

HOUSE BILL 328

Introduced by Brooke, et al.

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1 House BILL NO. 328
 2 INTRODUCED BY Senate Committee on
 3 Perk Barbara Christians Hayes
 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING THAT
 5 BEGINNING WITH THE 2005 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION, THE
 6 LEGISLATURE WILL HAVE AN 80-MEMBER HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
 7 AND A 40-MEMBER SENATE; AND AMENDING SECTION 5-1-101, MCA."
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 9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

10 **Section 1.** Section 5-1-101, MCA, is amended to read:

11 "5-1-101. Commission to redistrict and reapportion --
 12 number of legislators. (1) In each session preceding each
 13 federal population census, a commission of five citizens,
 14 none of whom may be public officials, shall must be selected
 15 to prepare the plans for redistricting and reapportioning
 16 the state into legislative and congressional districts.

17 (2) The After the 2000 federal population census, the
 18 plans for redistricting and reapportionment of legislative
 19 districts must be based on the number of members in the
 20 create an 80-member house of representatives and the a
 21 40-member senate to be determined in the legislative session
 22 before the census. The commission appointed in 1999 shall,
 23 as part of its plans, provide a method of implementing this
 24 section that takes into account the senators elected to a
 25 4-year term in 2002 and that preserves the requirement of

1 Article V, section 3, of The Constitution of the State of
 2 Montana that one-half of the senators must be elected every
 3 2 years. The commission may shorten to 2 years the terms of
 4 senators elected in 2002 and provide that half the senators
 5 elected in 2004 shall serve 2 years, may assign the senators
 6 elected in 2002 to newly created districts for the last 2
 7 years of their terms, or may use any other method."

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