

1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7

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4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
5 MONTANA REQUESTING AN INTERIM STUDY OF NEXT-GENERATION 9-1-1 IN MONTANA.

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7 WHEREAS, deployment of next-generation 9-1-1 communications systems will enhance emergency
8 response and public safety in Montana and will establish a THE foundation for public safety services in a ~~wireless~~
9 AN INCREASINGLY mobile society; and10 WHEREAS, the current 9-1-1 system is built on landline telephone technology, which locates the caller
11 based on a phone number's registered address, cannot exactly locate 9-1-1 calls made from a cell phone, and
12 does not support text messages, photos, videos, and other multimedia; and13 ~~WHEREAS, next-generation 9-1-1 systems use secure internet protocol networks and geographic~~
14 ~~information systems (GIS) to automatically locate, validate, and route 9-1-1 calls from any phone and support~~
15 ~~voice, data, text, image, video, and multimedia; and~~16 ~~WHEREAS, current 9-1-1 systems are locally managed and are made up of disparate implementations~~
17 ~~that will not be conducive to efficient and effective next-generation 9-1-1 implementation; and~~18 ~~WHEREAS, current Montana statute is primarily focused on the implementation of basic and enhanced~~
19 ~~9-1-1 systems and limits the ability for call centers to upgrade 9-1-1 systems and equipment; and~~20 ~~WHEREAS, in Montana there is no one entity with a mandate for planning, implementing, or maintaining~~
21 ~~the data and communication systems needed to support next-generation 9-1-1, while surrounding states are~~
22 ~~actively engaged in planning and implementing next-generation 9-1-1; and~~23 WHEREAS, the demands and challenges of ASSOCIATED WITHEVOLVING next generation 9-1-1 NETWORKS
24 AND TECHNOLOGIES WILL require a new and innovative STATEWIDE INNOVATION AND approach and statewide
25 coordination is a critical part of the solution.

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27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
28 STATE OF MONTANA:29 That the Legislative Council be requested to designate an appropriate interim committee or statutory
30 committee, pursuant to section 5-5-217, MCA, or direct sufficient staff resources to:

