

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 164

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CLARIFYING WHEN THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT
5 BOUNDARIES MAY BE ALTERED; AND AMENDING SECTION 7-4-2102, MCA."

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

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9 **Section 1.** Section 7-4-2102, MCA, is amended to read:

10 **"7-4-2102. Division of county into commissioner districts.** (1) In each county of the state, following
11 each federal decennial census, the board of county commissioners shall divide their respective counties into as
12 many commissioner districts as there are county commissioners and ensure that the districts are as compact and
13 equal in population and area as possible. The apportionment may take place at any time for the purpose of
14 equalizing in population and area the commissioner districts. However, a commissioner district may not at any
15 time be changed to affect the term of office of any county commissioner who has been elected. A change in the
16 boundaries of any commissioner district ~~must~~ may not be made between the date that falls within 6 months
17 preceding before a county commissioner primary election and the date of the general election.

18 (2) The district judge or judges of the county shall review the action of the commissioners to determine
19 whether or not the action meets the requirements of this section."

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