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VOTERS' INFORMATION PAMPHLET ON PROPOSED REFERENDUM NO. 67
WHICH WILL APPEAR ON THE OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR THE
GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 3, 1970

Prepared by FRANK MURRAY, Secretary of State,
pursuant to Section 37-107, Revised Codes of Montana, 1947.

THE NUMBER AND FORM IN WHICH REFERENDUM NO. 67 WILL APPEAR
UPON THE OFFICIAL BALLOT AT THE GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER
3, 1970, IS AS FOLLOWS:

Secretary of State's Statement

Referendum No. 67 was introduced as Senate Bill 297 in the Forty-first Session of the Montana Legislative Assembly and passed the Senate by a vote of thirty-seven (37) to eighteen (18). The House vote was seventy (70) to twenty-eight (28) in favor and the bill was signed by the Governor on February 21, 1969.

Attorney General's Explanatory Statement

This referendum would authorize the 1971 state legislature to call a constitutional convention to revise, alter, or amend the present state constitution. The calling of such constitutional convention by the state legislature shall be done pursuant to the procedures set forth in Article XIX, section 8 of the Montana Constitution. After a constitutional convention is called, there shall be an election in the state to select representatives to the convention. The convention shall meet within three (3) months after such election to prepare the necessary revisions, alterations or amendments to the state constitution, which shall then be submitted to the electors of the state for their approval or rejection.

Title of Bill

AN ACT TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
THE QUESTION WHETHER THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SHALL CALL
A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

Section 1. At the general election to be held in November 1970 there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Montana the question whether the legislative assembly at the 1971 session, and in accordance with Article XIX, section 8 of the Montana constitution, shall call a convention to revise, alter, or amend the constitution of Montana.

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For calling a constitutional convention.

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Against calling a constitutional convention.

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The following is a copy of the title and text of the proposed Referendum as passed by the Forty-first Session of the Montana Legislative Assembly and approved by the Governor on February 21, 1969 as it appears in the 1969 Montana Session Laws:

CHAPTER 65
MONTANA SESSION LAWS 1969

An Act to Submit to the Electors of the State of Montana the Question Whether the Legislative Assembly shall Call a Constitutional Convention.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Montana:

Section 1. At the general election to be held in November 1970 there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Montana the question whether the legislative assembly at the 1971 session, and in accordance with Article XIX, section 8 of the Montana constitution, shall call a convention to revise, alter, or amend the constitution of Montana.

Section 2. When the question is submitted to the electors of the state of Montana there shall be printed on the ballot the full title and section 1 of this act, an explanatory statement by the attorney general like that for constitutional amendments submitted to the electors, and the following words:

- " ☐ For calling a constitutional convention.
☐ Against calling a constitutional convention."

Approved: February 21, 1969.

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CHAPTER 65
MONTANA SESSION LAWS 1969

An Act to Submit to the Electors of the State of Montana the Question Whether the Legislative Assembly shall Call a Constitutional Convention.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Montana:

Section 1. At the general election to be held in November 1970 there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Montana the question whether the legislative assembly at the 1971 session, and in accordance with Article XIX, section 8 of the Montana constitution, shall call a convention to revise, alter, or amend the constitution of Montana.

Section 2. When the question is submitted to the electors of the state of Montana there shall be printed on the ballot the full title and section 1 of this act, an explanatory statement by the attorney general like that for constitutional amendments submitted to the electors, and the following words:

- ☐ For calling a constitutional convention.
- ☐ Against calling a constitutional convention."

Approved: February 21, 1969.

VOTERS' INFORMATION PAMPHLET ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO
THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA WHICH WILL
APPEAR ON THE OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR THE
GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 3, 1970

Prepared by FRANK MURRAY, Secretary of State, pursuant to
Sections 23-2802 and 37-107, Revised Codes of Montana, 1947

ON THE QUESTION OF AMENDING THE
CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA TO PERMIT
ADDITIONAL PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS,
PROVIDING FOR THE REORGANIZATION OF THE EXECUTIVE
DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT, AT THE NEXT
THREE GENERAL ELECTIONS, IN ADDITION TO THE THREE
AMENDMENTS OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED

Comparison of Existing Constitutional Provision and
Proposed Constitutional Amendment is as follows:

