

SENATE BILL NO. 457

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2/22 Committee Report-Bill Pass As Amended
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Senate BILL NO. 457

INTRODUCED BY *McCallister*

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 16-224 AND 16-247, R.C.M. 1947, TO CHANGE THE COUNTY BOUNDARY BETWEEN SANDERS AND LAKE COUNTIES; PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL OF THE ELECTORS OF BOTH COUNTIES AS REQUIRED BY THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THE BOUNDARY CHANGE IF APPROVED."

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

Section 1. Section 16-247, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read:

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

line between ranges twenty (20) and twenty-one (21) west, to the southeast corner of section thirty-six (36), township eighteen (18) north, range twenty-one (21) west; thence west along the line between townships seventeen (17) north and eighteen (18) north to the southeast corner of section thirty-six (36), township eighteen (18) north, range twenty-one (21) west; thence south along the line between range twenty-one (21) west and range twenty-two (22) west to the southwest corner of section thirty-six (36), township seventeen (17) north, range twenty-two (22) west; thence west on the northern border of section thirty-six (36), township seventeen (17) north, range twenty-two (22) west to the northeast corner of section two (2), township sixteen (16) north, range twenty-two (22) west; thence south along the eastern line of sections two (2), eleven (11), and fourteen (14), township sixteen (16) north, range twenty-two (22) west, to the summit of the range of mountains commonly called the Coeur d'Alene, said mountains dividing the waters of the Missoula and Pend d'Oreille or Flathead rivers; thence westerly along said summit of the Coeur d'Alene mountains to a point where said summit intersects the summit of the watershed dividing the waters of the Missoula and Clark's Fork rivers; thence westerly along said summit dividing the waters of the Missoula and Clark's Fork rivers to the point where said summit intersects the Horse Plains

1 guide meridian; thence due north along said Horse Plains
 2 guide meridian to the northeast corner of section
 3 twenty-five (25) in township eighteen (18) north, range
 4 twenty-six (26) west; thence due west three (3) miles to the
 5 southwest corner of section twenty-two (22), in said
 6 township and range; thence due north one (1) mile to the
 7 northeast corner of section twenty-one (21) in said township
 8 and range; thence due west to the line between ranges
 9 twenty-six (26) and twenty-seven (27) west; thence north on
 10 the line between ranges twenty-six (26) and twenty-seven
 11 (27) west; thence north on the line between ranges
 12 twenty-six (26) and twenty-seven (27) west, to the summit of
 13 the Coeur d'Alene mountains; thence westerly along the
 14 summit of said Coeur d'Alene mountains to the boundary line
 15 between the state of Montana and the state of Idaho, and
 16 northerly along said boundary line to an intersection with
 17 the divide between the Clark's Fork of the Columbia and the
 18 Kootenai rivers; thence running in an easterly and
 19 southeasterly direction following the summit of said divide
 20 to an intersection with the south line, or the south line
 21 extended, of section twelve (12), township twenty-six (26)
 22 north, range twenty-eight (28) west; thence running east
 23 seven (7) miles, more or less, along the south line of said
 24 section twelve (12) and the south line of sections seven
 25 (7), eight (8), nine (9), ten (10), eleven (11) and twelve

1 (12), township twenty-six (26) north, range twenty-seven
 2 (27) west, to the southeast corner of section twelve (12),
 3 township twenty-six (26) north, range twenty-seven (27)
 4 west; thence south to the southwest corner of section
 5 eighteen (18), township twenty-six (26) north, range
 6 twenty-six (26) west; thence east one (1) mile to the
 7 southeast corner of said section eighteen (18); thence south
 8 along the section line to the southeast corner of section
 9 thirty-one (31), township twenty-five (25) north, range
 10 twenty-six (26) west; thence east along the sixth standard
 11 parallel north to the northeast corner of township
 12 twenty-four (24) north, range twenty-four (24) west; thence
 13 south on the line between ranges twenty-three (23) and
 14 twenty-four (24) west to the southwest--corner--of--section
 15 eighteen--(18);--township--twenty-three--(23)--north;--range
 16 twenty-three--(23)--west;--thence--east--one--(1)--mile--to--the
 17 southeast--corner--of--said--section--eighteen--(18);--thence--south
 18 a--distance--of--ten--(10)--miles--more--or--less--following--the
 19 section--line--to--the--southeast--corner--of--section--six--(6);
 20 township--twenty-one--(21)--north;--range--twenty-three--(23)--west
 21 southeast corner of township twenty-four (24) north, range
 22 twenty-four (24) west; thence east on the line between
 23 township twenty-three (23) north and twenty-four (24) north
 24 to the northeast corner of section three (3), township
 25 twenty-three (23) north, range twenty-three (23) west;

