

## 1 HOUSE BILL NO. 154

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ELIMINATING THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE SUPERINTENDENT  
5 OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION HOLD AT LEAST A BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM ANY UNIT OF THE MONTANA  
6 UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OR FROM AN INSTITUTION RECOGNIZED AS EQUIVALENT BY THE BOARD OF  
7 PUBLIC EDUCATION FOR TEACHER CERTIFICATION PURPOSES; AND AMENDING SECTION 20-3-101,  
8 MCA."

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

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12 **Section 1.** Section 20-3-101, MCA, is amended to read:  
13 **"20-3-101. Election and qualifications.** (1) A superintendent of public instruction for the state of  
14 Montana must be elected by the qualified electors of the state at the general election preceding the expiration  
15 of the term of office of the incumbent.

16 (2) A person is qualified to assume the office of superintendent of public instruction who:  
17 (a) is 25 years of age or older at the time of election;  
18 (b) has resided within the state for the 2 years preceding the election; and  
19 ~~(c) holds at least a bachelor's degree from any unit of the Montana university system or from an~~  
20 ~~institution recognized as equivalent by the board of public education for teacher certification purposes; and~~  
21 ~~(d)~~(c) otherwise possesses the qualifications for office that are required by The Constitution of the State  
22 of Montana."

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