

HOUSE BILL NO. 351
INTRODUCED BY J. SINRUD

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROHIBITING A LEGISLATOR FROM ACCEPTING EMPLOYMENT WITH THE STATE DURING THE LEGISLATOR'S TERM OF OFFICE; PROVIDING AN EXCEPTION FOR EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS; AMENDING SECTION 2-2-111, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

Section 1. Section 2-2-111, MCA, is amended to read:

"2-2-111. Rules of conduct for legislators. (1) Proof of commission of any act enumerated in this ~~section~~ SUBSECTION (1) is proof that the legislator committing the act has breached the legislator's public duty.

A legislator may not:

(1)(A) accept a fee, contingent fee, or any other compensation, except the official compensation provided by statute, for promoting or opposing the passage of legislation;

(2)(B) seek other employment for the legislator or solicit a contract for the legislator's services by the use of the office; ~~or~~

~~(3)(C) accept employment with the state during the legislator's term of office; or~~

~~(3)(4)(D) accept a fee or other compensation, except as provided for in 5-2-302, from a Montana state agency or a political subdivision of the state of Montana for speaking to the agency or political subdivision.~~

(2) FOR THE PURPOSES OF SUBSECTION (1)(C), "ACCEPT EMPLOYMENT" DOES NOT MEAN ACCEPTING A RENEWAL OR AN EXTENSION OF A STATE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT."

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

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