

HOUSE BILL NO. 436

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VIII OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE THAT EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION INCREASES FOR PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEMS MUST BE BY LEGISLATIVE REFERENDUM APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF VOTERS IN AN ELECTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

NEW SECTION. **Section 1.** Article VIII of The Constitution of the State of Montana is amended by adding a new section 18 that reads:

Section 18. Voter approval required for employer contribution increase in public retirement systems. (1) Any increase in public employer contributions for any public retirement system must be proposed by legislative referendum and approved by a majority of voters in an election.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to a one-time-only appropriation by the legislature or supplemental state contributions to the retirement system.

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Two-thirds vote required.** Because [section 1] is a legislative proposal to amend the constitution, Article XIV, section 8, of the Montana constitution requires an affirmative roll call vote of two-thirds of all members of the legislature, whether one or more bodies, for passage.

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective upon approval by the electorate.

NEW SECTION. **Section 4. Submission to electorate.** [This act] shall be submitted to the qualified electors of Montana at the general election to be held in November 2018 by printing on the ballot the full title of [this act] and the following:

YES on Constitutional Amendment ____.

NO on Constitutional Amendment ____.

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