CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

1   *House* BILL NO. 595

2   INTRODUCED BY *Simpkins*

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4   A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA

5   AMENDMENTS TO THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION TO PROHIBIT STATE GOVERNMENT FROM LEVYING

6   PROPERTY TAXES OR REQUIRING THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS OR SCHOOL DISTRICTS LEVY

7   PROPERTY TAXES AND TO ELIMINATE THE STATE'S ROLE IN THE VALUATION OF PROPERTY;

8   AMENDING ARTICLE VIII, SECTIONS 1 AND 4, OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION; AND REPEALING

9   ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 3, OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION."

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

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13   **Section 1.** Article VIII, section 1, of The Constitution of the State of Montana is amended to read:

14   "**Section 1. Tax purposes -- property tax prohibited for state government.** (1) ~~Taxes~~ Except as

15   provided in subsection (2), taxes shall be levied by general laws for public purposes.

16   (2) State government may not levy a tax on property, and it may not require any local government

17   or school district to levy property taxes."

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19   **Section 2.** Article VIII, section 4, of The Constitution of the State of Montana is amended to read:

20   "**Section 4. ~~Equal valuation~~ Valuation.** All taxing jurisdictions shall ~~use the assessed valuation of~~

21   ~~property~~ value property in the manner established by ~~the state~~ law."

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23   NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Repealer.** Article VIII, section 3, of The Constitution of the State of

24   Montana is repealed.

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26   NEW SECTION. **Section 4. Submission to electorate.** The amendments and the repealer set forth

27   in sections 1 through 3 shall be submitted to the qualified electors of Montana at the general election to

28   be held in November 1998 by printing on the ballot the full title of this act and the following:

29   []   FOR prohibiting state government from levying or requiring that local governments or school

30   districts levy property taxes and eliminating the state valuation of property.

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INTRODUCED BILL**

1   []   AGAINST prohibiting state government from levying or requiring that local governments or

2   school districts levy property taxes and eliminating the state valuation of property.

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