

27 That the Legislative Council be requested to designate an appropriate interim committee or statutory
28 committee, pursuant to section 5-5-217, MCA, to:

- 1 (1) study moving the date of Montana's primary election;
- 2 (2) examine existing dates, deadlines, and other procedures in Montana law that would need to be
- 3 adjusted in order to change the date of the primary election;
- 4 (3) assess any potential conflicts with the current timeline for the decennial districting and
- 5 apportionment processes;
- 6 (4) evaluate the impact of the changes on election administrators and voters;
- 7 (5) examine the impact on other elections of changing the primary election date and identify
- 8 possible areas for consolidation and efficiency;
- 9 (6) identify the possible benefits, drawbacks, and tradeoffs for the voters of Montana of moving the
- 10 date of the primary election; and
- 11 (7) develop legislation to introduce during the 70th legislative session that includes a new primary
- 12 election date and all the changes needed to the Montana Code Annotated to implement the date change.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the study be conducted and the recommendations be developed in
14 consultation with all interested stakeholders, including but not limited to:

- 15 (1) county election administrators;
- 16 (2) the Office of the Secretary of State;
- 17 (3) local and tribal government leaders;
- 18 (4) school administrators and officials;
- 19 (5) the Office of Public Instruction;
- 20 (6) stakeholder groups; and
- 21 (7) interested citizens.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all aspects of the study, including presentation and review
23 requirements, be concluded prior to September 15, 2026.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the final results of the study, including any findings, conclusions,
25 comments, or recommendations of the appropriate committee, be reported to the 70th Legislature.

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