

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10

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A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN INTERIM STUDY TO IDENTIFY AND ADDRESS BARRIERS TO VOTING BY MONTANA NATIVE AMERICANS WHILE ENSURING ELECTION SECURITY.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

That the Legislative Council be requested to designate the State-Tribal Relations Committee, pursuant to section 5-5-217, MCA, to study barriers to voting by Montana Native Americans and how those findings can be addressed in Montana election laws and procedures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the study:

- (1) examine existing deadlines and procedures for Montana elections, including requirements for physical addresses and identification, and any obstacles to those requirements on reservations in Montana;
  - (2) analyze options for addressing any barriers while ensuring election security;
  - (3) review mail ballot requirements and options, and the impact of those requirements on reservations;
- and
- (4) consider any other matters relating to voting by Montana Native Americans that the committee deems appropriate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State-Tribal Relations Committee request the participation of stakeholders in the study process, including election administrators, representatives from each of the tribal governments in Montana, and other interested parties as determined by the committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State-Tribal Relations Committee in conducting the study visit reservations in Montana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the study is assigned to staff, any findings or conclusions be presented to and reviewed by the State-Tribal Relations Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all aspects of the study, including presentation and review requirements, be concluded prior to September 15, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to each tribal government located



1 on the seven Montana reservations and to the Little Shell Chippewa tribe.

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the final results of the study, including any findings, conclusions,  
3 comments, or recommendations of the committee, be reported to the 67th Legislature.

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