

HOUSE BILL NO. 58

INTRODUCED BY T. BELCOURT

BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT DESIGNATING THE PEOPLES CREEK MINIMUM FLOW ACCOUNT WITHIN THE FORT BELKNAP-MONTANA COMPACT AS A STATE SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT; AMENDING SECTION 85-20-1007, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

**Section 1.** Section 85-20-1007, MCA, is amended to read:

**"85-20-1007. Peoples Creek minimum flow account.** (1) ~~A private purpose trust~~ state special revenue account, called the Peoples Creek minimum flow account, is established, as provided for in 17-2-102, for deposit of funds and interest on funds ~~appropriated by the state~~ for efficiency improvements and bypass structures for irrigation upstream from the Fort Belknap Reservation in the Peoples Creek Basin 40I and for a reservoir on the Reservation for the purpose of improving minimum stream flow.

(2) On approval of a final decree pursuant to Article VII of the compact, the funds and interest on funds in the Peoples Creek minimum flow account must be made available to the water users and the tribes to cover the cost of construction of improvements as agreed to in the state and federal cost-share negotiations."

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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