

SENATE BILL NO. 538

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BILL OF RIGHTS DAY FOR THE STATE OF MONTANA."

WHEREAS, the Bill of Rights, the first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution, limits the ~~rights~~ POWERS of the federal government and ~~provides all citizens with~~ RESERVES THE REMAINING POWERS TO THE STATES AND THE PEOPLE, AND ALSO PROTECTS THE RIGHTS OF ALL CITIZENS TO freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom of assembly, freedom of religious worship, freedom of petition, and freedom to keep and bear arms; and

WHEREAS, the Bill of Rights furthermore provides equal security to all who carry the noble title of citizen through protection from unreasonable search and seizure, cruel and unusual punishment, and self-incrimination and guarantees A TRIAL BY JURY AND due process in a court of law; and

WHEREAS, all Montanans know and cherish these liberties and understand them to be the foundation of the social contract and the correlating responsibilities inherent as members of the citizenry.

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

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Bill of rights day.** There is established a bill of rights day for the state of Montana. The bill of rights day is December 15 of each year to commemorate the day in 1791 in which three-fourths of the states ratified the bill of rights as part of the U.S. constitution.

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 1, chapter 1, part 5 2, and the provisions of Title 1, chapter 1, part 5 2, apply to [section 1].

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