

SENATE BILL NO. 300

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE II OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION TO GUARANTEE THE RIGHT OF FARMERS AND RANCHERS TO ENGAGE IN MODERN FARMING AND RANCHING PRACTICES."

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

NEW SECTION. **Section 1.** Article II of The Constitution of the State of Montana is amended by adding a new section 36 that reads:

Section 36. Right to engage in modern farming and ranching practices. The right of farmers and ranchers to engage in modern farming and ranching practices is guaranteed. No law may be enacted that abridges the right of farmers and ranchers to employ agricultural technology or modern livestock production and ranching practices.

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

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Submission to electorate.** [This act] shall be submitted to the qualified electors of Montana at the general election to be held in November 2014 by printing on the ballot the full title of [this act] and the following:

- YES to guaranteeing the right of farmers and ranchers to engage in modern farming and ranching practices.
- NO to guaranteeing the right of farmers and ranchers to engage in modern farming and ranching practices.

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