

## SENATE BILL NO. 229

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT AUTHORIZING CERTAIN SEPARATE LEGAL ENTITIES CREATED UNDER THE STATE-TRIBAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS ACT TO CONTRACT WITH THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT BOARD TO PROVIDE RETIREMENT SYSTEM COVERAGE FOR EMPLOYEES OF A LEGAL ENTITY."

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

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Authorization to become contracting employer in public employees' retirement system.** A separate legal entity created and authorized under this part THAT MANAGES OR OPERATES AN IRRIGATION PROJECT may contract with the public employees' retirement board as provided in Title 19, chapter 3, part 2, to become a contracting employer in the public employees' retirement system.

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Notification to tribal governments.** The secretary of state shall send a copy of [this act] to each tribal government located on the seven Montana reservations and to the Little Shell Chippewa tribe.

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 18, chapter 11, part 1, and the provisions of Title 18, chapter 11, part 1, apply to [section 1].

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