



AN ACT ALLOWING A PERSON ALLEGING A DEPRIVATION OF RIGHTS WHO PREVAILS IN AN ACTION AGAINST THE STATE ENFORCING THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO KNOW TO BE AWARDED COSTS AND REASONABLE ATTORNEY FEES; AMENDING SECTION 2-3-221, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

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

Section 1. Section 2-3-221, MCA, is amended to read:

"**2-3-221. Costs to plaintiff in certain actions to enforce constitutional right to know.** A plaintiff person alleging a deprivation of rights who prevails in an action brought in district court to enforce the plaintiff's person's rights under Article II, section 9, of the Montana constitution ~~may~~ may be awarded costs and reasonable attorney fees."

Section 2. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

Section 3. Applicability. [This act] applies to proceedings initiated on or after [the effective date of this act].

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I hereby certify that the within bill,
HB 0448, originated in the House.

Chief Clerk of the House

Speaker of the House

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2015.

President of the Senate

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2015.

HOUSE BILL NO. 448

INTRODUCED BY K. WAGONER

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