

SB 27 INTRODUCED BY GAGE
COURT COSTS, ATTORNEY FEES TO PREVAILING PARTY IN
 SUIT FOR HARM DONE BY OIL, GAS OPERATION

1/05 INTRODUCED
1/05 REFERRED TO NATURAL RESOURCES
1/09 HEARING
1/28 TABLED IN COMMITTEE

1 SENATE BILL NO. 27
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR AN AWARD
5 OF COURT COSTS AND REASONABLE ATTORNEY FEES TO THE
6 PREVAILING PARTY IN AN ACTION TO RECOVER FOR SURFACE OWNER
7 DAMAGE AND DISRUPTION COMPENSATION FOR HARM DONE BY OIL AND
8 GAS EXPLORATION AND DRILLING; AND AMENDING SECTION
9 82-10-508, MCA."

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

12 Section 1. Section 82-10-508, MCA, is amended to read:

13 "82-10-508. Rejection -- legal action. (1) If the
14 person seeking compensation receives a written rejection,
15 rejects the offer of the oil and gas developer or operator,
16 or receives no reply, that person may bring an action for
17 compensation in the district court of the county in which
18 the damage was sustained.

19 (2) The prevailing party in any proceeding brought
20 under this section is entitled to recover his court costs
21 and reasonable attorney fees."

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