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**** Bill No. ****

Introduced By *****

By Request of the *****

A Bill for an Act entitled: "An Act clarifying legislative approval by joint resolution of the organization of a community college district following approval by local voters and a positive or negative recommendation by the Board of Regents; amending section 20-15-209, MCA; and providing an immediate effective date and an applicability date."

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Montana:

Section 1. Section 20-15-209, MCA, is amended to read:

"20-15-209. Determination of approval or disapproval of proposition -- subsequent procedures if approved. (1) To carry, the proposal to organize the community college district must receive a majority of the total number of votes cast, ~~thereon,~~ ~~and the~~ The coordinator of community college districts, ~~from the results so certified and attested,~~ shall determine whether the proposal has received the majority of the votes cast ~~thereon~~ for each county within the proposed district and shall certify the results to the regents. ~~Approval~~ Final approval for the organization of a new community college district ~~shall~~ may be granted ~~at the discretion of~~ by passage of a joint resolution by the legislature acting upon the a positive or negative recommendation of the regents. ~~Should~~ If the certificate of the

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coordinator of community college districts ~~show~~ shows that the proposition to organize ~~such~~ the community college district has received a majority of the votes cast ~~thereon~~ on the proposition in each county within the proposed district and the legislature approves the organization of the community college district, the regents ~~may make~~ shall issue an order declaring the community college district organized and ~~cause~~ shall send a copy thereof of the order to be recorded in the office of the county clerk and recorder in each county in which a portion of ~~such~~ the new district is located. If the proposition carries, the regents also shall determine which candidates have been elected trustees. ~~Should~~ If the proposition to organize the community college district ~~fail~~ fails to receive a majority of the votes cast ~~thereon~~ on the proposition, ~~no~~ tabulation ~~shall~~ will not be made to determine the candidates elected trustees.

(2) Within 30 days of the date of the organization order, the regents shall set a date and call an organization meeting for the board of trustees of the community college district and shall notify the ~~duly~~ elected trustees of their membership and of the organization meeting. ~~Such~~ The notification ~~shall~~ must designate a temporary ~~chairman~~ presiding officer and secretary for the purposes of organization."

{Internal References to 20-15-209: None.}

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. {standard} Effective date -- applicability.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval and applies to the approval of a community college district on or

after [the effective date of this act].

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