

HOUSE BILL NO. 255

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

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

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

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

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

(b) for each issue the political action committee supported or opposed, the total expenditures made for that purpose.

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

(a) deliver by mail or electronic mail the summary report to any individual or entity that made a contribution to the committee for the election; and

(b) whenever the political action committee solicits contributions, notify potential donors that the summary report has been or will be filed.

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

(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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