

SENATE BILL NO. 195
INTRODUCED BY D. GRIMES

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING THE MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO COMMISSION A SCULPTURE FOR LONG-TERM PLACEMENT IN THE SENATE CHAMBERS; REQUIRING THE LEWIS AND CLARK BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE SCULPTURE; AND CREATING A SENATE ADVISORY GROUP TO ADVISE THE MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY ON COMMISSIONING OF THE SCULPTURE."

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

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Senate sculpture.** (1) The Montana historical society, in consultation with the senate advisory group, provided for in subsection (4), and the Lewis and Clark bicentennial commission, provided for in 2-15-150, shall commission a qualified artist to create a bronze relief sculpture.

(2) The sculpture must reflect a theme consistent with the Lewis and Clark expedition and be placed for up to 50 years, subject to renewal, on the west wall in the senate chambers.

(3) The Lewis and Clark bicentennial commission shall provide funding for the commissioning of the sculpture.

(4) (a) The president of the senate, in consultation with the senate minority floor leader, shall appoint six former members of the senate, no more than three of whom represented the same political party when they served in the senate, to an advisory group to consult with the Montana historical society on the commissioning of the sculpture.

(b) Members of the advisory group shall serve without compensation or reimbursement for expenses.

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 2, chapter 17, part 8, and the provisions of Title 2, chapter 17, part 8, apply to [section 1].

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Coordination instruction.** If House Bill No. 114 and [this act] are both passed and approved, then [section 6] of House Bill No. 114 is amended to read:

"NEW SECTION. **Section 6. Placement of certain busts, statues, memorials, monuments, and art displays.** (1) The following busts, statues, memorials, monuments, and art displays are to be placed for up to

50 years, subject to renewal, in the capitol:

- (a) the busts of Thomas J. Walsh, Burton K. Wheeler, and Joseph Dixon;
- (b) the plaques commemorating Theodore Brantley, Fred Whiteside, the first Montana volunteers who fought in the Spanish-American War, the construction of the capitol from 1899 to 1902, and the 1972 Montana constitutional convention;
- (c) the murals by Edgar S. Paxson, Ralph E. DeCamp, Charles M. Russell, Amedee Joullin, and F. Pedretti and sons;
- (d) the portraits of Joseph K. Toole and Wilbur Fiske Sanders;
- (e) the statues of Wilbur Fiske Sanders, Jeanette Rankin, and Mike and Maureen Mansfield;
- (f) the Montana statehood centennial bell;
- (g) the gallery of outstanding Montanans;
- (h) the Montana constitutional exhibit; and
- (i) the biographical descriptions of Montana's governors, to be placed near the portraits of the governors.

(2) The following busts, statues, memorials, monuments, and art displays are to be placed for up to 50 years, subject to renewal, on the grounds of the capitol:

- (a) the statue of Thomas Francis Meagher;
- (b) the plaque commemorating Donald Nutter; and
- (c) two benches with plaques recognizing contributors to the 1997-2000 capitol restoration, repair, and renovation project.

(3) The statue by Robert Scriver entitled "symbol of the pros" is to be placed for up to 50 years, subject to renewal, on the capitol complex grounds.

(4) The senate sculpture provided for in [section 1 of Bill No. [LC 835]] is to be placed for up to 50 years, subject to renewal, on the west wall in the senate chambers.

~~(4)~~(5) The council shall determine the specific placement of the items identified in subsections (1) through (3)."

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