1 thence south along the eastern section lines of sections
 2 three (3), fourteen (14), fifteen (15), and twenty-two (22),
 3 township twenty-three (23) north, range twenty-three (23)
 4 west, to the southeast corner of section twenty-two (22),
 5 township twenty-three (23) north, range twenty-three (23)
 6 west; thence west along the southern line of said section to
 7 its southeast corner; thence south along the east section
 8 lines of sections twenty-eight (28) and thirty-three (33),
 9 township twenty-three (23) north, range twenty-three (23)
 10 west, to the northeast corner of section four (4), township
 11 twenty-two (22) north, range twenty-three (23) west; thence
 12 east along the line between townships twenty-two (22) north
 13 and twenty-three (23) north to the northeast corner of
 14 section one (1), township twenty-two (22) north, range
 15 twenty-three (23) west; thence south along the line between
 16 ranges twenty-two (22) west and twenty-three (23) west to
 17 the northeast corner of section thirty-six (36), township
 18 twenty-two (22) north, range twenty-three (23) west; thence
 19 east along the northern lines of sections thirty-one (31)
 20 and thirty-two (32) to the northeast corner of section
 21 thirty-two (32), township twenty-two (22) north, range
 22 twenty-two (22) west; thence south along the east lines of
 23 said section and section five (5) to the line between
 24 townships twenty-one (21) north and twenty-two (22) north;
 25 thence east following the south line of the north tier of

1 sections of township twenty-one (21) north, to the place of
 2 beginning. The county seat is Thompson Falls, Montana."

3 Section 2. Section 16-224, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to
 4 read:

5 "Lake County. Commencing at the northwest corner of
 6 township 25 north, range 22 west, M. M., thence east on said
 7 township line to the east shore of Flathead lake; thence in
 8 a general northerly direction along said lake shore to the
 9 meander corner on the south line of section 12, township 26
 10 north, range 20 west, Montana meridian; thence east along
 11 the south line of said section 12, township 26 north, range
 12 20 west, and continuing east along the south line of section
 13 7, township 26 north, range 19 west, to the southeast corner
 14 of said section; thence north along the east side of said
 15 section 7 to the northeast corner of said section; thence
 16 east along the south line of section 5, township 26 north,
 17 range 19 west, to the southeast corner of said section 5;
 18 thence north along the east side of said section 5 to the
 19 north line of township 26 north, range 19 west, M. M.;
 20 thence east along the north line of township 26 north, range
 21 19 west, and said township line extended to the summit of
 22 the Swan range of the Rocky mountains; thence in a general
 23 southeasterly direction along the Swan divide between the
 24 Swan river and the south fork of the Flathead river,
 25 approximately three miles, to Red Owl mountain; thence

1 continuing southeasterly and southerly along the summit of
 2 said divide, approximately 20 miles to Swan peak; thence
 3 southerly along said divide to a point where a line so drawn
 4 intersects the north boundary of Missoula county; thence
 5 west along the north boundary of Missoula county to the
 6 summit of the Mission range; thence in a southerly and
 7 southeasterly direction along the summit of the Mission
 8 range to a point where the summit of the Mission range
 9 intersects the west line of township 17 north, range 17
 10 west; thence south along said township line to the southeast
 11 corner of township 17 north, range 18 west; thence west
 12 along the south line of said township to the northwest
 13 corner of township 16 north, range 18 west; thence south
 14 about three miles to the southeast corner of section 13,
 15 township 16 north, range 19 west; thence westerly along the
 16 mid-township line of township 16 north, range 19 west and
 17 continuing westerly along the mid-township line of township
 18 16 north, range 20 west, to the point where said line
 19 intersects the boundary--division--line--of--Sanders---and
 20 Missoula--counties;--thence--in-a-northerly-direction-to-the
 21 northwest-corner-of-township-16-north,-range-20-west;-thence
 22 west-to-the-southeast-corner-of-township-17-north,-range--21
 23 west dividing line between range 20 west and range 21 west,
 24 thence south on such line to the summit of the range of
 25 mountains commonly called the Coeur d' Alene, said mountains

