| 1 | HOUSE BILL NO. 842 | | |
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| 6 | A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE LEGISLATURE MAY ESTABLISH A | | |
| 7 | SALES TAX NOT TO EXCEED 4% USED SOLELY TO REDUCE PROPERTY TAXES THAT FUND PUBLIC | | |
| 8 | SCHOOLS AND THE MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM; AND PROVIDING THAT THE PROPOSED ACT BE | | |
| 9 | SUBMITTED TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA." | | |
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| 11 | BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA: | | |
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| 13 | NEW S | SECTION. Section 1. Sales tax to reduce education property taxes exemptions. (1) The | |
| 14 | legislature may enact a sales tax not to exceed 4% to reduce property taxes that fund public schools and the | | |
| 15 | Montana university system. | | |
| 16 | (2) | If enacted, a sales tax should minimize repeated taxation by taxing final goods and services | |
| 17 | and exempt the following: | | |
| 18 | (a) | housing and utilities; | |
| 19 | (b) | groceries; | |
| 20 | (c) | fuel used for transportation and agriculture; | |
| 21 | (d) | health care; and | |
| 22 | (e) | financial and insurance services. | |
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| 24 | NEW S | SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an | |
| 25 | integral part of Title 15, and the provisions of Title 15 apply to [section 1]. | | |
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| 27 | NEW S | SECTION. Section 3. Effective date. [This act] is effective on approval by the electorate. | |
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| 1 | <u>NEW</u> : | SECTION. Section 4. Submission to electorate. [This act] shall be submitted to the qualified | |
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| 2 | electors of Montana at the general election to be held in November 2026 by printing on the ballot the full title of | | |
| 3 | [this act] and the following: | | |
| 4 | | YES on Legislative Referendum | |
| 5 | | NO on Legislative Referendum | |
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