

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 929
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN INTERIM SELECT COMMITTEE TO STUDY
5 THE LEGISLATURE'S IMPEACHMENT PROCESS; PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF
6 RECOMMENDATIONS AND LEGISLATION TO THE 69TH LEGISLATURE; PROVIDING AN
7 APPROPRIATION; ESTABLISHING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
8 DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE."

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

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12 NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Interim select committee on impeachment process.** (1) There is an
13 interim select committee on the impeachment process.

14 (2) The select committee consists of:

15 (a) four members of the house of representatives selected by the speaker of the house of
16 representatives, including three from the majority party and one from the minority party; and

17 (b) three members of the senate selected by the president of the senate, including two from the
18 majority party and one from the minority party.

19 (3) The speaker shall select the presiding officer of the select committee from the house members
20 from the majority party. The presiding officer shall select the vice presiding officer.

21 (4) The select committee shall:

22 (a) study the existing and historical impeachment process and statutory framework in the state;

23 (b) evaluate other state and congressional impeachment processes;

24 (c) evaluate the adequacy of the legislature's statutory investigative powers;

25 (d) conduct a fiscal analysis of potential costs associated with an impeachment proceeding;

26 (e) define and draft separate forms and processes for the impeachment process in the senate; and

27 (f) investigate any other issues associated with the impeachment process that the select

28 committee considers necessary.

1 (5) The select committee shall report the results of its study to the 69th regular session of the
2 legislature. The select committee may recommend legislation and legislative rule changes regarding the
3 impeachment process for introduction in the 69th regular session of the legislature.

4 (6) The special counsel, pursuant to 5-5-110, and exempt personal legislative leadership staff,
5 pursuant to 2-18-104, shall provide staff assistance to the select committee.

6 (7) The legislative services division shall provide the select committee with:

7 (a) secretarial and remote meeting and recording support;

8 (b) bill drafting and legislative rule drafting services; and

9 (c) legal review services as needed.

10 (8) The select committee may meet in person on a quarterly basis during the interim. The select
11 committee may meet remotely on a monthly basis during the interim.

12 (9) Members of the select committee must be compensated as provided in 5-2-302.

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14 **NEW SECTION. Section 2. Appropriation.** (1) There is appropriated \$66,327 from the general fund
15 to the legislative services division for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, to support the select committee
16 provided for in [section 1].

17 (2) Money from the appropriation that is not spent during the biennium must revert to the general
18 fund.

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20 **NEW SECTION. Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2023.

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22 **NEW SECTION. Section 4. Termination.** [Section 1] terminates June 30, 2025.

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