



AN ACT AMENDING LAWS RELATED TO THE RETROCESSION OF JURISDICTION OVER FEDERAL LANDS; PROVIDING FOR ACCEPTANCE OF JURISDICTION OVER FEDERAL LANDS USED FOR MILITARY PURPOSES; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 2-1-215 AND 2-1-216, MCA."

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

Section 1. Section 2-1-215, MCA, is amended to read:

"2-1-215. Acceptance of jurisdiction over federal lands. The consent of the state is hereby given to the retrocession of jurisdiction, either partially or wholly, by the United States of America over lands owned by the United States of America within the boundaries of Montana that are used for national park or military purposes. The governor is authorized to accept for the state retrocession of jurisdiction."

Section 2. Section 2-1-216, MCA, is amended to read:

"2-1-216. Filing of acceptance of jurisdiction over federal lands. (1) When the state receives written notification from the authorized official or agent of the United States of America that the United States desires or is willing to relinquish to the state jurisdiction, or a portion thereof of jurisdiction, over certain lands owned by the United States within Montana that are used for national park or military purposes, the governor may accept relinquishment.

(2) After acceptance and approval by the governor, retrocession of jurisdiction becomes effective ~~upon~~on filing of the original acceptance with the secretary of state of Montana."

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I hereby certify that the within bill,
HB 496, 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.

HOUSE BILL NO. 496

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