

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 255

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO THE GOVERNOR'S USE OF A
5 STATE AIRCRAFT; PROVIDING THAT THE GOVERNOR MAY NOT ENGAGE IN CAMPAIGN ACTIVITY WHILE
6 USING A STATE AIRCRAFT UNLESS CERTAIN REIMBURSEMENTS ARE MADE FROM THE GOVERNOR'S
7 CAMPAIGN DEPOSITORY; REQUIRING THE GOVERNOR TO FILE A REPORT DISCLOSING CERTAIN
8 INFORMATION RELATED TO CAMPAIGN ACTIVITY WHILE USING A STATE AIRCRAFT; PROHIBITING THE
9 USE OF A STATE AIRCRAFT FOR CAMPAIGN ACTIVITY DURING CERTAIN TIMES; AND REQUIRING THE
10 SECRETARY OF STATE TO ADOPT ADMINISTRATIVE RULES."

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

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14 NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Governor's use of state aircraft -- disclosure -- rulemaking.** (1) The
15 governor may not engage in any activity related to a state or federal political campaign while using a state aircraft
16 unless the governor reimburses the state for the full, equivalent costs of a charter aircraft. The reimbursement
17 must come from the governor's campaign depository designated as required in 13-37-205.

18 (2) If the governor engages in campaign activity while on a trip for which a state aircraft was used, within
19 3 days of the trip the governor must sign and submit a report to the commissioner of political practices that
20 includes:

21 (a) the names and addresses of each occupant of the aircraft for each leg of the trip;

22 (b) the location, time, and duration of each stop made by the aircraft;

23 (c) the purpose of each stop; and

24 (d) the names and addresses of every attendee of any meeting attended by the governor during the trip
25 if the meeting was not open to the public and the news media.

26 (3) The governor may not use a state aircraft for any campaign activity within 60 days before a primary
27 or general election.

28 (4) The secretary of state shall adopt rules to determine the appropriate hourly reimbursement rate for
29 use of a state aircraft pursuant to subsection (1).

30 (5) For the purposes of this section, "aircraft" has the meaning provided in 15-23-401.

