

**Amendment - 1st Reading-white - Requested by: Dennis Lenz - (S) Public Health, Welfare and Safety**

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1 SENATE BILL NO. 282  
2 INTRODUCED BY D. LENZ  
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO PLANNING AND SERVICE  
5 AREAS FOR SERVICES TO OLDER MONTANANS; ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE  
6 PLANNING AND SERVICE AREAS; PROVIDING FOR TASK FORCE MEMBERSHIP AND DUTIES;  
7 REQUIRING REVIEW AND POSSIBLE REDESIGNATION OF PLANNING AND SERVICE AREAS BY JULY 1,  
8 2027; ESTABLISHING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS; AMENDING SECTION 52-3-405, MCA; AND  
9 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE."

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

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13 NEW SECTION. Section 1. Task force on planning and service areas. (1) There is a task force on  
14 planning and service areas to evaluate the current designated planning and service areas and make  
15 recommendations for revising the boundaries of the areas to better serve older Montanans.

16 (2) The task force consists of ~~12~~ 15 members appointed as follows:

17 (a) two members of the Montana senate appointed by the committee on committees, one from the  
18 majority party and one from the minority party;

19 (b) two members of the Montana house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house,  
20 one from the majority party and one from the minority party; and

21 (c) additional members appointed by the director of the department or the director's designee to  
22 represent:

23 (i) ~~two~~ four area agencies on aging, one with a service area that ~~includes~~ primarily serves urban  
24 areas, ~~and~~ one primarily serving only rural communities, one from a service area west of the continental divide,  
25 and one from a service area east of the continental divide;

26 (ii) two senior centers, one urban and one rural;

27 (iii) recipients of aging services;

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1 (iv) providers of aging services; ~~and~~

2 (v) a tribal representative with knowledge of the unique needs of the Indian elderly population; and

3 ~~(v)~~(vi) a person with an interest in aging services who has the ability to analyze data for the task force.

4 (3) The task force shall make recommendations to the department to assist with the redesignation  
5 of the planning and service areas scheduled to be completed by July 1, 2027, pursuant to 52-3-405.

6 (4) A vacancy on the committee must be filled by the appointing authority in the same manner as  
7 the original appointment.

8 (5) (a) The department director shall appoint the presiding officer of the task force.

9 (b) The task force is attached to the department for administrative purposes only.

10 (6) The task force shall meet at least quarterly in person and may hold additional meetings by  
11 electronic means.

12 (7) The department shall reimburse nonlegislative members of the task force as provided in 2-18-  
13 501 through 2-18-503 for travel expenses incurred while engaged in task force activities. The department shall  
14 reimburse legislative members for compensation and expenses as provided in 5-2-302 for each day the  
15 members are engaged in task force activities.

17 **Section 2.** Section 52-3-405, MCA, is amended to read:

18 **"52-3-405. Designation of planning Planning and service areas -- designation -- department**  
19 **review -- report.** (1) On or before ~~October 1, 1983~~ July 1, 2027, and every 4 years following, the department  
20 shall review and redesignate, if necessary, the planning and service areas it utilizes for services to the aged.

21 (2) The department shall fix the number of planning and service areas at no less than 7 and no  
22 more than ~~42~~ 10.

23 (3) Planning and service areas shall follow either recognized county boundaries or Indian  
24 reservation boundaries, or both.

25 (4) The department may designate a combination of Indian reservations as a planning and service  
26 area for any reservations that have applied to be designated under a consortium supported by their respective  
27 tribal governments.