

SENATE BILL NO. 277

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LAWS RELATED TO THE OFFICE OF COUNTY AUDITOR; ALLOWING A COUNTY AUDITOR TO BE ELECTED OR APPOINTED IN A COUNTY THAT HAS AN ELECTED COUNTY OFFICIAL FORM OF GOVERNMENT; REVISING THE QUALIFICATIONS OF A COUNTY AUDITOR; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 7-3-111 AND 7-6-2403, MCA."

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

Section 1. Section 7-3-111, MCA, is amended to read:

"7-3-111. Statutory basis for elected county official government. (1) For the purpose of determining the statutory basis of existing units of local government after May 2, 1977, each unit of local government organized under the general statutes authorizing the elected county official form of government shall be governed by the following sections:

- (a) 7-3-401;
- (b) 7-3-402;
- (c) 7-3-412(3);
- (d) 7-3-413(1);
- (e) 7-3-414(1);
- (f) 7-3-415(2);
- (g) 7-3-416(2);
- (h) 7-3-417(2);
- (i) 7-3-418;
- (j) 7-3-432(1);
- (k) 7-3-433(1);
- (l) 7-3-434(1);
- (m) 7-3-435(1);
- (n) 7-3-436(1);
- (o) 7-3-437(1);

1 (p) 7-3-438(1);

2 (q) 7-3-439(1);

3 (r) 7-3-440(1);

4 (s) 7-3-441(1);

5 (t) 7-3-442(1) or (2) if the county has elected an auditor office of auditor exists in the county as provided
6 for in 7-6-2401;

7 (u) 7-3-442(6) if the county has not elected an auditor office of auditor does not exist in the county as
8 provided for in 7-6-2401.

9 (2) This form has terms of 4 years for all elected or appointed officials except commissioners who are
10 elected to 6-year terms. The commission consists of three members."

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12 **Section 2.** Section 7-6-2403, MCA, is amended to read:

13 **"7-6-2403. Qualifications of county auditor.** A person is not eligible to serve in the office of county
14 auditor of any county unless the person;

15 (1) is of voting age; and

16 (2) has been a resident of the county for which the person is elected or appointed for at least 2 years
17 preceding election or appointment; and

18 (3) is a certified public accountant licensed to practice in this state pursuant to Title 37, chapter 50."

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