

1 SENATE BILL NO. 151

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ELIMINATING THE REQUIREMENT THAT CAMPAIGN REPORTS
5 ALSO BE FILED WITH AN ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 13-37-201 AND
6 13-37-225, MCA."

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

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10 **Section 1.** Section 13-37-201, MCA, is amended to read:

11 **"13-37-201. Campaign treasurer.** Except as provided in 13-37-206, each candidate and each political
12 committee shall appoint one campaign treasurer and certify the full name and complete address of the campaign
13 treasurer pursuant to this section. A candidate shall file the certification within 5 days after becoming a candidate.
14 A political committee shall file the certification, which must include an organizational statement and the name and
15 address of all officers, if any, within 5 days after it makes an expenditure or authorizes another person to make
16 an expenditure on its behalf, whichever occurs first. The certification of a candidate or political committee must
17 be filed with the commissioner ~~and the appropriate election administrator as specified for the filing of reports in~~
18 ~~13-37-225."~~

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20 **Section 2.** Section 13-37-225, MCA, is amended to read:

21 **"13-37-225. Reports of contributions and expenditures required.** (1) Except as provided in
22 13-37-206, each candidate and political committee shall file with the commissioner periodic reports of
23 contributions and expenditures made by or on the behalf of a candidate or political committee. ~~Except as provided~~
24 ~~in subsection (3), all reports required by this chapter must be filed with the commissioner and with the election~~
25 ~~administrator of the county in which a candidate is a resident or the political committee has its headquarters.~~
26 However, where residency within a district, county, city, or town is not a prerequisite for being a candidate, copies
27 of all reports must be filed with the election administrator of the county in which the election is to be held or, if the
28 election is to be held in more than one county, with the election administrator in the county that the commissioner
29 specifies.

30 (2) In lieu of all contribution and expenditure reports required by this chapter, the commissioner shall

1 accept copies of the reports filed by candidates for congress and president of the United States and their political
2 committees pursuant to the requirements of federal law.

3 ~~(3) Reports required by this chapter for candidates for a state district office, including but not limited to~~
4 ~~candidates for the legislature, the public service commission, or district court judge, and candidates for a state~~
5 ~~office filled by a statewide vote must be filed with the commissioner and do not have to be filed with the election~~
6 ~~administrator of a county."~~

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