

HOUSE BILL NO. 229
INTRODUCED BY B. OLSON

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XI, SECTION 2, OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CHANGE OF A COUNTY BOUNDARY OR THE TRANSFER OF A COUNTY SEAT BY A VOTE OF THREE-FIFTHS OF THE MEMBERS OF EACH HOUSE OF THE LEGISLATURE; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

Section 1. Article XI, section 2, of The Constitution of the State of Montana is amended to read:

"Section 2. Counties. The counties of the state are those that exist on the date of ratification of this constitution. No county boundary may be changed or county seat transferred ~~until~~ unless approved by a three-fifths vote of the members of each house of the legislature or a majority of those voting on the question in each county affected."

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** This act is effective upon approval by the electorate.

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Submission to electorate.** This amendment shall be submitted to the qualified electors of Montana at the general election to be held in November 2004 by printing on the ballot the full title of this act and the following:

- FOR authorizing changes in county boundaries or transfers of county seats by a three-fifths vote of the members of each house of the legislature.
- AGAINST authorizing changes in county boundaries or transfers of county seats by a three-fifths vote of the members of each house of the legislature.

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