

1 SENATE BILL NO. 247

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CLARIFYING THE TERM OF THE STATE POET LAUREATE;
5 AMENDING SECTION 2-15-242, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

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9 **Section 1.** Section 2-15-242, MCA, is amended to read:10 **"2-15-242. State poet laureate.** (1) There is a state poet laureate.11 (2) ~~Within 30 days prior to the expiration of the state poet laureate's term of appointment or within 30~~
12 ~~days after a vacancy in the position occurs~~ By June 1 of each odd-numbered year, the Montana arts council
13 established in 22-2-101 shall nominate three individuals to be the state poet laureate. The Montana arts council
14 shall provide the list of nominees to the governor who shall:15 (a) within 30 days after receiving the list of nominees, appoint the state poet laureate from among the
16 individuals named on the list; and

17 (b) notify the secretary of state and the Montana arts council of the appointment.

18 (3) The individual named by the governor as the state poet laureate shall serve for a term of 2 years
19 beginning on ~~the date of appointment by the governor~~ July 1 of each odd-numbered year.20 (4) The state poet laureate is an honorary position, and the person serving as the state poet laureate
21 may not receive any compensation from the state for serving as the state poet laureate."

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23 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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