

1 SENATE BILL NO. 75

2 INTRODUCED BY J. SONJU

3 BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

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5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO ESTABLISH
6 ALTERNATIVE OFFICE HOURS; AMENDING SECTION 2-16-117, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE
7 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.** Section 2-16-117, MCA, is amended to read:

12 **"2-16-117. Office hours.** (1) Unless otherwise provided by law, state executive branch offices must be
13 open for the transaction of business continuously from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. each day except on Saturdays,
14 Sundays, and holidays. Each office must also be open at other times as the accommodation of the public or the
15 proper transaction of business requires.

16 (2) The state treasurer may, in the interest of safekeeping funds, securities, and records, close the state
17 treasurer's office from noon to 1 p.m. each day.

18 (3) The Montana historical society, established in 22-3-101, may be open for public visitation at hours
19 other than those prescribed in this section, including hours during evenings and weekends.

20 (4) The department of revenue may establish alternative office hours for its offices located in the various
21 counties if:

22 (a) the office is staffed by four or fewer full-time employees;

23 (B) THE DEPARTMENT HOLDS A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ALTERNATIVE OFFICE HOURS IN THE COUNTY SEAT AFTER
24 PROVIDING PUBLIC NOTICE IN A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION PUBLISHED IN THE COUNTY AT LEAST 2 WEEKS
25 PRIOR TO THE HEARING;

26 (b)(c) the alternative office hours are adopted by administrative rule; and

27 (c)(D) the office hours adopted pursuant to subsection (4)(b) (4)(C) are published at least two times a
28 year in a newspaper of general circulation published in the county where the office is located."

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30 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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