

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 317

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT LIMITING THE NUMBER OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS THAT MAY
5 BE INTRODUCED BY A LEGISLATOR IN A SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE; AND GOVERNING
6 PROCEDURES FOR REQUESTING THE PREPARATION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS FOR
7 INTRODUCTION IN THE LEGISLATURE."

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

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11 NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Bill requests and introduction -- limits and procedures.** (1) A bill or
12 resolution may not be introduced in the legislature unless it has been prepared for introduction by the legislative
13 services division, established in 5-11-111, and is sponsored by a legislator or legislator-elect entitled to serve in
14 the session for which the bill or resolution is introduced.

15 (2) (a) An individual legislator may not request more than 15 bill drafts to be drafted by the legislative
16 services division for a session of the legislature.

17 (b) A legislator may not sponsor more than 20 bills and resolutions in a session of the legislature. This
18 limit does not apply to:

19 (i) a bill limited to repealing specified statutes;

20 (ii) the following appropriation bills:

21 (A) a bill appropriating money for the operation of the legislature introduced as provided by legislative
22 rule; and

23 (B) bills appropriating money to implement the governor's budget prepared under Title 17, chapter 7, part
24 1;

25 (iii) a bill recommended by the code commissioner under 1-11-204;

26 (iv) a resolution requested by a rules committee related to adopting or amending the rules of the
27 legislature;

28 (v) a bill or resolution specifically authorized for drafting and introduction by a committee of the chamber
29 into which the bill or resolution is to be introduced based upon a finding that the bill or resolution is necessary for
30 technical reasons as a separate proposal; and

1 (vi) confirmation resolutions.

2 (3) The following are entitled to request a bill or resolution to be prepared for introduction by the
3 legislative services division:

4 (a) a legislator or legislator-elect entitled to serve in the session for which the bill or resolution is to be
5 prepared;

6 (b) when the legislature is not in session, a committee of the legislature authorized by law to meet in the
7 interim between sessions of the legislature; and

8 (c) during a session, a standing or select committee of the legislature.

9 (4) Before a committee may request preparation of a bill or resolution under subsection (3), the
10 committee must have reviewed the general purpose and content of the proposal prior to requesting its
11 preparation.

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13 **NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an
14 integral part of Title 5, chapter 2, and the provisions of Title 5, chapter 2, apply to [section 1].

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