

HOUSE BILL NO. 524

INTRODUCED BY M. WEATHERWAX

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO INSTALLATION OF AN AMERICAN INDIAN MONUMENT AND TRIBAL FLAGS ON THE CAPITOL COMPLEX; CLARIFYING ROLES OF THE GOVERNOR AND THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE; ADDING REPRESENTATION BY THE LITTLE SHELL CHIPPEWA TRIBE; AMENDING SECTIONS 22-2-601 AND 22-2-602, MCA; REPEALING SECTION 3, CHAPTER 569, LAWS OF 2003; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

Section 1. Section 22-2-601, MCA, is amended to read:

~~"22-2-601. (Temporary) American Indian monument and tribal flag circle -- competition for design.~~

~~(1) The state of Montana shall erect on the grounds of the capitol complex a monument to American Indians and a Montana tribal flag circle in recognition of American Indians' contributions to this state and nation.~~

~~————(2) The Montana arts council shall advertise and conduct a competition among all Montanans for a design for the monument and flag circle.~~

22-2-601. (Effective on occurrence of contingency) American Indian monument and tribal flag circle -- competition for design flags. (1) The state of Montana shall erect on the grounds of the capitol complex, a monument to American Indians and a Montana tribal flag circle in recognition of American Indians' contributions to this state and nation, either or both of the following:

(1) a monument, including specific recognition of the contributions and sacrifices made by Montana's past, present, and future American Indian war veterans, in consultation with the advisory committee established in 22-2-602;

(2) the flags of the tribes in Montana as authorized by the governor.

~~(2) The Montana arts council shall advertise and conduct a competition among all Montanans for a design for the monument and flag circle."~~

Section 2. Section 22-2-602, MCA, is amended to read:

"22-2-602. Advisory committee -- composition -- duties. (1) To coordinate the project provided for

1 in 22-2-601(1), the governor shall appoint an advisory committee composed of the following 11 12 members:

2 (a) a representative from the Montana arts council;

3 (b) a representative from each of the ~~state's~~ seven Indian reservations in Montana and the Little Shell

4 Chippewa tribe;

5 (c) a representative from the architecture and engineering division of the department of administration;

6 (d) the state director of Indian affairs or the state director's designee; and

7 (e) a representative of the Montana historical society.

8 ~~(2) The advisory committee shall review the proposals submitted in the design competition for the~~
9 ~~monument and flag circle and select an appropriate design.~~

10 ~~(3)(2)~~ The advisory committee shall make recommendations to the department of administration for an
11 appropriate design and site for the monument ~~and the flag circle~~ on the grounds of the capitol complex. The
12 monument ~~and flag circle~~ may be located separately on the grounds from the tribal flags authorized in
13 22-2-601(2).

14 ~~(4)(3)~~ The advisory committee shall solicit and accept private contributions to finance the monument and
15 the placement of the monument ~~and the flag circle~~ on the grounds of the capitol complex."

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17 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Repealer. Section 3, Chapter 569, Laws of 2003, is repealed.

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19 NEW SECTION. Section 4. Notification to tribal governments. The secretary of state shall send a
20 copy of [this act] to each tribal government located on the seven Montana reservations and to the Little Shell
21 Chippewa tribe.

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23 NEW SECTION. Section 5. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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