

HOUSE BILL 72

Introduced by Bird

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 72
2 INTRODUCED BY BIR

4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT SUBMITTING TO THE
5 QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XI,
6 SECTION 3, OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION TO ELIMINATE THE
7 REQUIREMENT THAT ONE FORM OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT INCLUDE AN
8 ELECTED COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS."

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

11 **Section 1. Article XI, section 3, of The Constitution**
12 of the State of Montana is amended to read:

13 **"Section 3. Forms of government. (1) The legislature**
14 **shall provide methods for governing local government units**
15 **and procedures for incorporating, classifying, merging,**
16 **consolidating, and dissolving such units, and altering their**
17 **boundaries. The legislature shall provide such optional or**
18 **alternative forms of government that each unit or**
19 **combination of units may adopt, amend, or abandon an**
20 **optional or alternative form by a majority of those voting**
21 **on the question.**

22 (2) One optional form of county government includes,
23 but is not limited to, the election of three county
24 commissioners, a clerk and recorder, a clerk of district
25 court, a county attorney, a sheriff, a treasurer, a

1 surveyor, a county superintendent of schools, an assessor, a
2 coroner, and a public administrator. The terms,
3 qualifications, duties, and compensation of those offices
4 shall be provided by law. The Board of county commissioners
5 may consolidate two or more such offices. The Boards of two
6 or more counties may provide for a joint office and for the
7 election of one official to perform the duties of any such
8 office in those counties."

9 **NEW SECTION.** **Section 2.** **Submission to electorate.** This
10 amendment shall be submitted to the qualified electors of
11 Montana at the general election to be held in November 1993
12 by printing on the ballot the full title of this act and the
13 following:

14 FOR eliminating the requirement that one form of
15 county government include an elected county
16 superintendent of schools.

17 AGAINST eliminating the requirement that one form of
18 county government include an elected county
19 superintendent of schools.

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