

SENATE BILL NO. 84
INTRODUCED BY J. ELLIOTT
BY REQUEST OF THE STATE AUDITOR

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TRANSFERRING ADMINISTRATION OF CERTAIN FOREST RESERVE AND OTHER FEDERAL FUNDS FROM THE STATE AUDITOR TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION FOR ALLOCATION TO ENTITLED COUNTIES; AMENDING SECTIONS 17-3-211 AND 17-3-212, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

Section 1. Section 17-3-211, MCA, is amended to read:

"17-3-211. Forest reserve money and other federal funds. (1) The state treasurer, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of 16 U.S.C. 500, Public Law 106-393, and all acts subsequent to them, shall divide and distribute all forest reserve and Public Law 106-393 funds received by the state, plus interest earned, to and among the several counties entitled to the funds and pay the amounts to the several county treasurers of the counties within 30 days after receiving full payment, as directed by the ~~state auditor~~ department of administration.

(2) The forest reserve money and the Public Law 106-393 money must be invested and all investment earnings credited to the forest reserve account or the Public Law 106-393 account, as appropriate."

Section 2. Section 17-3-212, MCA, is amended to read:

"17-3-212. Apportionment of forest reserve funds and other federal funds among counties. (1) The forest reserve funds, all Public Law 106-393 funds, and earned interest are statutorily appropriated, as provided in 17-7-502, from the federal special revenue fund to the ~~state auditor~~ department of administration. The ~~state auditor~~ department of administration shall apportion all forest reserve funds, all Public Law 106-393 funds, and earned interest for allocation among the counties in which the forest reserve is situated based upon federal law and this section.

(2) The state treasurer shall pay the apportioned amounts plus interest, as provided in 17-3-211, to the respective counties."

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2007.

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