

SENATE BILL 9

Introduced by Harp

1/02	Introduced
1/02	Referred to State Administration
1/04	Hearing
1/10	Committee Report--Bill Not Passed
1/10	Adverse Committee Report Adopted (This Bill was Placed on 2nd Reading)
1/12	2nd Reading Do Pass Motion Failed (This Bill was Placed on 3rd Reading Because It was a Constitutional Amendment)
1/16	3rd Reading Passed

Transmitted to House

2/21	Referred to State Administration
3/10	Hearing
3/10	Committee Report--Bill Not Concurred
3/11	Adverse Committee Report Adopted

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO SUBMIT TO THE
5 QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III,
6 SECTION 5, OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION TO INCREASE THE
7 PERCENTAGE OF PETITION SIGNERS REQUIRED TO SUSPEND THE
8 OPERATION OF A REFERENDUM."

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

11 **Section 1.** Article III, section 5, of The Constitution
12 of the State of Montana is amended to read:

13 "Section 5. Referendum. (1) The people may approve or
14 reject by referendum any act of the legislature except an
15 appropriation of money. A referendum shall be held either
16 upon order by the legislature or upon petition signed by at
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18 least one-third of the legislative representative districts.
19 The total number of signers must be at least five percent of
20 the qualified electors of the state. A referendum petition
21 shall be filed with the secretary of state no later than six
22 months after adjournment of the legislature which passed the
23 act.

24 (2) An act referred to the people is in effect until
25 suspended by petitions signed by at least ~~15~~ 30 percent of

1 the qualified electors in a majority of the legislative
2 representative districts. If so suspended the act shall
3 become operative only after it is approved at an election,
4 the result of which has been determined and declared as
5 provided by law."

6 **Section 2.** Submission to electorate. The amendment to
7 Article III, section 5, set forth in section 1 shall be
8 submitted to the qualified electors of Montana at the
9 general election to be held in November 1990 by printing on
10 the ballot the full title of this act and the following:

- 11 ☐ FOR increasing the percentage of qualified electors
12 required to sign petitions in order to suspend the
13 operation of a referendum.
14 ☐ AGAINST increasing the percentage of qualified
15 electors required to sign petitions in order to
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