

## SENATE BILL NO. 220

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION DISTRICTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF POPULATION EQUALITY; PROVIDING FOR TRANSITION; AND AMENDING SECTION 69-1-104, MCA."

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

**Section 1.** Section 69-1-104, MCA, is amended to read:

**"69-1-104. Public service commission districts.** In this state there are five public service commission districts, with one commissioner elected from each district, distributed as follows:

(1) first district: Blaine, Cascade, Chouteau, Daniels, Dawson, Fergus, Garfield, ~~Glacier, Golden Valley,~~ Hill, Judith Basin, Liberty, McCone, ~~Musselshell~~, Petroleum, Phillips, ~~Pondera, Prairie~~, Richland, Roosevelt, Sheridan, Toole, ~~and Valley, and Wibaux,~~ AND WIBAUX Counties;

(2) second district: Big Horn, Carbon, Carter, Custer, Fallon, ~~Musselshell~~, Powder River, Prairie, Rosebud, ~~Stillwater, Sweet Grass~~, Treasure, Wibaux, and Yellowstone Counties;

(3) third district: Beaverhead, Broadwater, ~~Cascade~~, Deer Lodge, Gallatin, Golden Valley, Jefferson, ~~Judith Basin, Lewis and Clark, Madison,~~ Meagher, ~~Teton,~~ MUSSELSHELL, Park, Silver Bow, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, and Wheatland Counties;

(4) fourth district: ~~Beaverhead, Deer Lodge, Gallatin,~~ Granite, ~~Madison, Park,~~ Lake LINCOLN, Mineral, Missoula, Powell, Ravalli, and ~~Silver Bow~~ Sanders Counties;

(5) fifth district: Flathead, ~~Lake, Glacier, LAKE,~~ Lewis and Clark, Lincoln, Mineral, ~~Missoula, and Sanders~~ Pondera, and Teton Counties."

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Transition.** For the purposes of the 2004 election, the secretary of state shall declare which district a sitting commissioner represents for any public service commissioner whose district is not up for election and shall use as criteria the residence of the respective commissioner on [the effective date of this act].

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Saving clause.** [This act] does not affect rights and duties that matured, penalties that were incurred, or proceedings that were begun before [the effective date of this act].

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