

HOUSE BILL NO. 524

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR INCORPORATING A CITY
5 OR TOWN; PROVIDING THAT ANY WARD OF A PROPOSED CITY OR TOWN MUST ~~CONTAIN~~ HAVE AT
6 LEAST 250 200 INHABITANTS PER SQUARE MILE OF LAND AREA; REQUIRING THE PROPOSED AREA TO
7 HAVE A POST OFFICE; AND AMENDING SECTION 7-2-4101, MCA."

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

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11 **Section 1.** Section 7-2-4101, MCA, is amended to read:

12 **"7-2-4101. Petition to organize municipalities city or town.** (1) Whenever the inhabitants of any part
13 of a county desire to ~~be organized into~~ organize as a city or town, ~~they~~ the inhabitants may apply by petition in
14 ~~writing~~, signed by not less than 300 REGISTERED ELECTORS OR two-thirds of the registered electors, WHICHEVER
15 IS LESS, but not more than 300 such electors, who are residents of the state and residing within the limits of the
16 proposed ~~incorporation~~ city or town, to the board of county commissioners of the county in which the ~~territory~~
17 proposed area is situated.

18 (2) (a) The petition must describe the limits of the proposed city or town and ~~of the several wards thereof~~
19 of the proposed city or town; each of which shall A proposed ward must contain 50 or more registered electors
20 and ~~must may not exceed 1 square mile in land area. for each 500~~ A ward must have at least 250 200 inhabitants
21 ~~resident therein residing within the land area of the proposed ward.~~ FOR EACH SQUARE MILE OF LAND AREA.

22 (b) The proposed city or town must contain a post office within the proposed area of the city or town.

23 ~~(b)(c)~~ The petitioners ~~must shall~~ annex attach to the petition a map of the proposed ~~territory~~ area to be
24 incorporated and state the name of the proposed city or town.

25 (3) The petition and map must be filed in the office of the election administrator."
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