



AN ACT REVISING WHO A JUDGE MAY ADMIT TO BAIL; LIMITING A JUDGE'S ABILITY TO PROVIDE BAIL TO A DEFENDANT ON A WARRANT FROM ANOTHER JURISDICTION; AND AMENDING SECTION 46-9-201, MCA.

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

Section 1. Section 46-9-201, MCA, is amended to read:

"46-9-201. Who may admit to bail. A judge may admit to bail any defendant properly appearing before the judge in a bail proceeding unless the defendant is on a warrant from another jurisdiction. When bound over to any court or judge having jurisdiction of the offense charged, bail must be continued provided that the court or judge having jurisdiction may increase, reduce, or substitute bail unless the defendant is on a warrant from another jurisdiction. On appeal, a judge before whom the trial was had or a judge having the power to issue a writ of habeas corpus may admit the defendant to bail. For the purposes of this section, a defendant's appearance before a judge may be either by physical appearance before the court or by two-way electronic audio-video communication as provided in 46-9-206."

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I hereby certify that the within bill,
HB 415, 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.

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INTRODUCED BY A. REGIER

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