

THE 1889 CONSTITUTION

COSTS TAXPAYERS EXCESS MONEY.

(The proposed new constitution opens the door to tax reform at state and local levels. It eliminates many of the barriers to economy in government found in the 1889 constitution.)

DENIES LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONTROL OVER THEIR OWN AFFAIRS.

(The new constitution gives cities and counties the power to take initiative in solving their own problems.)

SEVERELY LIMITS THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

(Under the new constitution the legislature can act effectively and responsibly in providing for Montana's future.)

HAMPERS REASONABLE REVISION THROUGH THE AMENDMENT PROCESS.

(The new 1972 constitution can be amended much more easily. Either the legislature or the people through initiative can put an amendment on the ballot.)

LACKS FLEXIBILITY TO MEET PRESENT AND FUTURE NEEDS

(The new proposed constitution allows our government to adapt to changing times...and to respond to the people.)

AND THE NEW CONSTITUTION...

- ...PROVIDES MORE ACCOUNTABLE AND MORE RESPONSIVE REPRESENTATION THROUGH SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICTS
- ...ASSURES LOCAL CONTROL OF SCHOOLS
- ...GIVES CONSTITUTIONAL CONFIRMATION TO ALL WATER RIGHTS AND PROTECTS MONTANA AGAINST DOWN STREAM

VOTE

☒ FOR the proposed Constitution.

NEED MORE REASONS?

¹⁸⁸⁹ The constitution is not written in clear, understandable language; is not short and simple; is not restricted to fundamentals; is not adaptable to future requirements of Montana; does not allow control of government by the people; and does contain procedures that are uneconomical and inefficient.



you know it would!

WOULD A NEW STATE CONSTITUTION MEAN BETTER GOVERNMENT?

How Montana got into this

- In 1967-68 - Montana's Legislative Council studied the constitution and concluded that over half of its sections should be revised or repealed.
- In 1969-70 - The Montana Constitutional Revision Commission was established by the legislature and recommended a constitutional convention.
- In 1970 - The people decided by an overwhelming 7 to 10 vote to call a constitutional convention.
- In 1971 - The people elected 100 delegates to the constitutional convention.
- In 1972 - For 53 days the delegates listened to testimony, debated the issues, and drafted the proposed constitution for Montana.
- In 1972 - On June 6 the people will decide whether to adopt the new 1972 Constitution or whether to keep the 1889 Constitution.

DURING THESE YEARS MONTANA HAS INVESTED ITS FUNDS, ITS RESEARCH CAPABILITIES, ITS CONCERN, AND THE LABORS OF HUNDREDS OF CITIZENS. MUCH IS AT STAKE. CONSIDER YOUR VOTE CAREFULLY.

The following organizations have endorsed the proposed constitution:

Montana PMA
League of Women Voters
Farmers Union
Montana A.M.A.
Montana Education Association
AFL-CIO
Common Cause
New Democratic Coalition
Montana Student Presidents Assn.
Associate Chamber of Commerce
Great Falls Chamber of Commerce
Montana Conservation Council
Montana Wildlife Federation
Montana Assn. of Insurance Agents
Montana Library Association
Council of Cooperatives
Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Assn.
Montana Assn. of Classroom Teachers
Helena Ministerial Assn.
and others

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