

HOUSE BILL NO. 339

INTRODUCED BY PATTISON, BUTCHER, HEDGES, PETERSON, ROSS, SMITH, TASH, WAITSCHIES

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CLARIFYING WHICH COUNTIES MUST HAVE COUNTY AUDITORS AND WHICH COUNTIES MAY HAVE COUNTY AUDITORS; ALLOWING COMMISSIONERS IN CERTAIN COUNTIES THE DISCRETIONARY AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE FOR AN ELECTED OR APPOINTED COUNTY AUDITOR; AMENDING SECTION 7-6-2401, MCA; AND REPEALING SECTION 7-6-2402, MCA."

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

Section 1. Section 7-6-2401, MCA, is amended to read:

"7-6-2401. Creation of office of county auditor. (1) ~~Except as provided in subsection (2), the~~ The office of county auditor exists in all counties of the first, second, third, or fourth class and having a population in excess of 15,000.

(2) ~~The provisions of 7-6-2401 through 7-6-2413 do not apply to~~ County commissioners in counties having a population of less than 15,000 persons according to the most recent federal census to which subsection (1) does not apply may create a county auditor's position, either as a full-time or a part-time position or in combination with another position pursuant to 7-4-2301.

(3) ~~The provisions of 7-6-2403 through 7-6-2412 do not apply to counties that do not have county auditors.~~"

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Repealer.** Section 7-6-2402, MCA, is repealed.

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