

1 _____ BILL NO. _____

2 INTRODUCED BY _____
3 (Primary Sponsor)

4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT
5 COMMITTEE; AMENDING SECTION 5-13-202, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

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9 **Section 1.** Section 5-13-202, MCA, is amended to read:

10 **"5-13-202. Appointment and term of members -- officers -- vacancies.** (1) The legislative audit
11 committee consists of six members of the senate and six members of the house of representatives appointed
12 before the end of each regular session in the same manner as standing committees of the respective houses
13 are appointed. Subject to 5-5-234, ~~three~~four of the appointees of each house must be members of the majority
14 party and ~~three~~two of the appointees of each house must be members of the minority party.

15 (2) A member of the committee shall serve until the member's term of office as a legislator ends or
16 until a successor is appointed, whichever occurs first.

17 (3) The committee shall elect one of its members as presiding officer and other officers as it considers
18 necessary.

19 (4) A vacancy on the committee occurring when the legislature is not in session must be filled by the
20 selection of a member of the legislature by the remaining members of the committee. If there is a vacancy on
21 the committee at the beginning of a legislative session because a member's term of office as a legislator has
22 ended, a member of the same political party must be appointed in the same manner as the original
23 appointment, no later than the 10th legislative day, to serve until a successor is appointed under subsection
24 (1)."

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26 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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