1 dividing the waters of the Missoula and Pend d'Oreille or
 2 Flathead rivers; thence westerly following said summit to a
 3 point where said summit intersects the west boundary line of
 4 section 13, township 16 north, range 22 west; thence north
 5 along the west line of sections 13, 12, and 1, township 16
 6 north, range 22 west, to its intersection with the south
 7 boundary line of township 17 north, range 22 west; thence
 8 east along such line to the western boundary line of
 9 township 17 north, range 22 west; thence northerly on the
 10 boundary between range 21 west and range 22 west to the
 11 northwest corner of township 17 north, range 21 west; thence
 12 east along the northern boundary of township 17 north, range
 13 21 west, to the northeast corner of township 17 north, range
 14 21 west; thence north along township line to the northeast
 15 corner of township 18 north, range 21 west; thence due west
 16 along the north line of said township to the center of the
 17 main channel of the Flathead river; thence following the
 18 center line of the main channel of the Flathead river in a
 19 northerly direction to a point where it intersects the south
 20 line of the north tier of sections of township 21 north;
 21 thence due west along section line to the southeast--corner
 22 of--section--6; township-21-north,-range-23-west;-thence-due
 23 north-along-section-line-to-the-southeast-corner-of--section
 24 18;-township-23-north,-range-23-west;-thence-west-about-one
 25 mile-to-the-southwest-corner-of-said-section;-thence--north

1 ~~along--township-line-to-the-north-line-of-township-23-north,~~
 2 ~~range-23-west southwest corner of section 6, township 22~~
 3 ~~north, range 22 west; thence north along the west lines of~~
 4 ~~section 4, township 21 north, range 22 west, and section 33,~~
 5 ~~township 22 north, range 22 west, to the southwest corner of~~
 6 ~~section 28, township 22 north, range 22 west; thence east~~
 7 ~~along the northern lines of sections 29 and 30 to the~~
 8 ~~southwest corner of section 30, township 22 north, range 22~~
 9 ~~west; thence north along township line to the southwest~~
 10 ~~corner of township 23 north, range 22 west; thence west~~
 11 ~~along the south line of township 23 north to the southeast~~
 12 ~~corner of section 34, township 23 north, range 23 west;~~
 13 ~~thence north along the west lines of sections 34 and 27 to~~
 14 ~~the northwest corner of section 27, township 23 north, range~~
 15 ~~23 west; thence east along the northern line of said section~~
 16 ~~to the northwest corner of section 26, township 23 north,~~
 17 ~~range 23 west; thence north along section lines to the~~
 18 ~~intersection with the line between townships 23 north and 24~~
 19 ~~north; thence east along the north line of township 23~~
 20 ~~north, of range 23 west, to the northeast corner of said~~
 21 ~~township; thence north along range line to the northeast~~
 22 ~~corner of township 24, range 23 west; thence west along~~
 23 ~~north line of township 24 north, to the southwest corner of~~
 24 ~~township 25, range 22 west; thence north to the place of~~
 25 ~~beginning. The city of Polson, Montana, shall be the county~~

1 seat of the said county of Lake."

2 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Approval of county boundary
 3 change. The question of whether the boundaries of Lake and
 4 Sanders Counties shall be changed as provided in sections 1
 5 and 2 shall be placed on the ballots of each county. If
 6 approved by a majority of those voting on the question in
 7 each of the counties, the boundaries as amended in sections
 8 1 and 2 are effective on July 1 following the election.

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APPROVED BY COMMITTEE
ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

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line between ranges twenty (20) and twenty-one (21) west, to the southeast corner of section thirty-six (36), township eighteen (18) north, range twenty-one (21) west; thence west along the line between townships seventeen (17) north and eighteen (18) north to the southeast corner of section thirty-six (36), township eighteen (18) north, range ~~twenty-one (21)~~ TWENTY-TWO (22) west; thence south along the line between range twenty-one (21) west and range twenty-two (22) west to the southwest corner of section thirty-six (36), township seventeen (17) north, range twenty-two (22) west; thence west on the ~~northern~~ SOUTHERN border of section thirty-six (36), township seventeen (17) north, range twenty-two (22) west to the northeast corner of section two (2), township sixteen (16) north, range twenty-two (22) west; thence south along the eastern line of sections two (2), eleven (11), and fourteen (14), township sixteen (16) north, range twenty-two (22) west, to the summit of the range of mountains commonly called the Coeur d'Alene, said mountains dividing the waters of the Missoula and Pend d'Oreille or Flathead rivers; thence westerly along said summit of the Coeur d'Alene mountains to a point where said summit intersects the summit of the watershed dividing the waters of the Missoula and Clark's Fork rivers; thence westerly along said summit dividing the waters of the Missoula and Clark's Fork rivers to the point where said

