

## 1 HOUSE BILL NO. 45

2 INTRODUCED BY GALVIN

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING THAT BEGINNING WITH THE 2005 REGULAR  
5 LEGISLATIVE SESSION, THE LEGISLATURE WILL HAVE AN 80-MEMBER HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
6 AND A 40-MEMBER SENATE; AND AMENDING SECTION 5-1-101, MCA."

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

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

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

15 (2) ~~The~~ After the federal population census in the year 2000, the plans for redistricting and  
16 reapportionment of legislative districts ~~must be based on the number of members in the create a~~  
17 80-member house of representatives and ~~the~~ a 40-member senate ~~to be determined in the legislative~~  
18 ~~session before the census.~~ The commission appointed in 1999 shall, as part of its plans, provide a method  
19 of implementing this section that takes into account the senators elected to a 4-year term in 2004 and that  
20 preserves the requirement of Article V, section 3, of The Constitution of the State of Montana that one-half  
21 of the senators must be elected every 2 years. The commission may shorten to 2 years the terms of  
22 senators elected in 2004 and provide that one-half of the senators elected in 2004 shall serve 2 years, may  
23 assign the senators elected in 2004 to newly created districts for the last 2 years of their terms, or may  
24 use any other method."

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STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

Fiscal Note for HB0045, as introduced

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

Provides that beginning with the regular legislative session in 2005, the legislature will have an 80-member House of Representatives and a 40-member Senate.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. The Districting and Apportionment Commission will adopt a redistricting plan in 2003 that provides for 80 house districts and 40 senate districts. The plan adopted in 2003 will be in effect for the elections to be conducted in 2004.
2. The legislators elected in 2004 and thereafter will meet in organizational caucuses for two days and in regular session for 90 days.
3. Legislator salaries, benefits, mileage, and per diem rates will remain unchanged from fiscal year 1995 levels.
4. All other costs of conducting legislative business remain unchanged as a result of this bill.
5. There will be no fiscal impact in the 1997 biennium.

LONG-RANGE EFFECTS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

Given the assumptions stated above, the costs of legislator salaries, benefits, mileage, and per diem will be reduced beginning in the 2005 biennium as shown below:

<u>SENATE</u>	<u>54th Legislature</u>	<u>59th Legislature</u>
Legislator salaries & expenses	\$939,939	\$771,188
Attache salaries	430,717	430,717
Legislative operations/equipment	85,545	85,545
Leadership travel (majority)	8,000	8,000
Leadership travel (minority)	3,000	3,000
Caucus & start-up	<u>55,670</u>	<u>51,627</u>
Total	\$1,522,871	\$1,350,077

<u>HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES</u>	<u>54th Legislature</u>	<u>59th Legislature</u>
Legislator salaries & expenses	\$1,782,618	\$1,450,848
Attache salaries	555,049	555,049
Legislative operations/equipment	89,041	89,041
Session subcommittee travel	2,500	2,500
Leadership travel (majority)	8,000	8,000
Leadership travel (minority)	3,000	3,000
Caucus & Start-up	<u>67,792</u>	<u>59,762</u>
Total	\$2,508,000	\$2,168,200

Total Biennial General Fund Reduction (512,594)

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