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6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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8 NEW SECTION. **Section 1. North Montana and South Montana.**(1) Two separate and independent
9 states are established from the northern and southern portions of Montana. The new states are the states of
10 North Montana and South Montana.

11 (2) The border separating the two states shall follow the Missouri River and the northernmost borders
12 of Broadwater, Jefferson, Deer Lodge, and Beaverhead Counties.

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14 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. State Constitution and Montana code annotated.**(1) The Constitution
15 of the state of Montana as written shall be the constitution of each new state at the time of their creation and
16 shall not be dissolved or otherwise altered or amended prior to the establishment of each new state.

17 (2)The Montana code annotated as written shall be the laws of each new state at the time of their
18 creation and shall not be dissolved or otherwise altered or amended prior to the establishment of each new
19 state.

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21 NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Legislative Consent.** The Legislature of the state of Montana shall,
22 through a joint resolution, state it has consented to the creation of the states of North Montana and South
23 Montana as approved by the electorate by ballot initiative.

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25 NEW SECTION. **Section 4. Transition committees.**(1) Transition committees are established to
26 assist in the formation of the new states. Each transition committee is responsible for developing and adopting
27 a master plan for its respective policy area to establish the governments of the states of North Montana and
28 South Montana. Transition committees are established for the following policy areas:

- 1 (a) executive functions;
- 2 (b) legislative functions;
- 3 (c) judicial functions and courts;
- 4 (d) local government functions and local elections;
- 5 (e) statewide elections;
- 6 (f) state debt;
- 7 (g) revenue and taxes;
- 8 (h) infrastructure;
- 9 (i) transportation;
- 10 (j) education;
- 11 (k) ecology and natural resources;
- 12 (l) public safety and law enforcement;
- 13 (m) labor and personnel;
- 14 (n) agriculture; and
- 15 (o) health care.

16 (2)(a) Each transition committee is comprised of four state legislators and one expert, consultant, or
17 other support staff, which may include an attorney not employed by the attorney general.

18 (b) The four legislators on each transition committee are chosen as follows:

19 (i) The speaker of the house of representatives, the minority leader of the house of representatives, the
20 senate majority leader, and the senate minority leader shall each choose one legislator from their caucus to
21 serve on a transition committee. A legislator may serve on more than one transition committee.

22 (ii) Of the two legislators chosen by majority leadership, one must represent a district that
23 predominantly lies within the proposed boundaries of North Montana, and the other must represent a district
24 that predominantly lies within the proposed boundaries of South Montana. The legislators may serve on
25 multiple transition committees.

26 (iii) Of the two legislators chosen by minority leadership, one must represent a district that
27 predominantly lies within the boundaries of North Montana, and the other must represent a district that
28 predominantly lies within the boundaries of South Montana. The legislators may serve on multiple transition

1 committees.

2 (c) The expert, consultant, or other support staff on each transition committee must be chosen by a
3 majority vote of the four legislators on the transition committee.

4 (3) The membership of each transition committee must be finalized within 30 days after [the effective
5 date of this act].

6 (4) The governor shall call the first meeting of the transition committees, which must be held within 45
7 days after the committee membership is finalized.

8 (5) Each transition committee shall develop its master plan within 1 year of [the effective date of this
9 act].

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11 **NEW SECTION. Section 6. Required notice.** The governor shall provide written notice of the
12 effective date of this act to affected parties, including the chief clerk of the house of representatives, the
13 secretary of the senate, the secretary of state, the office of the code commissioner, and any other party as
14 deemed appropriate by the governor.

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16 **NEW SECTION. Section 5. Effective dates.**(1) Except as provided in subsection (2), this act is
17 effective on approval by the electorate.

18 (2) [Section 1] is effective upon consent by the United States congress to form the two new states of
19 North Montana and South Montana in accordance with Article IV, section 3, of the United States Constitution.

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