SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1

Introduced by Gage

6/23	Introduced
6/23	Referred to Taxation
6/28	Hearing
6/29	Committee ReportBill Passed as
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·	Resources
7/07	Hearing
7/07	Tabled in Committee

INTRODUCED BILL

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1	JOINT RESOLUTION NO.	1	reorganization of counties, school districts, and the
2	INTRODUCED BY DAT	2	University System.
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5	REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN	5	OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
6	INTERIM STUDY ON PROPERTY TAX REFORM AND THE REORGANIZATION	6	That an appropriate interim committee be assigned to
7	OF COUNTIES, SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM;	7	study:
8	AND REQUIRING A REPORT OF THE FINDINGS OF THE STUDY TO THE	8	(1) the implications of establishing market value as
9	52ND LEGISLATURE.	9	taxable value in determining property taxes, including:
10		10	(a) implementation of the change in taxable value;
11	WHEREAS, there is widespread public interest in Montana	11	(b) classification of counties;
12	in recognizing the economic reality of limited financial	12	(c) statutory mill levies; and
13	resources within the state; and	13	(d) debt management of taxing jurisdictions;
14	WHEREAS, the citizens and taxpayers of Montana are	14	(2) the reorganization of counties, taking into
15	supporting more county governments, school districts, and	15	consideration the following factors:
16	units of the University System than are needed for efficient	16	(a) existing county boundaries;
17	management; and	17	(b) existing legislative districts;
18	WHEREAS, this support is provided by taxes that are	18	(c) geographic features;
19	levied on real and personal property at rates ranging from	19	(d) transportation routes and market areas;
20	2% to 100%; and	20	(e) social, economic, and natural resources;
21	WHEREAS, in 1986, Montana voters narrowly defeated a	21	(f) population distribution; and
22	proposal to abolish all property taxes while approving a	22	<pre>(g) taxable valuation;</pre>
23	proposal to limit property taxes to 1986 levels; and	23	(3) the restructuring of school districts to provide
24	WHEREAS, the time has some for the Montana Legislature	24	for a more efficient administration of the state's public
25	to enact meaningful property tax reform that includes the	25	schools while maintaining as many attendance units as are in

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2	(4) the reorganization of the University System,
3	including:
4	(a) establishment of branch colleges;
5	(b) conversion to community colleges; and
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7	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the interim committee
В	report the findings of the study to the 52nd Legislature and
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APPROVED BY COMMITTEE ON TAXATION AS AMENDED

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