

## HOUSE BILL NO. 21

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BY REQUEST OF THE REVENUE AND TRANSPORTATION INTERIM COMMITTEE

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING THE REVENUE AND TRANSPORTATION INTERIM COMMITTEE TO PREPARE FOR INTRODUCTION DURING A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE AN ESTIMATE OF THE AMOUNT OF PROJECTED REVENUE; AMENDING SECTIONS 5-3-101 AND 5-5-227, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

**Section 1.** Section 5-3-101, MCA, is amended to read:

**"5-3-101. Convening of special session -- limiting subjects -- committee meetings -- compensation.** (1) The legislature may be convened in special session by the governor or at the written request of a majority of the members. ~~The Subject to 5-5-227,~~ the governor or the legislature may limit the special session to the subjects specified in the call.

(2) (a) A standing committee of the legislature may meet prior to a special session for the purpose of holding hearings and taking action on preintroduced legislation that has been referred to that committee.

(b) Public notice of a hearing to be held by a standing committee prior to a special session must be given at least 7 days before the hearing.

(3) Members of the legislature engaged in pre-session business for a special session are entitled to receive compensation and expenses as provided in 5-2-302. Members of the legislature are entitled to receive compensation and expenses, as provided in 5-2-301, for the day prior to the convening of a special session."

**Section 2.** Section 5-5-227, MCA, is amended to read:

**"5-5-227. Revenue and transportation interim committee -- powers and duties -- revenue estimating and use of estimates.** (1) The revenue and transportation interim committee has administrative rule review, draft legislation review, program evaluation, and monitoring functions for the department of revenue and the department of transportation and the entities attached to the departments for administrative purposes.

(2) (a) The committee must have prepared by December 1 for introduction during each regular session of the legislature in which a revenue bill is under consideration an estimate of the amount of revenue projected

to be available for legislative appropriation.

(b) The committee may prepare for introduction during a special session of the legislature in which a revenue bill or an appropriation bill is under consideration an estimate of the amount of projected revenue. The revenue estimate is considered a subject specified in the call of a special session under 5-3-101.

(3) The committee's estimate, as introduced in the legislature, constitutes the legislature's current revenue estimate until amended or until final adoption of the estimate by both houses. It is intended that the legislature's estimates and the assumptions underlying the estimates will be used by all agencies with responsibilities for estimating revenue or costs, including the preparation of fiscal notes.

(4) The legislative services division shall provide staff assistance to the committee. The committee may request the assistance of the staffs of the office of the legislative fiscal analyst, the legislative auditor, the department of revenue, and any other agency that has information regarding any of the tax or revenue bases of the state."

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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