

SENATE BILL NO. 82  
INTRODUCED BY S. KITZENBERG

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING AN ONGOING SOURCE OF FUNDING FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND ESTABLISHMENT OF STATE PARKS THROUGH AN ANNUAL LEVY NOT TO EXCEED 2 MILLS ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN MONTANA; PROVIDING THAT THE PROPOSED ACT BE SUBMITTED TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE STATE OF MONTANA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE."

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

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Tax levy for support of state parks.** Subject to 15-10-420, there is levied annually upon the taxable value of all real estate and personal property subject to taxation in the state of Montana 2 mills or so much of 2 mills as is necessary to raise the amount appropriated by the legislature from the state special revenue fund for the maintenance and establishment of state parks. The funds raised from this levy must be placed in the state special revenue fund to the credit of the department of fish, wildlife, and parks.

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date -- applicability.** This act is effective upon approval by the electorate and applies to tax years beginning January 1, 2005.

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Submission to electorate.** This act 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 a statewide 2-mill levy on all taxable property and dedication of levy proceeds to maintenance and establishment of state parks.
- [] AGAINST a statewide 2-mill levy on all taxable property and dedication of levy proceeds to maintenance and establishment of state parks.

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