

HOUSE BILL NO. 331

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING SIGNAGE AND GEOGRAPHICAL DESIGNATION LAWS;
5 REQUIRING STATE LANDHOLDING AND LAND-MANAGING AGENCIES TO REMOVE THE WORDS
6 "HALF-BREED" OR "BREED" FROM MAPS, SIGNS, OR MARKERS WHENEVER AGENCIES UPDATE MAPS
7 OR REPLACE SIGNS AND MARKERS BECAUSE OF WEAR OR VANDALISM; REQUIRING THE DIRECTOR
8 OF INDIAN AFFAIRS TO ENSURE THAT A LITTLE SHELL CHIPPEWA TRIBAL MEMBER IS APPOINTED TO
9 THE ADVISORY GROUP ON NAMING SITES AND FEATURES; AMENDING SECTION 2-15-149, MCA; AND
10 PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

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

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

26 (3) The advisory group shall:
27 (a) notify the U.S. forest service, the Montana departments of commerce and natural resources and
28 conservation, and any other entity that compiles information for and develops maps for the state or for public use
29 of the name change so that it may be reflected on subsequent editions of any maps or informational literature
30 produced by those entities; and

1 (b) place a formal request with the United States board on geographic names to render a decision on
2 the proposed name change so that the new name will be reflected on all United States board on geographic
3 names maps."

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5 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Notification to tribal governments.** The secretary of state shall send a
6 copy of [this act] to each tribal government located on the seven Montana reservations and to the Little Shell
7 Chippewa tribe.

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9 NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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