1 summit intersects the Horse Plains guide meridian; thence
 2 due north along said Horse Plains guide meridian to the
 3 northeast corner of section twenty-five (25) in township
 4 eighteen (18) north, range twenty-six (26) west; thence due
 5 west three (3) miles to the southwest corner of section
 6 twenty-two (22), in said township and range; thence due
 7 north one (1) mile to the northeast corner of section
 8 twenty-one (21) in said township and range; thence due west
 9 to the line between ranges twenty-six (26) and twenty-seven
 10 (27) west; thence north on the line between ranges
 11 twenty-six (26) and twenty-seven (27) west; thence north on
 12 the line between ranges twenty-six (26) and twenty-seven
 13 (27) west, to the summit of the Coeur d'Alene mountains;
 14 thence westerly along the summit of said Coeur d'Alene
 15 mountains to the boundary line between the state of Montana
 16 and the state of Idaho, and northerly along said boundary
 17 line to an intersection with the divide between the Clark's
 18 Fork of the Columbia and the Kootenai rivers; thence running
 19 in an easterly and southeasterly direction following the
 20 summit of said divide to an intersection with the south
 21 line, or the south line extended, of section twelve (12),
 22 township twenty-six (26) north, range twenty-eight (28)
 23 west; thence running east seven (7) miles, more or less,
 24 along the south line of said section twelve (12) and the
 25 south line of sections seven (7), eight (8), nine (9), ten

1 (10), eleven (11) and twelve (12), township twenty-six (26)
 2 north, range twenty-seven (27) west, to the southeast corner
 3 of section twelve (12), township twenty-six (26) north,
 4 range twenty-seven (27) west; thence south to the southwest
 5 corner of section eighteen (18), township twenty-six (26)
 6 north, range twenty-six (26) west; thence east one (1) mile
 7 to the southeast corner of said section eighteen (18);
 8 thence south along the section line to the southeast corner
 9 of section thirty-one (31), township twenty-five (25) north,
 10 range twenty-six (26) west; thence east along the sixth
 11 standard parallel north to the northeast corner of township
 12 twenty-four (24) north, range twenty-four (24) west; thence
 13 south on the line between ranges twenty-three (23) and
 14 twenty-four (24) west to the southwest corner of section
 15 ~~eighteen--(18);--township--twenty-three--(23)--north,--range~~
 16 ~~twenty-three--(23)--west;--thence--east--one--(1)--mile--to--the~~
 17 ~~southeast--corner--of--said--section--eighteen--(18);--thence--south~~
 18 ~~a--distance--of--ten--(10)--miles--more--or--less--following--the~~
 19 ~~section--line--to--the--southeast--corner--of--section--six--(6);~~
 20 ~~township--twenty-one--(21)--north,--range--twenty-three--(23)--west~~
 21 southeast corner of township twenty-four (24) north, range
 22 twenty-four (24) west; thence east on the line between
 23 township twenty-three (23) north and twenty-four (24) north
 24 to the northeast corner of section three (3), township
 25 twenty-three (23) north, range twenty-three (23) west;

1 thence south along the eastern section lines of sections
 2 three (3), ~~fourteen--(14)~~ TEN (10), fifteen (15), and
 3 twenty-two (22), township twenty-three (23) north, range
 4 twenty-three (23) west, to the southeast corner of section
 5 twenty-two (22), township twenty-three (23) north, range
 6 twenty-three (23) west; thence west along the southern line
 7 of said section to its southeast SOUTHWEST corner; thence
 8 south along the east section lines of sections twenty-eight
 9 (28) and thirty-three (33), township twenty-three (23)
 10 north, range twenty-three (23) west, to the northeast corner
 11 of section four (4), township twenty-two (22) north, range
 12 twenty-three (23) west; thence east along the line between
 13 townships twenty-two (22) north and twenty-three (23) north
 14 to the northeast corner of section one (1), township
 15 twenty-two (22) north, range twenty-three (23) west; thence
 16 south along the line between ranges twenty-two (22) west and
 17 twenty-three (23) west to the northeast corner of section
 18 thirty-six (36), township twenty-two (22) north, range
 19 twenty-three (23) west; thence east along the northern lines
 20 of sections thirty-one (31) and thirty-two (32) to the
 21 northeast corner of section thirty-two (32), township
 22 twenty-two (22) north, range twenty-two (22) west; thence
 23 south along the east lines of said section and section five
 24 (5) to the line between townships twenty-one (21) north and
 25 twenty-two (22) north; thence east following the south line

1 of the north tier of sections of township twenty-one (21)
 2 north, to the place of beginning. The county seat is
 3 Thompson Falls, Montana."

