

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 292

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9 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA AN
10 AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE II, SECTION 3, OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION RECOGNIZING THAT A
11 PERSON'S INALIENABLE RIGHT TO A CLEAN AND HEALTHFUL ENVIRONMENT INCLUDES THE RIGHT
12 TO A ECONOMICALLY PRODUCTIVE ENVIRONMENT; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE
13 DATE."

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

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17 **Section 1.** Article II, section 3, of The Constitution of the State of Montana is amended to read:

18 **"Section 3. Inalienable rights.** All persons are born free and have certain inalienable rights. They
19 include the right to a clean, ~~and~~ healthful, ~~and economically productive~~ environment and the rights of pursuing
20 life's basic necessities, enjoying and defending their lives and liberties, acquiring, possessing and protecting
21 property, and seeking their safety, health and happiness in all lawful ways. In enjoying these rights, all persons
22 recognize corresponding responsibilities."

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

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28 NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective upon approval of the electorate.

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30 NEW SECTION. **Section 4. Submission to electorate.** [This act] shall be submitted to the qualified

