

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15

2 INTRODUCED BY J. ELLSWORTH

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4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
5 MONTANA APPROVING THE BITTERROOT VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT.

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7 WHEREAS, pursuant to 20-15-202, MCA, citizens in Ravalli County filed a petition with the Board of
8 Regents requesting an organizational election to approve the organization of the Bitterroot Valley Community
9 College District; and10 WHEREAS, the petition met the requirements under 20-15-201 and 20-15-202, MCA, that the
11 proposed community college district fall within preexisting, contiguous elementary school boundaries, have a
12 taxable value of at least \$10 million, and have at least 700 pupils regularly enrolled in public and private high
13 schools within the district and met the requirement that the petition be signed by at least 20% of the proposed
14 district's registered voters; and15 WHEREAS, on May 5, 2020, the registered voters of the proposed community college district approved
16 the establishment of the proposed community college district with 59% of the vote and elected seven trustees;
17 and18 WHEREAS, under 20-15-209, MCA, following an affirmative vote by the registered electors of a
19 proposed community college district, the authority to ultimately approve a new community college district lies
20 solely with the Montana Legislature.

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22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
23 THE STATE OF MONTANA:24 That the Montana Legislature hereby approves the establishment of the Bitterroot Valley Community
25 College District located in Ravalli County.26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State send copies of this resolution to the Board of
27 Trustees of the Bitterroot Valley Community College District, to the Ravalli County Board of County
28 Commissioners, and to the Board of Regents.

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