

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 481  
2 INTRODUCED BY R. FITZGERALD

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT INCREASING THE RATE OF INFLATION LIMITATION IMPOSED  
5 ON GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES FOR CALCULATING PROPERTY TAX LEVIES; INCREASING THE RATE  
6 OF INFLATION LIMIT FROM ONE-HALF THE AVERAGE RATE OF INFLATION TO THE AVERAGE RATE  
7 OF INFLATION; REQUIRING A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY THAT IMPOSES AN INFLATION FACTOR OF  
8 MORE THAN ONE-HALF THE AVERAGE RATE OF INFLATION TO PASS A RESOLUTION; AMENDING  
9 SECTIONS 7-6-4020, 7-6-4030, AND 15-10-420, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE,  
10 ~~AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE, AND A TERMINATION DATE.~~"

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

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14 **Section 1.** Section 7-6-4020, MCA, is amended to read:

15 **"7-6-4020. Preliminary annual operating budget.** (1) A preliminary annual operating budget must  
16 be prepared for the local government.

17 (2) This part does not provide for the consolidation or reassignment, but does not prohibit  
18 delegation by mutual agreement, of any duties of elected county officials.

19 (3) (a) Before June 1 of each year, the county clerk and recorder shall notify the county  
20 commission and each board, office, regional resource authority, or official that they are required to file  
21 preliminary budget proposals for their component of the total county budget.

22 (b) Component budgets must be submitted to the clerk and recorder before June 10th or on a date  
23 designated by the county commission and must be submitted on forms provided by the county clerk and  
24 recorder.

25 (c) The county clerk and recorder shall prepare and submit the county's preliminary annual  
26 operating budget.

27 (d) Component budget responsibilities as provided in this subsection (3) include but are not limited  
28 to the following:

**Amendment - 1st Reading-white - Requested by: Joshua Kassmier - (H) Taxation**

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1 **NEW SECTION. Section 6. Termination.** [Sections 1 through 3] terminate December 31, 2026.

2 - END -

AMEND