

1 SENATE BILL NO. 517
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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."

6. 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.

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."

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

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