

Amendments to House Bill No. 255
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Requested by Representative Jesse O'Hara

For the House State Administration Committee

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1. Title, page 1, line 4.
Strike: "CERTAIN"
Following: "POLITICAL"
Insert: "ACTION"

2. Page 1, line 13.
Strike: "certain"
Following: "political"
Insert: "action"

3. Page 1, line 18.
Strike: "that purpose"
Insert: "the candidate or against the candidate"

4. Page 1, line 20.
Strike: "that purpose"
Insert: "the issue or against the issue"

5. Page 1, line 23.
Following: "election"
Insert: "upon the individual's or entity's request"

6. Page 1, line 24.
Strike: "potential donors"
Insert: "those individuals or entities being solicited for contributions"

- END -

HOUSE BILL NO. 255

INTRODUCED BY R. COOK

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING CERTAIN POLITICAL COMMITTEES TO SUBMIT TO
5 THE COMMISSIONER OF POLITICAL PRACTICES A SUMMARY REPORT OF EXPENDITURES MADE IN
6 EACH ELECTION TO SUPPORT OR OPPOSE CANDIDATES OR ISSUES; REQUIRING THE TREASURER
7 OR OFFICER OF THE COMMITTEE TO DISTRIBUTE THE SUMMARY REPORT TO DONORS AND TO
8 NOTIFY POTENTIAL DONORS OF THE SUMMARY REPORT; AND REQUIRING THE COMMISSIONER TO
9 MAKE THE REPORT PUBLIC."

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

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13 NEW SECTION. Section 1. Summary report of expenditures made by certain political committees

14 -- report to be distributed to donors. (1) For each election in which a political action committee makes an
15 expenditure to support or to oppose candidates or issues and within 14 days of the election, the political action
16 committee must file a summary report that lists:

17 (a) for each candidate the political action committee supported or opposed, the total expenditures made
18 for that purpose; and *the candidate or against the candidate*

19 (b) for each issue the political action committee supported or opposed, the total expenditures made for
20 that purpose; *the issue or against the issue*

21 (2) The political action committee filing the summary report shall:

22 (a) deliver by mail or electronic mail the summary report to any individual or entity that made a
23 contribution to the committee for the election; and *upon the individual's or entity's request*

24 (b) whenever the political action committee solicits contributions, notify potential donors that the summary
25 report has been or will be filed. *those individuals or entities being solicited for contributions*

26 (3) The treasurer or an officer of the political action committee shall verify as true and correct by oath
27 or affirmation that the summary report required by subsection (2)(a) was delivered to donors as required and that
28 any solicitation of contributions made by the political action committee contained the disclosure required in
29 subsection (2)(b).

30 (4) The commissioner shall make public the summary reports filed as required by this section.

1 (5) For the purposes of this section:

2 (a) "election" has the meaning provided in 13-37-216(6); and

3 (b) "political action committee" means a political committee composed of individuals who contribute their
4 money for the purposes of supporting or opposing various candidates or issues, or both, upon which the
5 committee agrees.

6 (6) The commissioner may adopt rules and prescribe forms to implement the requirements of this
7 section.

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9 **NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an
10 integral part of Title 13, chapter 37, part 2, and the provisions of Title 13, chapter 37, part 2, apply to [section 1].

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