



AN ACT REVISING THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH A COUNTY OFFICER MAY BE ABSENT FROM THE STATE WITHOUT FORFEITING THE OFFICER'S OFFICE; AMENDING SECTION 7-4-2208, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Section 1. Section 7-4-2208, MCA, is amended to read:

"7-4-2208. Absence of county officers from state. (1) Subject to subsection (2) and except as provided in 10-1-1008, if a county officer is absent from the state for a period of more than ~~60 days~~ or for a period longer than ~~15~~ 30 consecutive days without the consent of the board of county commissioners, the officer forfeits the office.

~~(2) The sheriff, undersheriff, or deputy sheriffs of any county may absent themselves from the state, with the permission of the board, for a period of more than 60 days for the sole purpose of attending a recognized and accredited law enforcement training school without effecting forfeiture of their offices.~~

(2) If the county officer who is seeking consent to be absent from the state for more than 30 consecutive days is a member of the board of county commissioners, the officer may participate in the vote on the question of providing consent for the absence."

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

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I hereby certify that the within bill,
HB 0244, originated in the House.

Chief Clerk of the House

Speaker of the House

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2009.

President of the Senate

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2009.

HOUSE BILL NO. 244
INTRODUCED BY D. ANKNEY

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