

1 SENATE BILL NO. 321

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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 V, SECTION 4, OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION TO MODIFY THE
 6 RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR A CANDIDATE FOR THE LEGISLATURE."

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

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10 **Section 1.** Article V, section 4, of The Constitution of the State of Montana is amended to read:

11 **"Section 4. Qualifications.** A candidate for the legislature shall be a resident of the state for at least
 12 one year next preceding the general election. For six months next preceding the general election, he shall be a
 13 resident of the county if it contains one or more districts, ~~or of the district if it~~ if the district contains all or parts of
 14 more than one county, he shall be a resident of one of the counties included in the district regardless of whether
 15 he resides in the district."

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17 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Two-thirds vote required.** Because [section 1] is a legislative proposal
 18 to amend the constitution, Article XIV, section 8, of the Montana constitution requires an affirmative roll call vote
 19 of two-thirds of all the members of the legislature, whether one or more bodies, for passage.

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21 NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Submission to electorate.** [This act] shall be submitted to the qualified
 22 electors of Montana at the general election to be held in November 2012 by printing on the ballot the full title of
 23 [this act] and the following:

24 FOR modifying the residency requirement for a candidate for the legislature.25 AGAINST modifying the residency requirement for a candidate for the legislature.

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