

SENATE BILL NO. 142

INTRODUCED BY AKLESTAD, LYNCH, GAGE, HALLIGAN,  
J. RICE, PETERSON, MENAHAN  
BY REQUEST OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

IN THE SENATE

JANUARY 14, 1993	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION.
	FIRST READING.
JANUARY 20, 1993	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL DO PASS. REPORT ADOPTED.
JANUARY 21, 1993	PRINTING REPORT.
	SECOND READING, DO PASS.
JANUARY 22, 1993	ENGROSSING REPORT.
	THIRD READING, PASSED. AYES, 38; NOES, 11.
	TRANSMITTED TO HOUSE.

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JANUARY 23, 1993	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION.
	FIRST READING.
MARCH 5, 1993	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE CONCURRED IN. REPORT ADOPTED.
MARCH 8, 1993	SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.
MARCH 10, 1993	THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN. AYES, 77; NOES, 21.
MARCH 11, 1993	RETURNED TO SENATE.

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MARCH 12, 1993	RECEIVED FROM HOUSE.
	SENT TO ENROLLING.

REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.

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APPROVED BY COMMITTEE  
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53rd Legislature

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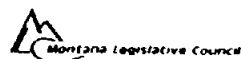
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