

HOUSE BILL NO. 589

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE IX OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH A PERMANENT OIL AND GAS TRUST FUND FUNDED FROM TAXES ON OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION; PROVIDING THAT THE PRINCIPAL OF THE TRUST REMAIN INVIOLETE UNLESS APPROPRIATED BY VOTE OF THREE-QUARTERS OF EACH HOUSE OF THE LEGISLATURE; AND PROVIDING THAT THE INTEREST AND INCOME CAN BE APPROPRIATED."

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

NEW SECTION. **Section 1.** Article IX of The Constitution of the State of Montana is amended by adding a new section 8 that reads:

Section 8. Oil and gas trust fund. ~~(1) The legislature shall provide for a trust fund to be known as the oil and gas trust fund of the state of Montana. The legislature shall dedicate not less than 30 percent of taxes based upon the extraction, severance, or production of oil and gas to the trust fund.~~

(1) THE LEGISLATURE SHALL DEDICATE THE FOLLOWING PERCENTAGES OF ANY TAX COLLECTED BY THE STATE ON THE EXTRACTION, SEVERANCE, OR PRODUCTION OF OIL AND GAS, BUT NOT INCLUDING ANY TAX BASED ON THE VALUE OF THE PROPERTY AND COLLECTED BY THE COUNTIES, TO A TRUST FUND, THE INTEREST AND INCOME FROM WHICH MAY BE APPROPRIATED:

- (A) 5 PERCENT IN 2016;
- (B) 10 PERCENT IN 2017;
- (C) 15 PERCENT IN 2018;
- (D) 20 PERCENT IN 2019;
- (E) 25 PERCENT IN 2020; AND
- (F) 30 PERCENT IN 2021 AND THEREAFTER.

(2) The principal of the trust shall forever remain inviolate unless appropriated by a vote of three-fourths of the members of each house of the legislature. ~~The interest and income from the trust may be appropriated.~~

