

SENATE BILL NO. 272  
INTRODUCED BY J. O'NEIL

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ELIMINATING THE REQUIREMENT THAT A CANDIDATE REPORT THE STREET ADDRESSES OF CONTRIBUTORS TO THE CANDIDATE'S CAMPAIGN AND OF VENDORS TO WHOM THE CANDIDATE'S CAMPAIGN HAS MADE EXPENDITURES; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 13-37-229 AND 13-37-230, MCA."

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

**Section 1.** Section 13-37-229, MCA, is amended to read:

**"13-37-229. Disclosure of contributions received.** (1) Each Subject to subsection (2), each report required by this chapter shall disclose the following information:

(1)(a) the amount of cash on hand at the beginning of the reporting period;

(2)(b) the full name, ~~mailing~~ address, occupation, and employer, if any, of each person who has made aggregate contributions, other than loans, of \$35 or more to a candidate or political committee, including the purchase of tickets and other items for events, such as dinners, luncheons, rallies, and similar fundraising events;

(3)(c) for each person identified under subsection (2) (1)(b), the aggregate amount of contributions made by that person within the reporting period and the total amount of contributions made by that person for all reporting periods;

(4)(d) the total sum of individual contributions made to or for a political committee or candidate and not reported under subsections (2) (1)(b) and (3) (1)(c);

(5)(e) the name and address of each political committee or candidate from which the reporting committee or candidate received any transfer of funds, together with the amount and dates of all transfers;

(6)(f) each loan from any person during the reporting period, together with the full names, ~~mailing~~ addresses, occupations, and employers, if any, of the lender and endorsers, if any, and the date and amount of each loan;

(7)(g) the amount and nature of debts and obligations owed to a political committee or candidate, in the form prescribed by the commissioner;

(8)(h) an itemized account of proceeds that total less than \$35 from a person from mass collections made at fundraising events;

~~(9)~~(i) each contribution, rebate, refund, or other receipt not otherwise listed under subsections ~~(2)~~ (1)(b) through ~~(8)~~ (1)(h) during the reporting period;

~~(10)~~(j) the total sum of all receipts received by or for the committee or candidate during the reporting period; and

~~(11)~~(k) other information that may be required by the commissioner to fully disclose the sources of funds used to support or oppose candidates or issues.

(2) As used in this section, "address" is limited to the name of the county and state."

**Section 2.** Section 13-37-230, MCA, is amended to read:

**"13-37-230. Disclosure of expenditures made.** (1) Each Subject to subsection (2), each report required by this chapter ~~shall~~ must disclose the following information, except that a candidate ~~shall only be~~ is required to report the information specified in this section only if the transactions involved were undertaken for the purpose of influencing an election:

~~(1)~~(a) the full name and ~~mailing~~ address (occupation and ~~the principal place~~ address of business, if any) of each person to whom expenditures have been made by the committee or candidate during the reporting period, including the amount, date, and purpose of each expenditure and the total amount of expenditures made to each person;

~~(2)~~(b) the full name and ~~mailing~~ addresses (occupation and ~~the principal place~~ address of business, if any) of each person to whom an expenditure for personal services, salaries, and reimbursed expenses have been made, including the amount, date, and purpose of that expenditure and the total amount of expenditures made to each person;

~~(3)~~(c) the total sum of expenditures made by a political committee or candidate during the reporting period;

~~(4)~~(d) the name and address of each political committee or candidate to which the reporting committee or candidate made any transfer of funds, together with the amount and dates of all transfers;

~~(5)~~(e) the name of any person to whom a loan was made during the reporting period, including the full name and ~~mailing~~ address (occupation and principal ~~place~~ address of business, if any) of that person, and the full name and ~~mailing~~ address (occupation and principal ~~place~~ address of business, if any) of the endorsers, if any, and the date and amount of each loan;

~~(6)~~(f) the amount and nature of debts and obligations owed by a political committee or candidate in the form prescribed by the commissioner;

~~(7)(g)~~ other information that may be required by the commissioner to fully disclose the disposition of funds used to support or oppose candidates or issues.

(2) As used in this section, "address" is limited to the name of the county and state.

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