

SENATE BILL NO. 98

INTRODUCED BY J. PRIEST

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REDUCING THE SIZE OF THE LEGISLATURE; REQUIRING THE DISTRICTING AND APPORTIONMENT COMMISSION TO PROVIDE A TRANSITION PLAN FOR REDUCING THE SIZE OF THE LEGISLATURE; AND AMENDING SECTION 5-2-101, MCA."

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

Section 1. Section 5-2-101, MCA, is amended to read:

"5-2-101. Composition of legislature. (1) The legislature consists of senators and representatives elected from the several senatorial and representative districts of the state in the number specified by law in subsections (2) and (3).

(2) At the first regular legislative session after the commission provided for in Article V, section 14, of the Montana constitution files its final plan for the legislative districts adjusted for the 2020 decennial census, the legislature must consist of 90 representatives and 45 senators.

(3) At the second regular legislative session after the commission files its final plan for the legislative districts adjusted for the 2020 decennial census, the legislature must consist of 80 representatives and 40 senators."

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Transition. As part of the preparation of a redistricting plan after the 2020 decennial census, the commission provided for in Article V, section 14, of the Montana constitution shall adopt a transition schedule to reduce the size of the legislature as required by 5-2-101.

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