

1 _____ BILL NO. _____

2 INTRODUCED BY _____
3 (Primary Sponsor)

4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA AN
5 AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE V, SECTION 4 OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION TO INCREASE THE
6 RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

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10 **Section 1.** Article V, section 4, of The Constitution of the State of Montana is amended to read:

11 **"Section 4. Qualifications.** A candidate for the legislature shall be a resident of the state for at least
12 ~~one year next~~ 5 years preceding the general election. For ~~six 6 months next~~ preceding the general election, ~~he~~
13 the candidate shall be a resident of the county if it contains one or more districts or of the district if it contains all
14 or parts of more than one county."

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

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

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22 NEW SECTION. **Section 4. Submission to electorate.** [This act] shall be submitted to the qualified
23 electors of Montana at the general election to be held in November 2022 by printing on the ballot the full title of
24 [this act] and the following:

25 YES on Constitutional Amendment ____.

26 NO on Constitutional Amendment ____.

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