

1 \_\_\_\_\_ BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

2 INTRODUCED BY \_\_\_\_\_  
3 (Primary Sponsor)

4 BY REQUEST OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLITICAL PRACTICES

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6 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ELIMINATING THE REQUIREMENT THAT CAMPAIGN REPORTS  
7 ALSO BE FILED WITH AN ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 13-37-201 AND  
8 13-37-225, MCA."

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

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12 **Section 1.** Section 13-37-201, MCA, is amended to read:

13 **"13-37-201. Campaign treasurer.** Except as provided in 13-37-206, each candidate and each political  
14 committee shall appoint one campaign treasurer and certify the full name and complete address of the campaign  
15 treasurer pursuant to this section. A candidate shall file the certification within 5 days after becoming a candidate.  
16 A political committee shall file the certification, which must include an organizational statement and the name and  
17 address of all officers, if any, within 5 days after it makes an expenditure or authorizes another person to make  
18 an expenditure on its behalf, whichever occurs first. The certification of a candidate or political committee must  
19 be filed with the commissioner and the appropriate election administrator as specified for the filing of reports in  
20 13-37-225."

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22 **Section 2.** Section 13-37-225, MCA, is amended to read:

23 **"13-37-225. Reports of contributions and expenditures required.** (1) Except as provided in  
24 13-37-206, each candidate and political committee shall file with the commissioner periodic reports of  
25 contributions and expenditures made by or on the behalf of a candidate or political committee. ~~Except as provided~~  
26 ~~in subsection (3), all reports required by this chapter must be filed with the commissioner and with the election~~  
27 ~~administrator of the county in which a candidate is a resident or the political committee has its headquarters.~~  
28 ~~However, where residency within a district, county, city, or town is not a prerequisite for being a candidate, copies~~  
29 ~~of all reports must be filed with the election administrator of the county in which the election is to be held or, if the~~  
30 ~~election is to be held in more than one county, with the election administrator in the county that the commissioner~~



1 specifies:

2 (2) In lieu of all contribution and expenditure reports required by this chapter, the commissioner shall  
3 accept copies of the reports filed by candidates for congress and president of the United States and their political  
4 committees pursuant to the requirements of federal law.

5 ~~(3) Reports required by this chapter for candidates for a state district office, including but not limited to~~  
6 ~~candidates for the legislature, the public service commission, or district court judge, and candidates for a state~~  
7 ~~office filled by a statewide vote must be filed with the commissioner and do not have to be filed with the election~~  
8 ~~administrator of a county."~~

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