

HOUSE BILL NO. 77

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BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ELIMINATING THE PUBLISHING POLICY COMMITTEE; AMENDING SECTIONS 18-7-302 AND 18-7-306, MCA; AND REPEALING SECTIONS 2-15-1017, 18-7-303, AND 18-7-305, MCA."

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

Section 1. Section 18-7-302, MCA, is amended to read:

"18-7-302. Definitions. As used in this part, the following definitions apply:

(1) ~~The term "agency" as used herein includes~~ "Agency" means each state office, department, board, commission, council, committee, unit of the university system, or other entity or instrumentality of the executive branch, office of the legislative branch, or office of the judicial branch of state government.

~~(2) The term "committee" means the publishing policy committee created in 2-15-1017.~~

~~(3)(2) The term "department" as used herein~~ "Department" means the department of administration provided for in Title 2, chapter 15, part 10.

~~(4)(3) The term "public document" includes~~ "Public document" means any publication of ~~a state an~~ agency that is meant for dissemination to the public, but does not include educational materials published by a unit of the university system or the superintendent of public instruction, reports of the legislative auditor, travel promotion materials, standard forms, bid specifications, opinions of the attorney general, opinions of the supreme court, session laws, the Administrative Rules of Montana, the Montana Code Annotated, or regular periodical publications sold to the general public solely through subscription and newsstand sale, ~~or a publication specifically exempted by the publishing policy committee when inclusion of that publication under this part is not considered in the best interests of the state.~~

Section 2. Section 18-7-306, MCA, is amended to read:

"18-7-306. Public disclosure of costs. ~~Each agency shall include a public disclosure of costs on all public documents. caused to be printed by any agency of state government shall~~ The public disclosure must

1 contain the following statement, with required information inserted, to be printed on the exterior cover of the
2 publication: "... copies of this public document were published at an estimated cost of \$... per copy, for a total cost
3 of \$..., which includes \$... for printing and \$... for distribution." This statement ~~shall~~ must be printed in the same
4 size type as the ~~body copy text~~ text of the document and ~~shall~~ must be set in a box composed of a 1-point rule. If ~~the~~
5 ~~committee determines that~~ the cost of publication cannot be reasonably estimated at the time of publication, the
6 publications ~~shall~~ must contain the following statement on the exterior cover in lieu of the statement concerning
7 estimated cost: "This document printed at state expense. Information on the cost of publication ~~can~~ may be
8 obtained by ~~writing~~ contacting the department of administration, ~~Helena, Montana.~~""

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10 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Repealer. The following sections of the Montana Code Annotated are
11 repealed:

12 2-15-1017. Publishing policy committee.

13 18-7-303. Duties of committee.

14 18-7-305. Printed matter prohibitions.

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