question presented in section 3, to be
20 used for the costs of such election.

21 NEW SECTION. Section 5. Effective date. This act is
22 effective on passage and approval.

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1 HOUSE BILL NO. 950

2 INTRODUCED BY JANET MOORE, SWIFT

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CHANGING THE COUNTY
5 BOUNDARY BETWEEN GRANITE AND MISSOULA COUNTIES IN ORDER TO
6 INCLUDE THE AREA KNOWN AS THE CLINTON AREA IN GRANITE
7 COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL OF THE ELECTORS OF BOTH
8 COUNTIES AS REQUIRED BY THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION; PROVIDING
9 FOR COUNTY RECORDS, INDEBTEDNESS, AND TAXATION; AMENDING
10 SECTIONS 16-220 AND 16-232, R.C.M. 1947; PROVIDING AN
11 APPROPRIATION; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."
12

13 WHEREAS, Article II, section 1, of the Montana
14 constitution states, in part, "All political power is vested
15 in and derived from the people. All government of right
16 originates with the people, is founded on their will only
17 ..."; and

18 WHEREAS, Article II, section 2, of the Montana
19 constitution states, in part, "The people have the exclusive
20 right of governing themselves as a free, sovereign, and
21 independent state."; and

22 WHEREAS, the community of Clinton and the surrounding
23 area, comprising some 205 sections, more or less, is herein
24 referred to as the "Clinton area"; and

25 WHEREAS, Missoula County and Granite County are both

1 political subdivisions of the State of Montana, are adjacent
2 to each other, and are both adjacent to the Clinton area;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, MANY OF the people and landowners of the
5 Clinton area find that the philosophies, activities, and
6 spirit of the government of Missoula County are highly urban
7 and academic in nature and are highly incompatible with
8 their own essentially rural lifestyles and attitudes; and

9 WHEREAS, MANY OF the people and landowners of the
10 Clinton area find that the philosophies, activities, and
11 spirit of the government of Granite County are much more in
12 harmony with their own lifestyles and attitudes; and

13 WHEREAS, Article XI, sections 2 and 7(c), of the
14 Montana constitution clearly contemplate the opportunity for
15 land transfers between counties; and

16 WHEREAS, MANY OF the people of the Clinton area desire
17 to withdraw from Missoula County and join Granite County;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Title 7, chapter 2, parts 1 through 27, of the
20 Montana Code Annotated fail to stipulate a specific process
21 for this change.

22
23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

24 Section 1. Section 16-220, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to
25 read:



1 "Granite County. Beginning at the northeast corner of
 2 township five (5) north, range fourteen (14) west, thence
 3 running east to the southeast corner of township six (6)
 4 north, range twelve (12) west, thence running north
 5 following the lines between ranges eleven (11) and twelve
 6 (12) west, to an intersection with the divide between Big
 7 Blackfoot and Hell Gate rivers, thence westerly along the
 8 summit of the divide to an intersection with the range line
 9 between ranges thirteen (13) and fourteen (14) west, thence
 10 north along said range line to the northeast corner of
 11 section one (1), township twelve (12) north, range fourteen
 12 (14) west, thence west along the township line between
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 22 the northwest corner of section six (6) township eleven (11)
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 24 northeast corner of section twelve (12), township eleven
 25 (11) north, range sixteen (16) west, thence west to the

1 north-quarter-corner-of-section-twelve (12), township eleven
 2 (11) north, range sixteen (16) west, which is the northwest
 3 corner of lot one (1) of section twelve (12), township
 4 eleven (11) north, range sixteen (16) west, thence south to
 5 the south-quarter-corner-of-section-twelve (12), township
 6 eleven (11) north, range sixteen (16) west, which is the
 7 southwest corner of lot four (4) of said section twelve
 8 (12), thence west to the northwest corner of section
 9 eighteen (18), township eleven (11) north, range sixteen
 10 (16) west, thence south to the southwest corner of section
 11 thirty-one (31), township eleven (11) north, range sixteen
 12 (16) west, thence running west thence running west along the
 13 third standard parallel to the southeast corner of section
 14 36, township thirteen (13) north, range eighteen (18) west,
 15 principal meridian, Montana, thence north along the eastern
 16 boundary of section 36 to the northeast corner of said
 17 section 36, thence west along the northern boundary of said
 18 section 36 to the northwest corner of said section 36,
 19 thence south along the western boundary of said section 36
 20 to the third standard parallel at the southwest corner of
 21 said section 36, thence running east along the third
 22 standard parallel to the northwest corner of section 5,
 23 township twelve (12) north, range eighteen (18) west,
 24 principal meridian, Montana, thence south to the southwest
 25 corner of section 32, township 11 north, range eighteen (18)

1 west, principal meridian, Montana, thence running east along
 2 the township line between townships ten (10) and eleven (11)
 3 north, to an intersection with the summit of the divide
 4 between the Bitter Root river and Rock creek, thence running
 5 in a southerly direction following the summit of said divide
 6 to its intersection with the continental divide, thence
 7 following the continental divide in a general northeasterly
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 10 Fork rivers; thence westerly along said summit dividing the
 11 waters of the Missoula and Clarks Fork rivers to the
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 13 (17) north, range twenty-five (25) west; thence running
 14 south to the southwest corner of section nine (9), township
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 20 corner of section twenty-four (24); township seventeen (17)
 21 north, range twenty-five (25) west; thence running south to
 22 the southeast corner of section thirty-six (36), township
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 24 running east to the northeast corner of section one (1),
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1 thence running south to the southeast corner of said section
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 3 section eight (8), township sixteen (16) north, range
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 7 the northeast corner of section twenty-one (21), township
 8 sixteen (16) north, range twenty-four (24) west; thence
 9 running south to the southeast corner of said section
 10 twenty-one (21); thence running east to the northeast corner
 11 of section twenty-six (26), township sixteen (16) north,
 12 range twenty-four (24) west; thence running south to the
 13 southwest corner of section thirty-six (36), township
 14 sixteen (16) north, range twenty-four (24) west; thence
 15 running east to the southeast corner of said section
 16 thirty-six (36); thence running south to the southwest
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 19 northeast corner of section fifteen (15), township fifteen
 20 (15) north, range twenty-three (23) west; thence running
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 24 thirty-one (31), township fifteen (15) north, range
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 5 the channel of the Missoula river; thence running in a
 6 northwesterly direction, following the center of the channel
 7 of the Missoula river to its intersection with the line
 8 dividing townships fourteen (14) and fifteen (15) north;
 9 thence running west to the northeast corner of section five
 10 (5), township fourteen (14) north, range twenty-three (23)
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 12 section five (5); thence running west to the southwest
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 8 down the center of the channel of Rock creek to the center
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 10 easterly direction up the center of the old original channel
 11 of said river as the same existed at the time of the
 12 creation of Missoula county, to an intersection with a line
 13 projected due north from the top of Medicine Tree hill, said
 14 natural monument being located in township eleven (11)
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