The following is a true and exact copy of the PROPOSED AMENDMENT to Section 9, Article XIX of the Constitution of the State of Montana:

"Section 9. Amendments to this constitution may be proposed in either house of the legislative assembly, and if the same shall be voted for by two-thirds of the members elected to each house, such proposed amendments, together with the ayes and nays of each house thereon, shall be entered in full on their respective journals; and the secretary of state shall cause the said amendment or amendments to be published in full in at least one newspaper in each county (if such there be) for three months previous to the next general election for members to the legislative assembly; and at said election the

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"Sec. 9. Amendments to this constitution may be proposed in either house of the legislative assembly, and if the same shall be voted for by two-thirds of the members elected to each house, such proposed amendments, together with the ayes and nays of each house thereon, shall be entered in full on their respective journals; and the secretary of state shall cause the said amendment or amendments to be published in full in at least one newspaper in each county (if such there be) for three months previous to the next general election for members to the legislative assembly; and at said election

said amendment or amendments shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the state for their approval or rejection and such as are approved by a majority of those voting thereon shall become part of the constitution. Should more amendments than one (1) be submitted at the same election, they shall be so prepared and distinguished by numbers or otherwise that each can be voted upon separately. Not more than three amendments to this constitution shall be submitted at the same election, *except that there may be submitted at each of the general elections held in the years 1972, 1974 and 1976, in addition to the three amendments otherwise authorized by this section, an amendment or amendments providing for the reorganization of the executive department of government which may include the revision or repeal of sections of this constitution relating to any boards, offices, and departments other than legislative and judicial offices. The reorganization of the executive department is a single subject, and an additional amendment relating to that subject authorized by this section may be submitted to the qualified electors of the state in the form of a title clearly expressing its subject.*

the said amendment or amendments shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the state for their approval or rejection and such as are approved by a majority of those voting thereon shall become part of the constitution. Should more amendments than one be submitted at the same election, they shall be so prepared and distinguished by numbers or otherwise that each can be voted upon separately; provided, however, that not more than three amendments to this constitution shall be submitted at the same election."

THE FORM IN WHICH THE QUESTION ON AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION WILL BE PRINTED ON THE OFFICIAL BALLOT AT THE GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 3, 1970, IS AS FOLLOWS:

Attorney General's Explanatory Statement

Presently, the Constitution of Montana provides that the legislature can submit no more than three (3) constitutional amendments to the voters at the same election. This constitutional amendment would allow the state legislature to submit to the voters at each of the general elections of 1972, 1974, and 1976, an amendment or amendments to the Montana Constitution which provide for the reorganization of the executive branch of state government in addition to the three amendments already permitted under the constitution.

AN ACT TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF MONTANA AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 9, ARTICLE XIX OF THE CONSTITUTION OF MONTANA WHICH WOULD PERMIT THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY TO SUBMIT AT THE 1972, 1974 AND 1976 GENERAL ELECTIONS, IN ADDITION TO THE THREE AMENDMENTS OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED, AMENDMENTS PROVIDING FOR THE REORGANIZATION OF THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 9, Article XIX of the constitution of the state of Montana is amended to read as follows:

"Section 9. Amendments to this constitution may be proposed in either house of the legislative assembly, and if the same shall be voted for by two-thirds of the members elected to each house, such proposed amendments, together with the ayes and nays of each house thereon, shall be entered in full on their respective journals; and the secretary of state shall cause the said amendment or amendments to be published in full in at least one newspaper in each county (if such there be) for three months previous to the next general election for members to the legislative assembly; and at said election the said amendment or amendments shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the state for their approval or rejection and such as are approved by a majority of those voting thereon shall become part of the constitution. Should more amendments than one (1) be submitted at the same election, they shall be so prepared and distinguished by numbers or otherwise that each can be voted upon separately. Not more than three amendments to this constitution shall be submitted at the same election, *except that there may be submitted at each of the general elections held in the years*

1972, 1974 and 1976, in addition to the three amendments otherwise authorized by this section, an amendment or amendments providing for the reorganization of the executive department of government which may include the revision or repeal of sections of this constitution relating to any boards, offices, and departments other than legislative and judicial offices. The reorganization of the executive department is a single subject, and an additional amendment relating to that subject authorized by this section may be submitted to the qualified electors of the state in the form of a title clearly expressing its subject."

