

HOUSE BILL NO. 335

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING AT LEAST ONE NATIVE AMERICAN VOTING MEMBER ON ANY APPOINTIVE BOARD, COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, OR COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENT; AND AMENDING SECTION 2-15-108, MCA."

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

Section 1. Section 2-15-108, MCA, is amended to read:

"2-15-108. Gender and racial balance -- Native American voting member -- report to legislature.

(1) As vacancies occur and appointments are made, all appointing authorities of all appointive boards, commissions, committees, and councils of state government shall take positive action to:

(a) attain gender balance and proportional representation of minorities resident in Montana to the greatest extent possible; and

(b) ensure that at least one Native American voting member is appointed to the board, commission, committee, or council.

(2) Pursuant to subsection (1), the secretary of state shall publish in the Montana Administrative Register on a monthly basis the recent appointments made by the executive branch and the upcoming vacancies on executive boards and commissions.

(3) The governor shall report to the legislature, as provided in 5-11-210, on the progress made toward achieving the goals set forth in this section."

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Notification to tribal governments. The secretary of state shall send a copy of [this act] to each tribal government located on the seven Montana reservations and to the Little Shell band of Chippewa.

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