

SENATE BILL NO. 273

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING THAT CONSERVATION DISTRICTS ARE TO BE
5 CONSIDERED LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR THE PURPOSES OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION
6 AND FOR COOPERATION OR IN COORDINATING WITH FEDERAL LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCIES;
7 CLARIFYING THAT CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISORS MAY ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH
8 OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, STATE AGENCIES, OTHER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS, AND THE
9 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT; AND PROVIDING THAT A DISTRICT MAY SEEK TO ESTABLISH COORDINATION
10 AND COOPERATING AGENCY STATUS WITH FEDERAL LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCIES."

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

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14 NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Intergovernmental cooperation.** (1) A district is a local government unit
15 for the purpose of intergovernmental cooperation as provided in Article XI, section 7, of the Montana constitution.

16 (2) The supervisors may enter into intergovernmental agreements to carry out the purposes of 76-15-316,
17 76-15-317, 76-15-318, [section 2], and 76-15-403.

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19 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Coordination and cooperation with federal land management**
20 **agencies.** A district may seek to become a cooperating agency or to establish coordination with a federal land
21 management agency when the federal land management agency is proposing a plan, policy, or action on land
22 within the boundaries of a district or when the plan, policy, or action will directly affect the district.

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24 NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Codification instruction.** [Sections 1 and 2] are intended to be codified
25 as an integral part of Title 76, chapter 15, part 3, and the provisions of Title 76, chapter 15, part 3, apply to
26 [sections 1 and 2].

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