4 Section 2. Section 16-224, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to
 5 read:

6 "Lake County. Commencing at the northwest corner of
 7 township 25 north, range 22 west, M. M., thence east on said
 8 township line to the east shore of Flathead lake; thence in
 9 a general northerly direction along said lake shore to the
 10 meander corner on the south line of section 12, township 26
 11 north, range 20 west, Montana meridian; thence east along
 12 the south line of said section 12, township 26 north, range
 13 20 west, and continuing east along the south line of section
 14 7, township 26 north, range 19 west, to the southeast corner
 15 of said section; thence north along the east side of said
 16 section 7 to the northeast corner of said section; thence
 17 east along the south line of section 5, township 26 north,
 18 range 19 west, to the southeast corner of said section 5;
 19 thence north along the east side of said section 5 to the
 20 north line of township 26 north, range 19 west, M. M.;
 21 thence east along the north line of township 26 north, range
 22 19 west, and said township line extended to the summit of
 23 the Swan range of the Rocky mountains; thence in a general
 24 southeasterly direction along the Swan divide between the
 25 Swan river and the south fork of the Flathead river,

1 approximately three miles, to Red Owl mountain; thence
 2 continuing southeasterly and southerly along the summit of
 3 said divide, approximately 20 miles to Swan peak; thence
 4 southerly along said divide to a point where a line so drawn
 5 intersects the north boundary of Missoula county; thence
 6 west along the north boundary of Missoula county to the
 7 summit of the Mission range; thence in a southerly and
 8 southeasterly direction along the summit of the Mission
 9 range to a point where the summit of the Mission range
 10 intersects the west line of township 17 north, range 17
 11 west; thence south along said township line to the southeast
 12 corner of township 17 north, range 18 west; thence west
 13 along the south line of said township to the northwest
 14 corner of township 16 north, range 18 west; thence south
 15 about three miles to the southeast corner of section 13,
 16 township 16 north, range 19 west; thence westerly along the
 17 mid-township line of township 16 north, range 19 west and
 18 continuing westerly along the mid-township line of township
 19 16 north, range 20 west, to the point where said line
 20 intersects the ~~boundary--division--line--of--Sanders--and~~
 21 ~~Missoula--counties;~~ ~~thence--in--a--northerly--direction--to--the~~
 22 ~~northwest--corner--of--township--16--north,--range--20--west;~~ ~~thence~~
 23 ~~west--to--the--southeast--corner--of--township--17--north,--range--21~~
 24 ~~west~~ dividing line between range 20 west and range 21 west,
 25 thence south on such line to the summit of the range of

1 mountains commonly called the Coeur d' Alene, said mountains
 2 dividing the waters of the Missoula and Pend d'Oreille or
 3 Flathead rivers; thence westerly following said summit to a
 4 point where said summit intersects the west boundary line of
 5 section 13, township 16 north, range 22 west; thence north
 6 along the west line of sections 13, 12, and 1, township 16
 7 north, range 22 west, to its intersection with the south
 8 boundary line of township 17 north, range 22 west; thence
 9 east along such line to the western boundary line of
 10 township 17 north, range 22 21 west; thence northerly on the
 11 boundary between range 21 west and range 22 west to the
 12 northwest corner of township 17 north, range 21 west; thence
 13 east along the northern boundary of township 17 north, range
 14 21 west, to the northeast corner of township 17 north, range
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 16 corner of township 18 north, range 21 west; thence due west
 17 along the north line of said township to the center of the
 18 main channel of the Flathead river; thence following the
 19 center line of the main channel of the Flathead river in a
 20 northerly direction to a point where it intersects the south
 21 line of the north tier of sections of township 21 north;
 22 thence due west along section line to the southeast--corner
 23 of--section--6,--township--21--north,--range--23--west;--thence--due
 24 north--along--section--line--to--the--southeast--corner--of--section
 25 18,--township--23--north,--range--23--west;--thence--west--about--one

