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1	**** BILL NO. ****
2	INTRODUCED BY ****
3	BY REQUEST OF THE ****
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5	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING CERTAIN BALLOT INITIATIVE PETITION FORMS FOR
6	CONSISTENCY WITH DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS SET BY THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION;
7	AMENDING SECTIONS 13-27-204 AND 13-27-207, MCA; PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE;
8	AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE."
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10	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
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12	Section 1. Section 13-27-204, MCA, is amended to read:
13	"13-27-204. Petition for initiative. (1) The following, including the language provided for in
14	subsection (2)(b), is substantially the form for a petition calling for a vote to enact a law by initiative:
15	PETITION TO PLACE INITIATIVE NO ON THE ELECTION BALLOT
16	(a) If 5% of the voters in each of one-half of the counties one-third of the legislative representative
17	districts (34 legislative representative districts) sign this petition and the total number of voters signing this
18	petition is, this initiative will appear on the next general election ballot. If a majority of voters vote for this
19	initiative at that election, it will become law.
20	(b) We, the undersigned Montana voters, propose that the secretary of state place the following
21	initiative on the, 20, general election ballot:
22	(Title of initiative written pursuant to 13-27-312)
23	(Statement of purpose and implication written pursuant to 13-27-312)
24	(Yes and no statements written pursuant to 13-27-312)
25	(c) Voters are urged to read the complete text of the initiative, which appears (on the reverse side of,
26	attached to, etc., as applicable) this sheet. A signature on this petition is only to put the initiative on the ballot
27	and does not necessarily mean the signer agrees with the initiative.
28	(d) Voters are advised that either an interim committee or an administrative committee of the

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1	legislature in accordance with 5-5-215 or 5-11-105 reviewed the content of this initiative and [did] or [did not]
2	support the placement of the proposed text of this initiative on the ballot. The outcome of the vote was [x] in
3	favor of placing the measure on the ballot and [x] against placing the measure on the ballot.
4	(e)
5	WARNING
6	A person who purposefully signs a name other than the person's own to this petition, who signs more
7	than once for the same issue at one election, or who signs when not a legally registered Montana voter is
8	subject to a \$500 fine, 6 months in jail, or both.
9	(f) Each person is required to sign the person's name and list the person's address or telephone
10	number in substantially the same manner as on the person's voter registration form or the signature will not be
11	counted.
12	(2) (a) If the attorney general determines the proposed ballot issue will likely cause significant
13	material harm to one or more business interests in Montana pursuant to 13-27-312(9), the statement in
14	subsection (2)(b) must appear on the front page of the petition form before the information set forth in
15	subsection (1).
16	(b)
17	WARNING
18	The Attorney General of Montana has determined the proposed ballot issue will likely cause significant
19	material harm to one or more business interests in Montana.
20	(3) Numbered lines must follow the heading. Each numbered line must contain spaces for the
21	signature, date, residence address, county of residence, and printed last name and first and middle initials of
22	the signer. In place of a residence address, the signer may provide the signer's post-office address or the
23	signer's home telephone number. An address provided on a petition by the signer that differs from the signer's
24	address as shown on the signer's voter registration form may not be used as the only means to disqualify the
25	signature of that petition signer."
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27	Section 2. Section 13-27-207, MCA, is amended to read:

"13-27-207. Petition for initiative for constitutional amendment. (1) The following is substantially

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1	the form for a petition for an initiative to amend the constitution:
2	PETITION TO PLACE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO ON THE ELECTION BALLOT
3	(a) If 10% of the voters in each of one-half of the counties-two-fifths of the legislative representative
4	districts (40 legislative representative districts) sign this petition and the total number of voters signing the
5	petition is, this constitutional amendment will appear on the next general election ballot. If a majority of
6	voters vote for this amendment at that election, it will become part of the constitution.
7	(b) We, the undersigned Montana voters, propose that the secretary of state place the following
8	constitutional amendment on the, 20, general election ballot:
9	(Title of the proposed constitutional amendment written pursuant to 13-27-312)(Statement of purpose
10	and implication written pursuant to 13-27-312)(Yes and no statements written pursuant to 13-27-312)
11	(c) Voters are urged to read the complete text of the constitutional amendment, which appears (on the
12	reverse side of, attached to, etc., as applicable) this sheet. A signature on this petition is only to put the
13	constitutional amendment on the ballot and does not necessarily mean the signer agrees with the amendment.
14	(d)
15	WARNING
16	A person who purposefully signs a name other than the person's own to this petition, who signs more
17	than once for the same issue at one election, or who signs when not a legally registered Montana voter is
18	subject to a \$500 fine, 6 months in jail, or both.
19	(e) Each person is required to sign the person's name and list the person's address or telephone
20	number in substantially the same manner as on the person's voter registration form or the signature will not be
21	counted.
22	(2) Numbered lines must follow the heading. Each numbered line must contain spaces for the
23	signature, date, residence address, county of residence, and printed last name and first and middle initials of
24	the signer. In place of a residence address, the signer may provide the signer's post-office address or the
25	signer's home telephone number. An address provided on a petition by the signer that differs from the signer's
26	address as shown on the signer's voter registration form may not be used as the only means to disqualify the
27	signature of that petition signer."

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1	NEW SECTION. Section 3. {standard} Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and
2	approval.
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4	NEW SECTION. Section 4. Applicability. [This act] applies to petitions that are approved as to form
5	as provided in 13-27-202 on or after [the effective date of this act].

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