

House JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12

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A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO STUDY THE EFFECTS OF INTERSTATE BRANCHING OF BANKS AND BANK HOLDING COMPANIES ON MONTANA'S ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, AND COMMUNITY INTERESTS; REQUIRING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO REPORT THE FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS OF THE STUDY AND OPTIONS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION TO THE 55TH LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, the Riegle-Neal Interstate Banking and Branching Efficiency Act of 1994 (Act) will permit full, nationwide banking on September 29, 1995, and interstate branch banking after June 1, 1997; and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 1997, the Act will allow a bank holding company to merge its banks into one headquarters bank and operate all offices in other states as branches; and

WHEREAS, with respect to intrastate mergers, the Act will allow states to "opt in" or "opt out" prior to June 1, 1997, or, if a state takes no action with respect to intrastate mergers, certain provisions of the Act automatically take effect on June 1, 1997; and

WHEREAS, the Act also will allow multistate bank holding companies to affiliate, regardless of action taken or not taken by a state, and function the same as a headquarters bank with branches; and

WHEREAS, banks that wish to opt in are interested in purchasing branches in other states and in increasing the marketability and value of their respective banks for the banks' stockholders; and

WHEREAS, it may be premature for the Montana Legislature to act on the matter of opting in or opting out at this time because the full impact of interstate bank branching on Montana's economy is still unknown; and

WHEREAS, it is vital to the economic, social, and community interests of the citizens of Montana that the 55th Legislature be knowledgeable and fully apprised of the implications of the Act before the members of the 55th Legislature take action to opt in or opt out under the provisions of the Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:



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