

HOUSE BILL NO. 254

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING A DISCLAIMER ON ELECTION MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED BY A POLITICAL COMMITTEE THAT CLAIMS TO BE EXEMPT FROM DISCLOSING THE NAMES OF CONTRIBUTORS."

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

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Disclaimer on election materials funded by anonymous donors.** If a political committee claims to be exempt from disclosing the name of a person making a contribution to the political committee, the committee shall clearly and conspicuously include in all communications advocating the success or defeat of a candidate, political party, or ballot issue through any broadcasting station, newspaper, magazine, outdoor advertising facility, direct mailing, poster, handbill, bumper sticker, internet website, or other form of general political advertising or issue advocacy the following disclaimer: "This communication ~~has been~~ is funded by anonymous sources. ~~It is the responsibility of the~~ THE voter to SHOULD determine the veracity of ~~the statements being made and the true character of the organization behind this communication~~ ITS CONTENT."

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 13, chapter 35, part 2, and the provisions of Title 13, chapter 35, part 2, apply to [section 1].

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