

## HOUSE BILL NO. 524

INTRODUCED BY HAMILTON, WILLIAMS

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR INCORPORATING A CITY OR TOWN; PROVIDING THAT ANY WARD OF A PROPOSED CITY OR TOWN MUST CONTAIN AT LEAST 250 INHABITANTS; REQUIRING THE PROPOSED AREA TO HAVE A POST OFFICE; AND AMENDING SECTION 7-2-4101, MCA."

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

**Section 1.** Section 7-2-4101, MCA, is amended to read:

**"7-2-4101. Petition to organize municipalities city or town.** (1) Whenever the inhabitants of any part of a county desire to ~~be organized into~~ organize as a city or town, ~~they~~ the inhabitants may apply by petition ~~in writing~~, signed by not less than 300 REGISTERED ELECTORS OR two-thirds of the registered electors, WHICHEVER IS LESS, ~~but not more than 300 such electors~~, who are residents of the state and residing within the limits of the proposed ~~incorporation~~ city or town, to the board of county commissioners of the county in which the ~~territory~~ proposed area is situated.

(2) (a) The petition must describe the limits of the proposed city or town and ~~of the several wards thereof of the proposed city or town; each of which shall~~ A proposed ward must contain 50 or more registered electors and ~~must~~ may not exceed 1 square mile in land area. ~~for each 500~~ A ward must have at least 250 inhabitants ~~resident therein~~ residing within the land area of the proposed ward.

(b) The proposed city or town must contain a post office within the proposed area of the city or town.

~~(b)(c)~~ The petitioners ~~must~~ shall annex attach to the petition a map of the proposed ~~territory~~ area to be incorporated and state the name of the proposed city or town.

(3) The petition and map must be filed in the office of the election administrator."

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