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For the above amendment.

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Against the above amendment.

The following is a copy of the title and text of the proposed Constitutional Amendment as passed by the Forty-first Session of the Montana Legislative Assembly and approved by the Governor on February 21, 1969 as it appears in the 1969 Montana Session Laws:

CHAPTER 66
MONTANA SESSION LAWS 1969

An Act to Submit to the Electors of Montana an Amendment to Section 9, Article XIX of the Constitution of Montana Which Would Permit the Legislative Assembly to Submit at the 1972, 1974 and 1976 General Elections, in Addition to the Three Amendments Otherwise Authorized, Amendments Providing for the Reorganization of the Executive Department of Government.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Montana:

Section 1. Section 9, Article XIX of the constitution of the state of Montana is amended to read as follows:

"Section 9. Amendments to this constitution may be proposed in either house of the legislative assembly, and if the same shall be voted for by two-thirds of the members elected to each house, such proposed amendments, together with the ayes and nays of each house thereon, shall be entered in full on their respective journals; and the secretary of state shall cause the said amendment or amendments to be published in full in at least one newspaper in each county (if such there be) for three months previous to the next general election for members to the legislative assembly; and at said election the said amendment or amendments shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the state for their approval or rejection and such as are approved by a majority of those voting thereon shall become part of the constitution. Should more amendments than one (1) be submitted at the same election, they shall be so prepared and distinguished by numbers or otherwise that each can be voted upon separately. Not more than three amendments to this constitution shall be submitted at the same election, *except that there may be submitted at each of the general elections held in the years 1972, 1974 and 1976, in addition to the three amendments otherwise authorized by this section, an amendment or amendments providing for the reorganization of the executive department of government which may include the revision or repeal of sections of this constitution relating to any boards, offices, and departments other than legislative and judicial offices. The reorganization of the executive department is a single subject, and an additional amendment relating to that subject authorized by this section may be submitted to the qualified electors of the state in the form of a title clearly expressing its subject.*"

Section 2. When this amendment is submitted to the electors of the state of Montana there shall be printed on the ballot the full title and section 1 of this act and the following words:

- " ☐ For the above amendment.
☐ Against the above amendment."

Approved: February 21, 1969.

VOTERS' INFORMATION PAMPHLET ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO
THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA WHICH WILL
APPEAR ON THE OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR THE
GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 3, 1970

Prepared by FRANK MURRAY, Secretary of State, pursuant to
Sections 23-2802 and 37-107, Revised Codes of Montana, 1947

ON THE QUESTION OF AMENDING THE
CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA BY CHANGING
THE AGE QUALIFICATION FOR VOTERS FROM
TWENTY-ONE (21) YEARS TO NINETEEN (19) YEARS OR OVER

Comparison of Existing Constitutional Provision and
Proposed Constitutional Amendment is as follows:

The following is a true and exact copy of the PROPOSED AMENDMENT to Section 2, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Montana:

"Section 2. Every person of the age of *nineteen* (19) years or over, possessing the following qualifications, shall be entitled to vote at all general elections and for all officers that now are, or hereafter may be, elective by the people, and, except as hereinafter provided, upon all questions which may be submitted to the vote of the people or electors: First, he shall be a citizen of the United States; second, he shall have resided in this state one year immediately preceding the election at which he offers to vote, and in the town, county or precinct such time as may be prescribed by law. If the question submitted concerns the creation of any levy, debt or liability the person, in addition to possessing the qualifications above mentioned, must also be a

The following is a true and exact copy of Section 2, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Montana as it exists at the present time:

"Sec. 2. Every person of the age of twenty-one years or over, possessing the following qualifications, shall be entitled to vote at all general elections and for all officers that now are, or hereafter may be, elective by the people, and, except as hereinafter provided, upon all questions which may be submitted to the vote of the people or electors: First, he shall be a citizen of the United States; second, he shall have resided in this state one year immediately preceding the election at which he offers to vote, and in the town, county or precinct such time as may be prescribed by law. If the question submitted concerns the creation of any levy, debt or liability the person, in addition to possessing the qualifications above mentioned, must

taxpayer whose name appears upon the last preceding completed assessment roll, in order to entitle him to vote upon such question. Provided, first, that no person convicted of felony shall have the right to vote unless he has been pardoned or restored to citizenship by the governor: provided, second, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to deprive any person of the right to vote who has such right at the time of the adoption of this constitution; provided, that after the expiration of five years from the time of the adoption of this constitution, no person except citizens of the United States shall have the right to vote."

