



AN ACT REVISING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR INCORPORATING A CITY OR TOWN; PROVIDING THAT ANY WARD OF A PROPOSED CITY OR TOWN MUST HAVE AT LEAST 200 INHABITANTS PER SQUARE MILE OF LAND AREA; 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 not exceed 1 square mile for each 500~~ must have at least 200 inhabitants ~~resident therein.~~ for each square mile of land area.

(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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I hereby certify that the within bill,
HB 0524, originated in the House.

Chief Clerk of the House

Speaker of the House

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2019.

President of the Senate

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2019.

HOUSE BILL NO. 524

INTRODUCED BY HAMILTON, WILLIAMS

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