

HOUSE BILL NO. 619

INTRODUCED BY WARBURTON, ARNTZEN, G. BENNETT, BLASDEL, BLYTON, BRODEHL, EDMUNDS, EHLI, FITZPATRICK, GALT, HAGSTROM, HALVORSON, HANSEN, HARRIS, HOWARD, INGRAHAM, LANG, LAVIN, MCNIVEN, O'HARA, OSMUNDSON, PRIEST, RANDALL, REICHNER, SCHWADERER, SHAW, C. SMITH, THOMAS, VUCKOVICH, WALKER, WINDY BOY

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XIII OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION TO CLARIFY THAT THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION DOES NOT GRANT OR SECURE A RIGHT TO ABORTION OR THE PUBLIC FUNDING OF ABORTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

NEW SECTION. **Section 1.** Article XIII of The Constitution of the State of Montana is amended by adding a new section 8 that reads:

Section 8. Abortion. Nothing in this constitution grants or secures a right to abortion or the public funding of abortion.

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

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Effective date.** If approved by the electorate, [this act] is effective January 1, 2015.

NEW SECTION. **Section 4. Submission to electorate.** [This act] shall be submitted to the qualified electors of Montana at the general election to be held in November 2014 by printing on the ballot the full title of [this act] and the following:

YES on Constitutional Amendment No. _____

NO on Constitutional Amendment No. _____

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