

1 SENATE BILL NO. 243

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA AN
5 AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 5, OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE THAT IN A
6 GENERAL ELECTION, A MAJORITY OF VOTES IS NEEDED IN ORDER TO BE ELECTED; AND PROVIDING
7 AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

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11 **Section 1.** Article IV, section 5, of The Constitution of the State of Montana is amended to read:

12 **"Section 5. Result of elections.** ~~In~~ (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), in all elections held by the
13 people, the person or persons receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared elected.

14 (2) In a general election, a majority of votes is needed in order to be elected."

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16 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** This amendment is effective on approval by the electorate.

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18 NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Submission to electorate.** This amendment shall be submitted to the
19 qualified electors of Montana at the general election to be held in November 2010 by printing on the ballot the
20 full title of this act and the following:

21 FOR providing that in a general election, a majority of votes is needed in order to be elected.

22 AGAINST providing that in a general election, a majority of votes is needed in order to be
23 elected.

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