

SENATE BILL NO. 180

INTRODUCED BY T. BECK

BY REQUEST OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING AND CLARIFYING LAWS GOVERNING SPECIAL SESSIONS; PROVIDING THAT A STANDING COMMITTEE MAY MEET PRIOR TO A SPECIAL SESSION TO HEAR AND ACT UPON PREINTRODUCED LEGISLATION REFERRED TO THAT COMMITTEE; REQUIRING A 7-DAY NOTICE FOR A HEARING HELD PRIOR TO A SPECIAL SESSION; PROVIDING THAT LEGISLATORS ARE ENTITLED TO COMPENSATION AND EXPENSE PAYMENTS FOR THE DAY PRIOR TO A SPECIAL SESSION AND FOR PRESESSION BUSINESS; AMENDING SECTION 5-3-101, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

Section 1. Section 5-3-101, MCA, is amended to read:

"5-3-101. Convening of special session -- limiting subjects -- ~~committee meetings~~ -- compensation.

(1) The legislature may be convened in special session by the governor or at the written request of a majority of the members. The governor or the legislature may limit the special session to the subjects specified in the call.

(2) (A) A standing committee of the legislature may meet prior to a special session for the purpose of holding hearings and taking action on preintroduced legislation that has been referred to that committee.

(B) PUBLIC NOTICE OF A HEARING TO BE HELD BY A STANDING COMMITTEE PRIOR TO A SPECIAL SESSION MUST BE GIVEN AT LEAST 7 DAYS BEFORE THE HEARING.

(3) Members of the legislature engaged in pre-session business for a special session are entitled to receive compensation and expenses as provided in 5-2-302. Members of the legislature are entitled to receive compensation and expenses as provided in 5-2-301 for the day prior to the convening of a special session."

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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