

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 524

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING THAT IF THE SUPREME COURT APPOINTS THE
5 FIFTH COMMISSIONER ON THE DISTRICTING AND APPORTIONMENT COMMISSION, THE FIFTH
6 MEMBER MAY NOT, IN THE PAST 10 YEARS, HAVE BEEN DIRECTLY AFFILIATED WITH, A MEMBER OF,
7 OR A VOLUNTEER OR PAID STAFFER FOR A POLITICAL PARTY OR HAVE BEEN ELECTED TO OFFICE;
8 AND AMENDING SECTION 5-1-102, MCA."

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

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12 **Section 1.** Section 5-1-102, MCA, is amended to read:

13 **"5-1-102. Composition of commission.** (1) The majority and minority leaders of each house shall each
14 designate one commissioner for the commission provided for in 5-1-101. Two commissioners must be appointed
15 from each district listed in subsection (2). The majority leader in the senate has first choice of the district from
16 which the majority leader will select a commissioner, and the majority leader of the house has second choice.
17 Within 20 days after their designation, the four commissioners shall select the fifth member, who shall serve as
18 the presiding officer of the commission. If the four members fail to select the fifth member within the time
19 prescribed, a majority of the supreme court shall select the fifth member, who may not, in the past 10 years, have
20 been directly affiliated with, a member of, or a volunteer or paid staffer for a political party or have been elected
21 to office.

22 (2) The commission districts are the following counties:

23 (a) District 1: Lincoln, Flathead, Sanders, Lake, Mineral, Missoula, Ravalli, Powell, Granite, Deer Lodge,
24 Silver Bow, Jefferson, Broadwater, Beaverhead, Madison, Gallatin, Park, Sweet Grass, Stillwater, and Carbon;

25 (b) District 2: Glacier, Toole, Liberty, Hill, Blaine, Phillips, Valley, Daniels, Sheridan, Roosevelt,
26 Richland, McCone, Garfield, Petroleum, Fergus, Judith Basin, Cascade, Chouteau, Teton, Pondera, Lewis and
27 Clark, Meagher, Wheatland, Golden Valley, Musselshell, Treasure, Rosebud, Custer, Prairie, Dawson, Wibaux,
28 Fallon, Carter, Powder River, Big Horn, and Yellowstone."

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