## HB 264 INTRODUCED BY MILLER EXTEND THE PERIOD A BANK MAY HOLD CERTAIN REAL ESTATE TO 10 YEARS BY REQUEST OF DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO ALLOW MONTANA
6 ORGANIZED BANKS TO HOLD CERTAIN REAL ESTATE NO LONGER THAN
7 10 YEARS; AND AMENDING SECTION 32-1-423, MCA."

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

Section 1. Section 32-1-423, MCA, is amended to read:

"32-1-423. Real estate which banks may purchase, hold,

or convey. (1) A bank organized under the provisions of this

chapter may purchase, hold, or convey real estate which:

- (a) is necessary for the proper transaction of its business, but it shall not invest an amount exceeding 50% of its paid-up capital and surplus in the lot and building in which the business of the company is carried on, furniture, equipment and fixtures, vaults and safety vaults, and boxes necessary or proper to carry on its banking business;
- 20 (b) is mortgaged to it in good faith by way of 21 security for loans previously made or moneys due to the 22 bank;
- 23 (c) is conveyed to it in satisfaction of debts 24 previously contracted in the course of its business;
  - (d) it purchases at sales under judgments, decrees, or



1 mortgages held by the bank.

2 (2) Real estate acquired in the manner set forth in subsections (1)(c) and (1)(d) of this section may not be held longer than 5 10 years from the date of acquisition, unless special written permission to do so is granted by the department. The real estate shall be carried on the books of the bank for an amount not greater than its cost to the bank, including costs of foreclosure and other expenses of acquiring title."

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