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1	HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 21
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4	A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
5	MONTANA REQUESTING A STUDY OF FANTASY SPORTS, INCLUDING ONLINE FANTASY SPORTS AND
6	GAMBLING; AND REQUIRING THAT THE FINAL RESULTS OF THE STUDY BE REPORTED TO THE 66TH
7	LEGISLATURE.
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9	WHEREAS, there is a question as to whether Montana gambling laws related to participation in certain
10	online fantasy sports constitutes illegal gambling; and
11	WHEREAS, the current statutory scheme legalizing fantasy sports is in need of review; and
12	WHEREAS, in the past two legislative sessions, there have been introduced bills relating to fantasy
13	sports; and
14	WHEREAS, the Montana Legislature anticipates that fantasy sports, including online fantasy sports, wil
15	continue to be at issue in this state.
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17	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18	STATE OF MONTANA:
19	That the Legislative Council be requested to designate an appropriate interim committee, pursuant to
20	section 5-5-217, MCA, to examine:
21	(1) fantasy sports, including:
22	(a) participation, to the extent that it can be determined, including participation through parimutuel betting
23	facilities in Title 23, chapter 4;
24	(b) prizes and rewards offered;
25	(c) fees charged or bets taken; and
26	(d) a review of studies related to societal impacts of participation among various sports and age ranges
27	(2) applicable gambling laws, INCLUDING TAXATION, in other states and parimutuel laws in this state that
28	apply to online fantasy sports; and
29	(3) solutions to clarify Montana law relating to fantasy sports, including overhaul of fantasy sports laws
30	in Title 23.

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all aspects of the study, including presentation and review

- 2 requirements, be concluded prior to September 15, 2018.
- 3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the final results of the study, including any findings, conclusions,
- 4 comments, or recommendations of the appropriate committee, be reported to the 66th Legislature.

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