1 mile-to-the-southwest-corner-of-said-section;--thence--north
 2 along--township-line-to-the-north-line-of-township-23-north;
 3 range-23-west southwest corner of section 6 4, township 22
 4 21 north, range 22 west; thence north along the west lines
 5 of section 4, township 21 north, range 22 west, and section
 6 33, township 22 north, range 22 west, to the southwest
 7 corner of section 28, township 22 north, range 22 west;
 8 thence east along the northern SOUTHERN lines of sections 29
 9 and 30 to the southwest corner of section 30, township 22
 10 north, range 22 west; thence north along township line to
 11 the southwest corner of township 23 north, range 22 west;
 12 thence west along the south line of township 23 north to the
 13 southeast SOUTHWEST corner of section 34, township 23 north,
 14 range 23 west; thence north along the west lines of sections
 15 34 and 27 to the northwest corner of section 27, township 23
 16 north, range 23 west; thence east along the northern line of
 17 said section to the northwest corner of section 26, township
 18 23 north, range 23 west; thence north along section lines to
 19 the intersection with the line between townships 23 north
 20 and 24 north; thence east along the north line of township
 21 23 north, of range 23 west, to the northeast corner of said
 22 township; thence north along range line to the northeast
 23 corner of township 24, range 23 west; thence west along
 24 north line of township 24 north, to the southwest corner of
 25 township 25, range 22 west; thence north to the place of

1 beginning. The city of Polson, Montana, shall be the county
 2 seat of the said county of Lake."

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

Section 1. Section 16-247, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read:

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

line between ranges twenty (20) and twenty-one (21) west, to the southeast corner of section thirty-six (36), township eighteen (18) north, range twenty-one (21) west; thence west along the line between townships seventeen (17) north and eighteen (18) north to the southeast corner of section thirty-six (36), township eighteen (18) north, range twenty-one (21) west; thence south along the line between range twenty-one (21) west and range twenty-two (22) west to the southwest corner of section thirty-six (36), township seventeen (17) north, range twenty-two (22) west; thence west on the northern SOUTHERN border of section thirty-six (36), township seventeen (17) north, range twenty-two (22) west to the northeast corner of section two (2), township sixteen (16) north, range twenty-two (22) west; thence south along the eastern line of sections two (2), eleven (11), and fourteen (14), township sixteen (16) north, range twenty-two (22) west, to the summit of the range of mountains commonly called the Coeur d'Alene, said mountains dividing the waters of the Missoula and Pend d'Oreille or Flathead rivers; thence westerly along said summit of the Coeur d'Alene mountains to a point where said summit intersects the summit of the watershed dividing the waters of the Missoula and Clark's Fork rivers; thence westerly along said summit dividing the waters of the Missoula and Clark's Fork rivers to the point where said



1 summit intersects the Horse Plains guide meridian; thence
 2 due north along said Horse Plains guide meridian to the
 3 northeast corner of section twenty-five (25) in township
 4 eighteen (18) north, range twenty-six (26) west; thence due
 5 west three (3) miles to the southwest corner of section
 6 twenty-two (22), in said township and range; thence due
 7 north one (1) mile to the northeast corner of section
 8 twenty-one (21) in said township and range; thence due west
 9 to the line between ranges twenty-six (26) and twenty-seven
 10 (27) west; thence north on the line between ranges
 11 twenty-six (26) and twenty-seven (27) west; thence north on
 12 the line between ranges twenty-six (26) and twenty-seven
 13 (27) west, to the summit of the Coeur d'Alene mountains;
 14 thence westerly along the summit of said Coeur d'Alene
 15 mountains to the boundary line between the state of Montana
 16 and the state of Idaho, and northerly along said boundary
 17 line to an intersection with the divide between the Clark's
 18 Fork of the Columbia and the Kootenai rivers; thence running
 19 in an easterly and southeasterly direction following the
 20 summit of said divide to an intersection with the south
 21 line, or the south line extended, of section twelve (12),
 22 township twenty-six (26) north, range twenty-eight (28)
 23 west; thence running east seven (7) miles, more or less,
 24 along the south line of said section twelve (12) and the
 25 south line of sections seven (7), eight (8), nine (9), ten

