

HOUSE BILL NO. 252
INTRODUCED BY HEDGES

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CLARIFYING THE APPLICATION OF CAMPAIGN LAWS TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND SPECIAL DISTRICTS; EXPANDING THE DEFINITION OF "SPECIAL DISTRICT"; AND AMENDING SECTION 13-37-206, MCA."

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

Section 1. Section 13-37-206, MCA, is amended to read:

"13-37-206. Exception for certain school districts and certain special districts. (1) The provisions of this part, except 13-37-217, do not apply to candidates for the office of trustee of a school district, their political ~~committees~~ campaigns, and political committees organized to support or oppose a school district issue when the school district is:

- (a) a first-class district located in a county having a population of less than 15,000;
- (b) a second- or third-class district; or
- (c) a county high school district having a student enrollment of less than 2,000.

(2) The provisions of this part, except 13-37-217, do not apply to candidates for certain special district offices, their political ~~committees~~ campaigns, and political committees organized to support or oppose a special district issue, ~~when the special district~~

(3) As used in this section, "special district" means a unit of local government authorized by law to perform a single function or a limited number of functions. The term includes but is not limited to is a conservation district, a weed management district, a fire district, a community college district, a hospital district, an irrigation district, a sewer district, a transportation district, or a water district. The term also includes any district or other entity formed by interlocal agreement."

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Notification to tribal governments.** The secretary of state shall send a copy of [this act] to each tribal government located on the seven Montana reservations and to the Little Shell band of Chippewa.

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