

1 _____ BILL NO. _____

2 INTRODUCED BY _____
3 (Primary Sponsor)

4 BY REQUEST OF THE STATE-TRIBAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

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6 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING SIGNAGE AND GEOGRAPHICAL DESIGNATION LAWS;
7 REQUIRING STATE LANDHOLDING AND LAND MANAGING AGENCIES TO IDENTIFY ALL GEOGRAPHIC
8 FEATURES AND PLACES UNDER THEIR JURISDICTION USING THE WORDS "HALF-BREED" OR "BREED"
9 AND REQUIRING THE AGENCIES TO REMOVE THOSE WORDS FROM ANY MAPS, SIGNS, OR MARKERS
10 WHENEVER AGENCIES UPDATE MAPS OR REPLACE SIGNS AND MARKERS BECAUSE OF WEAR OR
11 VANDALISM; REQUIRING THE DIRECTOR OF INDIAN AFFAIRS TO ENSURE THAT A LITTLE SHELL
12 CHIPPEWA TRIBAL MEMBER IS APPOINTED TO THE ADVISORY GROUP ON NAMING SITES AND
13 FEATURES; REQUIRING THE ADVISORY GROUP TO CONSULT WITH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; AND
14 AMENDING SECTION 2-15-149, MCA."

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

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18 **Section 1.** Section 2-15-149, MCA, is amended to read:

19 **"2-15-149. Naming of sites and geographic features -- replacement of word "squaw", "half-breed",**
20 **or "breed" -- advisory group.** (1) The state director of Indian affairs shall appoint an advisory group ~~that will,~~
21 which must include a member of the Little Shell Chippewa tribe, to serve on a volunteer basis to consult with
22 county commissioners, local agencies, organizations, and individuals ~~in~~ to reach a consensus on developing
23 names to replace present site or geographic names that contain the word "squaw", "half-breed", or "breed".

24 (2) Each agency of state government that owns or manages public land in the state shall identify any
25 features or places under its jurisdiction that contain the word "squaw", "half-breed", or "breed" and inform the
26 advisory group of the agency's identification of features or places containing ~~that word~~ any of those words. The
27 agency shall ensure that whenever the agency updates a map or replaces a sign, interpretive marker, or any
28 other marker because of wear or vandalism, the word "squaw", "half-breed", or "breed" is removed and replaced
29 with the name chosen by the advisory group.

30 (3) The advisory group shall:



1 (a) notify the U.S. forest service, the Montana departments of commerce and natural resources and
2 conservation, and any other entity that compiles information for and develops maps for the state or for public use
3 of the name change so that it may be reflected on subsequent editions of any maps or informational literature
4 produced by those entities; and

5 (b) place a formal request with the United States board on geographic names to render a decision on the
6 proposed name change so that the new name will be reflected on all United States board on geographic names
7 maps."
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9 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Notification to tribal governments.** The secretary of state shall send a
10 copy of [this act] to each tribal government located on the seven Montana reservations and to the Little Shell
11 Chippewa tribe.

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