1 (10), eleven (11) and twelve (12), township twenty-six (26)
 2 north, range twenty-seven (27) west, to the southeast corner
 3 of section twelve (12), township twenty-six (26) north,
 4 range twenty-seven (27) west; thence south to the southwest
 5 corner of section eighteen (18), township twenty-six (26)
 6 north, range twenty-six (26) west; thence east one (1) mile
 7 to the southeast corner of said section eighteen (18);
 8 thence south along the section line to the southeast corner
 9 of section thirty-one (31), township twenty-five (25) north,
 10 range twenty-six (26) west; thence east along the sixth
 11 standard parallel north to the northeast corner of township
 12 twenty-four (24) north, range twenty-four (24) west; thence
 13 south on the line between ranges twenty-three (23) and
 14 twenty-four (24) west to the southwest corner of section
 15 ~~eighteen--(18);--township--twenty-three--(23)--north;--range~~
 16 ~~twenty-three--(23)--west;--thence--east--one--(1)--mile--to--the~~
 17 ~~southeast--corner--of--said--section--eighteen--(18);--thence--south~~
 18 ~~a--distance--of--ten--(10)--miles--more--or--less--following--the~~
 19 ~~section--line--to--the--southeast--corner--of--section--six--(6);~~
 20 ~~township--twenty-one--(21)--north;--range--twenty-three--(23)--west~~
 21 southeast corner of township twenty-four (24) north, range
 22 twenty-four (24) west; thence east on the line between
 23 township twenty-three (23) north and twenty-four (24) north
 24 to the northeast corner of section three (3), township
 25 twenty-three (23) north, range twenty-three (23) west;

1 thence south along the eastern section lines of sections
 2 three (3), ~~fourteen--(14)~~ TEN (10), fifteen (15), and
 3 twenty-two (22), township twenty-three (23) north, range
 4 twenty-three (23) west, to the southeast corner of section
 5 twenty-two (22), township twenty-three (23) north, range
 6 twenty-three (23) west; thence west along the southern line
 7 of said section to its southeast SOUTHWEST corner; thence
 8 south along the east section lines of sections twenty-eight
 9 (28) and thirty-three (33), township twenty-three (23)
 10 north, range twenty-three (23) west, to the northeast corner
 11 of section four (4), township twenty-two (22) north, range
 12 twenty-three (23) west; thence east along the line between
 13 townships twenty-two (22) north and twenty-three (23) north
 14 to the northeast corner of section one (1), township
 15 twenty-two (22) north, range twenty-three (23) west; thence
 16 south along the line between ranges twenty-two (22) west and
 17 twenty-three (23) west to the northeast corner of section
 18 thirty-six (36), township twenty-two (22) north, range
 19 twenty-three (23) west; thence east along the northern lines
 20 of sections thirty-one (31) and thirty-two (32) to the
 21 northeast corner of section thirty-two (32), township
 22 twenty-two (22) north, range twenty-two (22) west; thence
 23 south along the east lines of said section and section five
 24 (5) to the line between townships twenty-one (21) north and
 25 twenty-two (22) north; thence east following the south line

1 of the north tier of sections of township twenty-one (21)
 2 north, to the place of beginning. The county seat is
 3 Thompson Falls, Montana."

4 Section 2. Section 16-224, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to
 5 read:

6 "Lake County. Commencing at the northwest corner of
 7 township 25 north, range 22 west, M. M., thence east on said
 8 township line to the east shore of Flathead lake; thence in
 9 a general northerly direction along said lake shore to the
 10 meander corner on the south line of section 12, township 26
 11 north, range 20 west, Montana meridian; thence east along
 12 the south line of said section 12, township 26 north, range
 13 20 west, and continuing east along the south line of section
 14 7, township 26 north, range 19 west, to the southeast corner
 15 of said section; thence north along the east side of said
 16 section 7 to the northeast corner of said section; thence
 17 east along the south line of section 5, township 26 north,
 18 range 19 west, to the southeast corner of said section 5;
 19 thence north along the east side of said section 5 to the
 20 north line of township 26 north, range 19 west, M. M.;
 21 thence east along the north line of township 26 north, range
 22 19 west, and said township line extended to the summit of
 23 the Swan range of the Rocky mountains; thence in a general
 24 southeasterly direction along the Swan divide between the
 25 Swan river and the south fork of the Flathead river,