also be a taxpayer whose name appears upon the last preceding completed assessment roll, in order to entitle him to vote upon such question. Provided, first, that no person convicted of felony shall have the right to vote unless he has been pardoned or restored to citizenship by the governor: provided, second, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to deprive any person of the right to vote who has such right at the time of the adoption of this constitution; provided, that after the expiration of five years from the time of the adoption of this constitution, no person except citizens of the United States shall have the right to vote."

THE FORM IN WHICH THE QUESTION ON AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION WILL BE PRINTED ON THE OFFICIAL BALLOT AT THE GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 3, 1970, IS AS FOLLOWS:

Attorney General's Explanatory Statement

This amendment would change the age qualification for voters from twenty-one (21) years or over to nineteen (19) years or over.

AN ACT TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF MONTANA AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 2, ARTICLE IX OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION CHANGING THE VOTING AGE TO NINETEEN YEARS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 2, Article IX of the constitution of the state of Montana is amended to read as follows:

"Section 2. Every person of the age of *nineteen (19)* years or over, possessing the following qualifications, shall be entitled to vote at all general elections and for all officers that now are, or hereafter may be, elective by the people, and, except as hereinafter provided, upon all questions which may be submitted to the vote of the people or electors: First, he shall be a citizen of the United States; second, he shall have resided in this state one year immediately preceding the election at which he offers to vote, and in the town, county or precinct such time as may be prescribed by law. If the question submitted concerns the creation of any levy, debt or liability the person, in addition to possessing the qualifications above mentioned, must also be a taxpayer whose name appears upon the last preceding completed assessment roll, in order to entitle him to vote upon such question. Provided, first, that no person convicted of felony shall have the right to vote unless he has been pardoned or restored to citizenship by the governor: provided, second, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to deprive any person of the right to vote who has such right at the time of the adoption of this constitution; provided, that after the expiration of five years from the time of the adoption of this constitution, no person except citizens of the United States shall have the right to vote."

☐ For the above amendment.

☐ Against the above amendment.

The following is a copy of the title and text of the proposed Constitutional Amendment as passed by the Forty-first Session of the Montana Legislative Assembly and approved by the Governor on January 31, 1969 as it appears in the 1969 Montana Session Laws:

CHAPTER 14

MONTANA SESSION LAWS 1969

An Act to Submit to the Electors of Montana an Amendment to Section 2, Article IX of the Montana Constitution Changing the Voting Age to Nineteen Years.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Montana:

Section 1. Section 2, Article IX of the constitution of the state of Montana is amended to read as follows:

"Section 2. Every person of the age of *nineteen (19)* years or over, possessing the following qualifications, shall be entitled to vote at all general elections and for all officers that now are, or hereafter may be, elective by the people, and, except as hereinafter provided, upon all questions which may be submitted to the vote of the people or electors: First, he shall be a citizen of the United States; second, he shall have resided in this state one year immediately preceding the election at which he offers to vote, and in the town, county or precinct such time as may be prescribed by law. If the question submitted concerns the creation of any levy, debt or liability the person, in addition to possessing the qualifications above mentioned, must also be a taxpayer whose name appears upon the last preceding completed assessment roll, in order to entitle him to vote upon such question. Provided, first, that no person convicted of felony shall have the right to vote unless he has been pardoned or restored to citizenship by the governor: provided, second, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to deprive any person of the right to vote who has such right at the time of the adoption of this constitution; provided, that after the expiration of five years from the time of the adoption of this constitution, no person except citizens of the United States shall have the right to vote."

Section 2. When this amendment is submitted to the electors of the state of Montana, there shall be printed on the ballot the full title and section 1 of this act and the following words:

"☐ For the above amendment.

☐ Against the above amendment."

Approved: January 31, 1970.