

SENATE BILL NO. 456

2/20 Introduced
2/20 Referred to Local Government
2/23 Hearing
2/25 Minor Committee Report Not Adopted
2/25 Major Committee Report Adopted
2/25 Adverse Committee Report
2/25 Bill Killed

1 *Senate* BILL NO. *456*
2 INTRODUCED BY *Ken Russell Verellenburg*
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE
5 LOCAL GOVERNMENT INITIATIVE PROCESS EXTENDS TO ALL
6 LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT WITH CERTAIN
7 ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES; AMENDING SECTION 7-5-131, MCA; AND
8 PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."
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10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
11 Section 1. Section 7-5-131, MCA, is amended to read:
12 "7-5-131. Right of initiative and referendum. (1) The
13 powers of initiative and referendum are reserved to the
14 electors of each local government. Resolutions, and
15 ordinances, and other legislative actions within the
16 legislative jurisdiction and power of the governing body of
17 the local government, except those set out in subsection
18 (2), may be proposed or amended and prior resolutions and
19 ordinances may be repealed in the manner provided in 7-5-132
20 through 7-5-137.
21 (2) The powers of initiative shall not extend to the
22 following:
23 (a) the annual budget;
24 (b) bond proceedings, except for ordinances
25 authorizing bonds;

1 (c) the establishment and collection of charges
2 pledged for the payment of principal and interest on bonds;
3 or
4 (d) the levy of special assessments pledged for the
5 payment of principal and interest on bonds.
6 (3) Any action of a governing body or officer of a
7 local government that would have a total economic
8 consequence greater than the amount of money that would be
9 raised by a property tax of 2 mills levied by such local
10 government is an action within the legislative jurisdiction
11 of the governing body of the local government as that phrase
12 is used in subsection (1) and is subject to the electors'
13 power of initiative."
14 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Effective date. This act is
15 effective on passage and approval.

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