

1 \_\_\_\_\_ BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

2 INTRODUCED BY \_\_\_\_\_  
3 (Primary Sponsor)

4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE POSITION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DIRECTOR  
5 OF INDIAN AFFAIRS; ELIMINATING THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE DIRECTOR MUST HAVE A  
6 BACHELOR'S DEGREE; AND AMENDING SECTION 2-15-217, MCA."

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

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10 **Section 1.** Section 2-15-217, MCA, is amended to read:

11 **"2-15-217. Office of state director of Indian affairs.** (1) There is an office of state director of Indian  
12 affairs. The office is allocated to the governor's office for administrative purposes only as prescribed in 2-15-121.

13 (2) The state director must be appointed by the governor from a list of five qualified Indian applicants  
14 agreed upon by the tribal councils of the respective Indian tribes of the state. The state director shall serve at the  
15 pleasure of the governor.

16 (3) Except as provided in subsection (4), the qualifications for applicants must include but are not limited  
17 to:

- 18 ~~(a) a bachelor's degree in a relevant public policy field, as determined by the governor;~~
- 19 ~~(b)~~(a) not less than 3 years of experience in a professional administrative capacity; and
- 20 ~~(c)~~(b) demonstrated skills in conducting policy research and obtaining grant funds from federal, state,  
21 or private sector sources.

22 (4) The governor may appoint an applicant agreed upon by the tribal councils as provided in subsection  
23 (2) whose skills and experience are commensurate with the qualifications set forth in subsection (3)."

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