

HOUSE BILL NO. 568
INTRODUCED BY B. BERGREN

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING THAT STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE LEGISLATURE MUST BE APPOINTED IN A MANNER THAT, AS NEARLY AS PRACTICABLE, REPRESENTS THE PARTY DIVISION IN EACH HOUSE OF THE LEGISLATURE; AND AMENDING SECTION 5-2-205, MCA."

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

Section 1. Section 5-2-205, MCA, is amended to read:

"5-2-205. ~~Authority for standing~~ Standing committees -- appointments -- authority to meet during interim. (1) The standing committees of the legislature, as provided for in legislative rules, must be appointed in a manner that as nearly as practicable represents the party division in each house of the legislature.

~~(1)(2)~~ Except as provided in 5-2-202 and subsection ~~(2)~~ (3) of this section, a standing committee of the legislature, as provided for in legislative rules, may not meet during the interim between regular legislative sessions.

~~(2)(3)~~ Upon approval of the president of the senate or the speaker of the house of representatives, a standing committee may meet before a special session, as provided in 5-3-101, or during a special session."

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