

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

House BILL NO. 273

INTRODUCED BY GRINDE MERCER HARP Foster Holden *[Handwritten]*

[Handwritten signatures: Beck, Benedict, Galt, Kirtel, Knox, Rehbein, D. Bae, Haynes, ~~Conner~~]

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE V, SECTION 6, OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE LEGISLATURE SHALL MEET IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE." *[Handwritten: Merabon]*

[Handwritten signatures: Swanson, Bennett, Simpkins, James, Shala]

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA: *[Handwritten signatures: Forbes, Kovey, Schuler, Allett, Arnold]*

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SENATE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AMENDMENT

March 20, 1995 12:31 pm

Mr. Chairman: I move to amend HB 273 (third reading copy -- blue).

ADOPT

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REJECT

Signed: _____

B. Brown

Senator Brown

That such amendments read:

1. Title, line 9.

Following: "MEET"

Insert: "IN REGULAR SESSION BIENNIALY"

Following: "YEARS"

Insert: "OR IN ODD-NUMBERED YEARS"

2. Page 1, line 15.

Strike: "each"

Strike: "even-numbered year"

Insert: "biennially"

3. Page 1, lines 23 and 24.

Strike: "the legislature meeting in even-numbered years"

Insert: "restricting the legislature to meeting in regular session for 90 days in either even-numbered or odd-numbered years, but not both"

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