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CITIZENS PLAN STUDY OF REFORM FOR
MONTANA, IDAHO LEGISLATURES

Seasoned legislators and interested citizens from Montana and Idaho will gather
Dec. 1-4 in Missoula to scrutinize legislative reform and reorganization in the two
states.

The Montana-Idaho Assembly on State Legislatures will be hosted by the University
of Montana, according to Robert T. Pantzer, UM acting president. The Assembly is ex­
pected to draw approximately 30 community leaders from each of the two states.

Pantzer said the Assembly, funded by a Hill Family Foundation grant to the American
Assembly at Columbia University and to the University of Montana Foundation, will be
directed by Dr. Ellis Waldron, UM professor of political science, and Dr. Boyd A. Martin,
Dean of the College of Letters and Sciences, University of Idaho in Moscow. Dr. Martin
will serve as associate director.

The Missoula Assembly will be one of the first regional meetings following a nat­
ional Assembly held last spring in New York City.

Dr. Waldron said the Assembly is called in the belief thoughtful citizens want to
encourage a more modern and effective functioning of their state legislature.

Professor Sidney Duncombe, director of the Bureau of Public Affairs Research at
UI, is preparing the Idaho legislative materials for the Assembly, and Dr. Waldron,
also director of the UM Bureau of Government Research, is preparing materials on the
Montana legislature.