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STATE ADMINISTRATION

Exhibit No. 1
Date **RESOLUTION 2012 -03** 2/8/13
Bill No. HB 164

COMMISSIONER DISTRICT REDISTRICTING

It is the intent of the Montana Association of Counties to seek legislation to restore pre-2009 statutory language to require changes in county commissioner districts be made earlier than six months before a primary election.

WHEREAS, prior to 2009 section 7-4-2102 stated: “**No change in the boundaries of any commissioner district shall be made within 6 months next preceding a primary election**”, which required all changes in county commissioner district boundaries to be made at least six months before a primary election; and,

WHEREAS, Chapter 291 Session Laws of Montana (SB 148) changed Section 7-4-2102 to read: “**A change in the boundaries of any commissioner district must be made within 6 months preceding a primary election**” which means that changes must be made within a very short window of time, that being within six months before a primary election but before the open of candidate filing; and,

WHEREAS, this change was an inadvertent drafting error.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Montana Association of Counties seek legislation to restore the time period for changing county commissioner boundaries to at least six months before a primary election.

SPONSOR:	Districts 1, 2 & 3
RECOMMENDATION:	Do Pass
REFERRED TO:	Resolutions & Legislative Committee
ADOPTED:	Annual Conference, Great Falls, MT, September 26, 2012