

SENATE BILL NO. 370

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LAWS RELATED TO THE LEGISLATURE;
5 REVISING LAWS RELATING TO FISCAL NOTES; AMENDING SECTIONS 5-4-201 AND 5-4-203, MCA; AND
6 PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

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10 **Section 1.** Section 5-4-201, MCA, is amended to read:
11 **"5-4-201. Requirement of fiscal notes with committee reports.** ~~All~~ Except as provided in 5-4-203,
12 all bills reported out of a committee of the legislature having an effect on the revenues revenue, expenditures,
13 or fiscal liability of the state or of a county or municipality, except appropriation measures carrying specific dollar
14 amounts, ~~shall~~ must include a fiscal note incorporating an estimate of ~~such that~~ that effect. Fiscal notes ~~shall~~ must
15 be requested by the presiding officer of either house, who shall determine the need for the note at the time of
16 introduction."

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18 **Section 2.** Section 5-4-203, MCA, is amended to read:
19 **"5-4-203. Budget director to prepare note.** (1) The budget director, in cooperation with the state or
20 local agencies or officials or organizations representing local agencies or officials affected by the bill, is
21 responsible for the preparation of the fiscal note and shall return ~~same~~ the fiscal note within 6 days. The director
22 may request additional time to complete a note, ~~which~~ and the extension must be submitted to the presiding
23 officer or committee requesting the note for approval.

24 ~~(2) If the budget director fails to complete the preparation of a fiscal note~~ IS NOT AVAILABLE IN THE
25 ORIGINATING HOUSE in accordance with this section, the bill may be reported out of committee and acted upon by
26 the legislature THAT HOUSE BUT NO ACTION MAY BE TAKEN IN THE RECEIVING HOUSE UNTIL THE FISCAL NOTE HAS BEEN
27 PREPARED."

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29 NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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