

HOUSE BILL NO. 255

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

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Governor's use of state aircraft -- disclosure -- rulemaking. (1) The

governor may not engage in any activity related to a state or federal political campaign while using a state aircraft unless the governor reimburses the state for the full, equivalent costs of a charter aircraft. The reimbursement must come from the governor's campaign depository designated as required in 13-37-205.

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

- (a) the names and addresses of each occupant of the aircraft for each leg of the trip;
- (b) the location, time, and duration of each stop made by the aircraft;
- (c) the purpose of each stop; and
- (d) the names and addresses of every attendee of any meeting attended by the governor during the trip if the meeting was not open to the public and the news media.

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

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

- 1 (5) For the purposes of this ~~section, "aircraft"~~ SECTION:
- 2 (A) "AIRCRAFT" has the meaning provided in 15-23-401.
- 3 (B) "CAMPAIGN ACTIVITY" INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:
- 4 (I) MAKING OR ATTENDING A CAMPAIGN SPEECH;
- 5 (II) ATTENDING A CAMPAIGN RALLY, A FUNDRAISER FOR A CANDIDATE OR A POLITICAL PARTY, A CANDIDATE FORUM,
- 6 OR A BLOCK PARTY IN SUPPORT OF A CANDIDATE;
- 7 (III) VISITING A CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS; OR
- 8 (IV) PARTICIPATING IN A PARADE AS A CANDIDATE.

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10 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an

11 integral part of Title 2, chapter 2, part 1, and the provisions of Title 2, chapter 2, part 1, apply to [section 1].

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