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Support for Montana-based Business' Use of Technology Districts

It is the intent of the Montana Association of Counties to support efforts to allow Montana businesses to be able to fully participate in technology districts.

WHEREAS, the State of Montana has, through 7-15-4295, MCA, provided local governments the opportunity to create technology districts for the purpose of encouraging the location and retention of technology business and industry; and

WHEREAS, such districts allow for the development of technology infra-structure; and

WHEREAS, local governments are aware of the importance of attracting new industry to the state; and

WHEREAS, local governments are also aware of the need to provide local, Montana business and industry a "level playing field"; and,

WHEREAS, Montana businesses contribute taxes and employment opportunities to Montana citizens and should be encouraged, not penalized, for doing business in Montana.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montana Association of Counties support Montana-based businesses; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Montana Association of Counties support legislation that amends current technology district statutes so as to allow Montana businesses to participate in technology districts.

SPONSOR:	**Districts 10 & 11**
RECOMMENDATION:	**Do Pass**
PRIORITY:	**High**
REFERRED TO:	**Economic Development Committee** **Information Technology Committee**
ADOPTED:	**Annual Conference, Hamilton, MT September 24, 2008**