

HOUSE BILL NO. 51

INTRODUCED BY Z. BROWN

BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION AND THE OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ELIMINATING THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION ADOPT RULES FOR HEARINGS TO ESTABLISH CONSERVATION DISTRICTS; AMENDING SECTION 76-15-208, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

Section 1. Section 76-15-208, MCA, is amended to read:

"76-15-208. Administration of hearings and referenda. (1) The department shall:

(a) pay all expenses for the issuance of the notices and the conduct of the hearings and referenda; and shall

(b) supervise the conduct of the hearings and referenda;

(c) ~~It shall~~ adopt appropriate rules governing the conduct of the hearings and referenda; and

(d) ~~providing~~ provide for the registration prior to the date of the referendum of all eligible voters or ~~prescribing~~ prescribe some other an appropriate procedure for the determination of those eligible as voters in the referendum to determine voter eligibility.

(2) ~~No informalities~~ Informalities in the conduct of the referendum or in any matters ~~relating thereto shall~~ related to the conduct of the referendum do not invalidate the referendum or the its result thereof if notice thereof has been given substantially as herein was provided and the referendum ~~has been~~ was fairly conducted."

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

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