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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Sole constitutional authority by legislature on rules governing its proceedings -- judicial review and interpretation prohibited -- exception. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), pursuant to Article V, section 10(1), of the Montana constitution, the legislature possesses the sole power and discretion to make, enforce, interpret, suspend, repeal, or waive rules for its proceedings.

(2) A judicial officer may not review and interpret a legislative rule unless the rule conflicts with the Montana constitution or the United States constitution.

(3) For the purposes of this section, "judicial officer" has the same meaning as provided in 1-1-202(2).

Section 2. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 5, chapter 5, and the provisions of Title 5, chapter 5, apply to [section 1].

Section 3. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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I hereby certify that the within bill,
HB 531, originated in the House.

Chief Clerk of the House

Speaker of the House

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2025.

President of the Senate

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2025.

HOUSE BILL NO. 531

INTRODUCED BY S. FITZPATRICK

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