

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 377  
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MONTANA 250TH COMMISSION TO  
5 COORDINATE STATEWIDE EFFORTS TO CELEBRATE THE UNITED STATES SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL;  
6 ESTABLISHING MEMBERSHIP AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION;  
7 AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE."

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

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11 NEW SECTION. Section 1. Montana 250th commission. (1) There is a Montana 250th commission  
12 formed to promote civic engagement and increase public awareness of United States and Montana government  
13 and history, including the history of tribal nations, leading up to the United States semiquincentennial. The  
14 commission is allocated to the Montana historical society for administrative purposes only, as provided in 2-15-  
15 121.

16 (2) The commission consists of the following 11 members:

17 (a) the Montana historical society director or the director's designee;

18 (b) two members of the legislature, one from the minority party and one from the majority party  
19 appointed as follows:

20 (i) first, a member of the senate appointed by the president of the senate; and

21 (ii) second, a member of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of  
22 representatives;

23 (c) a high school social studies teacher who teaches a course in United States government  
24 appointed by the superintendent of public instruction;

25 (d) a college-level United States history or political science professor appointed by the  
26 commissioner of higher education;

27 (e) a tribal representative appointed by the state director of Indian affairs; and

28 (f) five members appointed by the governor representing various civic, veteran, military, tourism,

1 and reports from the commission.

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3 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated \$177,557 from the state general  
4 fund to the Montana historical society for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, for the purpose of [section 1].

5 The appropriation is authorized to continue into the biennium beginning July 1, 2025.

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7 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Notification to tribal governments. The secretary of state shall send a  
8 copy of [this act] to each federally recognized tribal government in Montana.

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10 NEW SECTION. Section 4. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an  
11 integral part of Title 22, chapter 3, part 1, and the provisions of Title 22, chapter 3, part 1, apply to [section 1].

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13 NEW SECTION. Section 5. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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15 NEW SECTION. Section 6. Termination. [This act] terminates December 31, 2026.

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