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\*\*\*\* Bill No. \*\*\*\*

Introduced By \*\*\*\*\*

By Request of the State-Tribal Relations Committee

A Bill for an Act entitled: "An Act requiring state landholding and landmanaging agencies to identify all geographic features and places under their jurisdiction using the words "half-breed" or "breed"; requiring the agencies to remove the words "half-breed" or "breed" from any maps, signs, or markers whenever agencies update maps or replace signs and markers because of wear or vandalism; requiring the director of Indian affairs to ensure that a Little Shell Chippewa tribal member is appointed to the advisory group on naming sites and features; requiring the advisory group to consult with county commissioners; providing for the referral of naming disputes to the state-tribal relations committee; and amending section 2-15-149, MCA."

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Montana:

**Section 1.** Section 2-15-149, MCA, is amended to read:

**"2-15-149. Naming of sites and geographic features -- replacement of word "squaw", half-breed" or "breed" -- advisory group.** (1) The state director of Indian affairs shall appoint an advisory group , that shall include a member of the Little Shell Chippewa tribe, that will to serve on a volunteer basis to consult with county commissioners, local agencies, organizations, and individuals in to reach a consensus on developing names to

replace present site or geographic names that contain the word "squaw" ", half-breed" or "breed".

(2) Each agency of state government that owns or manages public land in the state shall identify any features or places under its jurisdiction that contain the word "squaw" ", half-breed" or "breed" and inform the advisory group of the agency's identification of features or places containing ~~that word~~ those words. The agency shall ensure that whenever the agency updates a map or replaces a sign, interpretive marker, or any other marker because of wear or vandalism, the word "squaw" ", half-breed" or "breed" is removed and replaced with the name chosen by the advisory group.

(3) If a majority of the county commissioners of a county in which features or places containing the words were identified do not reach a consensus with the advisory group on a replacement name, then the advisory group shall inform the state-tribal relations committee and the committee shall decide the issue by a vote, but not through legislation, and inform the advisory group of the results.

(3) The advisory group shall:

(a) notify the U.S. forest service, the Montana departments of commerce and natural resources and conservation, and any other entity that compiles information for and develops maps for the state or for public use of the name change so that it may be reflected on subsequent editions of any maps or informational literature produced by those entities; and

(b) place a formal request with the United States board on

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geographic names to render a decision on the proposed name change so that the new name will be reflected on all United States board on geographic names maps."

{*Internal References to 2-15-149: None.*}

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. {standard} Notification to tribal governments.** The secretary of state shall send a copy of [this act] to each tribal government located on the seven Montana reservations and to the Little Shell Chippewa tribe.

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