

SENATE BILL NO. 38
INTRODUCED BY D. MAHLUM
BY REQUEST OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLITICAL PRACTICES

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING THE COMMISSIONER OF POLITICAL PRACTICES TO PROVIDE FORMS, MANUALS, AND ELECTION LAWS ELECTRONICALLY; REMOVING THE STATE'S OBLIGATION TO PAY FOR PAPER COPIES BUT REQUIRING THE STATE TO PROVIDE PAPER COPIES UPON REQUEST; AND AMENDING SECTION 13-37-117, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

Section 1. Section 13-37-117, MCA, is amended to read:

"13-37-117. Commissioner to provide forms, manuals, and election laws. (1) The commissioner shall prescribe forms for reports and other information required to be filed pursuant to chapter 35 ~~of this title~~ and this chapter and ~~furnish~~ provide forms and appropriate information to persons required to file reports and other information.

(2) The commissioner shall prepare and publish a manual prescribing a uniform system for accounts for use by persons required to file reports pursuant to chapter 35 ~~of this title~~ or this chapter.

(3) The commissioner shall, ~~at the expense of the state,~~ provide copies of the election laws relating to penalties, campaign practices, campaign finances, and contested elections to candidates and to any other persons required to file reports or other information pursuant to chapter 35 ~~of this title~~ or this chapter.

(4) The commissioner shall provide copies of forms, manuals, and election laws referred to in this section electronically. Upon request, the commissioner shall provide paper copies."

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2003.

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