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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING A SUBSTITUTED OR DISQUALIFIED DISTRICT COURT JUDGE TO FOLLOW A PROCEDURE THAT PROVIDES FOR THE RANDOM SELECTION OF SUBSEQUENT JUDGES; AND REQUIRING THE OFFICE OF THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR TO ESTABLISH THE PROCEDURE."

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Calling of subsequent district judges -- random selection. When calling in subsequent district judges, a judge who has been substituted or disqualified for cause must follow the procedure for the random selection of subsequent district judges as established by the office of the court administrator.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Office of court administrator procedure. By October 1, 2025, the office of the court administrator shall establish a procedure for the random selection of subsequent district judges where the initial judge has been substituted or disqualified for cause. The office must provide the procedure to all district court judges by October 15, 2025.

NEW SECTION. ~~Section 3.~~~~Section 2.~~ Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 3, chapter 1, part 8, and the provisions of Title 3, chapter 1, part 8, apply to [section 1].

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