

1 _____ BILL NO. _____

2 INTRODUCED BY _____
3 (Primary Sponsor)

4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA AN
5 AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 16, OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE FOR A
6 4% SALES TAX AND USE TAX TO REDUCE PROPERTY TAXES THAT FUND K-12 EDUCATION; AND
7 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

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11 **Section 1.** Article VIII, section 16, of The Constitution of the State of Montana is amended to read:

12 **"Section 16. Limitation on sales tax or and use tax rates for education.** The ~~rate of legislature~~
13 ~~shall dedicate the net revenue from a general statewide sales tax or and use tax may not exceed of 4% to~~
14 ~~reduce property taxes that fund K-12 education unless appropriated for other purposes by a vote of three-~~
15 ~~fourths of the members of each house of the legislature."~~

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17 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Two-thirds vote required.** Because [section 1] is a legislative proposal
18 to amend the constitution, Article XIV, section 8, of the Montana constitution requires an affirmative roll call vote
19 of two-thirds of all the members of the legislature, whether one or more bodies, for passage.

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21 NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Effective date.** If approved by the electorate, [this act] is effective July 1,
22 2027.

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24 NEW SECTION. **Section 4. Submission to electorate.** [This act] shall be submitted to the qualified
25 electors of Montana at the general election to be held in November 2026 by printing on the ballot the full title of
26 [this act] and the following:

27 ☐ YES on Constitutional Amendment ____.

28 ☐ NO on Constitutional Amendment ____.

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