1 approximately three miles, to Red Owl mountain; thence
 2 continuing southeasterly and southerly along the summit of
 3 said divide, approximately 20 miles to Swan peak; thence
 4 southerly along said divide to a point where a line so drawn
 5 intersects the north boundary of Missoula county; thence
 6 west along the north boundary of Missoula county to the
 7 summit of the Mission range; thence in a southerly and
 8 southeasterly direction along the summit of the Mission
 9 range to a point where the summit of the Mission range
 10 intersects the west line of township 17 north, range 17
 11 west; thence south along said township line to the southeast
 12 corner of township 17 north, range 18 west; thence west
 13 along the south line of said township to the northwest
 14 corner of township 16 north, range 18 west; thence south
 15 about three miles to the southeast corner of section 13,
 16 township 16 north, range 19 west; thence westerly along the
 17 mid-township line of township 16 north, range 19 west and
 18 continuing westerly along the mid-township line of township
 19 16 north, range 20 west, to the point where said line
 20 intersects the ~~boundary--division--line--of--Sanders--and~~
 21 ~~Missoula--counties;--thence--in--a--northerly--direction--to--the~~
 22 ~~northwest--corner--of--township--16--north,--range--20--west;--thence~~
 23 ~~west--to--the--southeast--corner--of--township--17--north,--range--21~~
 24 ~~west~~ dividing line between range 20 west and range 21 west,
 25 thence south on such line to the summit of the range of

1 mountains commonly called the Coeur d' Alene, said mountains
 2 dividing the waters of the Missoula and Pend d'Oreille or
 3 Flathead rivers; thence westerly following said summit to a
 4 point where said summit intersects the west boundary line of
 5 section 13, township 16 north, range 22 west; thence north
 6 along the west line of sections 13, 12, and 1, township 16
 7 north, range 22 west, to its intersection with the south
 8 boundary line of township 17 north, range 22 west; thence
 9 east along such line to the western boundary line of
 10 township 17 north, range 22 west; thence northerly on the
 11 boundary between range 21 west and range 22 west to the
 12 northwest corner of township 17 north, range 21 west; thence
 13 east along the northern boundary of township 17 north, range
 14 21 west, to the northeast corner of township 17 north, range
 15 21 west; thence north along township line to the northeast
 16 corner of township 18 north, range 21 west; thence due west
 17 along the north line of said township to the center of the
 18 main channel of the Flathead river; thence following the
 19 center line of the main channel of the Flathead river in a
 20 northerly direction to a point where it intersects the south
 21 line of the north tier of sections of township 21 north;
 22 thence due west along section line to the southeast--corner
 23 of--section--67--township--21--north,--range--23--west;--thence--due
 24 north--along--section--line--to--the--southeast--corner--of--section
 25 18,--township--23--north,--range--23--west;--thence--west--about--one

1 ~~mile to the southwest corner of said section;--thence--north~~
 2 ~~along--township line to the north line of township 23 north;~~
 3 ~~range 23 west southwest corner of section 6 4, township 22~~
 4 ~~21 north, range 22 west; thence north along the west lines~~
 5 ~~of section 4, township 21 north, range 22 west, and section~~
 6 ~~33, township 22 north, range 22 west, to the southwest~~
 7 ~~corner of section 28, township 22 north, range 22 west;~~
 8 ~~thence east along the northern SOUTHERN lines of sections 29~~
 9 ~~and 30 to the southwest corner of section 30, township 22~~
 10 ~~north, range 22 west; thence north along township line to~~
 11 ~~the southwest corner of township 23 north, range 22 west;~~
 12 ~~thence west along the south line of township 23 north to the~~
 13 ~~southeast SOUTHWEST corner of section 34, township 23 north,~~
 14 ~~range 23 west; thence north along the west lines of sections~~
 15 ~~34 and 27 to the northwest corner of section 27, township 23~~
 16 ~~north, range 23 west; thence east along the northern line of~~
 17 ~~said section to the northwest corner of section 26, township~~
 18 ~~23 north, range 23 west; thence north along section lines to~~
 19 ~~the intersection with the line between townships 23 north~~
 20 ~~and 24 north; thence east along the north line of township~~
 21 ~~23 north, of range 23 west, to the northeast corner of said~~
 22 ~~township; thence north along range line to the northeast~~
 23 ~~corner of township 24, range 23 west; thence west along~~
 24 ~~north line of township 24 north, to the southwest corner of~~
 25 ~~township 25, range 22 west; thence north to the place of~~

1 beginning. The city of Polson, Montana, shall be the county
 2 seat of the said county of Lake."

3 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Approval of county boundary
 4 change. The question of whether the boundaries of Lake and
 5 Sanders Counties shall be changed as provided in sections 1
 6 and 2 shall be placed on the ballots of each county. If
 7 approved by a majority of those voting on the question in
 8 each of the counties, the boundaries as amended in sections
 9 1 and 2 are effective on July 1 following the election.

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