

HOUSE BILL 473

Introduced by D. Brown et al.

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2/12	Committee Report--Bill Passed
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2/20	First Reading
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3/19	Tabled in Committee

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

1 House BILL NO. 473 *Let's go*
 2 INTRODUCED BY *Don Brann* *Bob Spring* *Jackson*

3 *Byron Bryan* *Wanzonich* *McFell* *John* *Book* *Wiley*
 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT SUBMITTING TO THE
 5 QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE X,

6 SECTION 9, OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA TO
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 9 NOMINATED BY THE STUDENT GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITS OF THE

10 UNIVERSITY SYSTEM." *Don Brann* *Bob Spring* *Jackson* *Wiley*
 11 *Wagon* *B. Baubert* *Jay* *HAET* *Wiley* *Book* *Wiley*

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