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House BILL NO. 154
 INTRODUCED BY Kevin Bob Holden Reibers
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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY TO HOLD, IN CONJUNCTION WITH A GENERAL ELECTION OR A SCHOOL ELECTION, AN ELECTION TO EXCEED THE MAXIMUM LEVY FOR THE ERECTION, MAINTENANCE, AND OPERATION OF CERTAIN COUNTY-OWNED OR COUNTY-OPERATED HOSPITALS, NURSING HOMES, OR OTHER HOSPITAL FACILITIES; AMENDING SECTION 7-6-2531, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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