

1 \_\_\_\_\_ BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
2 INTRODUCED BY \_\_\_\_\_  
3 (Primary Sponsor)

4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING IRRIGATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONER  
5 ELECTIONS; REQUIRING THAT COMMISSIONER CANDIDATES LIVE IN THE DISTRICT THEY ARE  
6 RUNNING TO REPRESENT; AMENDING SECTION 85-7-1702, 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 85-7-1702, MCA, is amended to read:

12 **"85-7-1702. Election of commissioners -- term of office.** (1) The election for commissioners in  
13 each district must be held annually in accordance with Title 13, chapter 1, part 5. The election may be at the  
14 district's annual meeting or on the date established in 13-1-504(1).

15 (2) A person who resides in and is eligible to vote in the district may file a declaration of candidacy  
16 for the office of commissioner with the election administrator or deputy election administrator within the time  
17 period specified in 13-1-502.

18 (3) Within 40 days following their election, the commissioners shall meet and organize as a board  
19 by electing a president from their number and a secretary, who may or may not be a commissioner, who shall  
20 each hold office at the pleasure of the board.

21 (4) Except as provided in 85-7-204, the term of office of each commissioner begins on the date of  
22 the commissioner's election and continues for 3 years.

23 (5) Commissioners are elected by the electors of the ~~entire district~~ division they have land in for  
24 which they are running. Only the acres in that division of the district can vote for that candidate."

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

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