

HOUSE BILL NO. 307

INTRODUCED BY J. BACHMEIER

ABILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION REPORTING REQUIREMENTS; REQUIRING REPORTING OF THE DATE RECEIVED OF CERTAIN CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS; REQUIRING REPORTING OF OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF POLITICAL PRACTICES TO FULLY DISCLOSE FUNDING SOURCES FOR INCIDENTAL COMMITTEE ELECTION ACTIVITY; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 13-37-229 AND 13-37-232, MCA."

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

Section 1. Section 13-37-229, MCA, is amended to read:

"13-37-229. Disclosure requirements for candidates, ballot issue committees, political party committees, and independent committees. (1) The reports required under 13-37-225 through 13-37-227 from candidates, ballot issue committees, political party committees, and independent committees must disclose the following information concerning contributions received:

(a) the amount of cash on hand at the beginning of the reporting period;

(b) the full name, mailing address, occupation, and employer, if any, of each person who has made aggregate contributions, other than loans, of \$35 or more to a candidate or political committee, including the purchase of tickets and other items for events, such as dinners, luncheons, rallies, and similar fundraising events;

(c) for each person identified under subsection (1)(b), the aggregate amount of contributions made by that person within the reporting period and the total amount of contributions made by that person for all reporting periods;

(d) the total sum of individual contributions made to or for a political committee or candidate and not reported under subsections (1)(b) and (1)(c);

(e) the name and address of each political committee or candidate from which the reporting committee or candidate received any transfer of funds, together with the amount and dates of all transfers;

(f) each loan from any person during the reporting period, together with the full names, mailing addresses, occupations, and employers, if any, of the lender and endorsers, if any, and the date and amount of each loan;



1 (g) the amount and nature of debts and obligations owed to a political committee or candidate, in the
2 form prescribed by the commissioner;

3 (h) an itemized account of proceeds that total less than \$35 from a person from mass collections made
4 at fundraising events;

5 (i) each contribution, rebate, refund, or other receipt not otherwise listed under subsections (1)(b) through
6 (1)(h) during the reporting period;

7 (j) the total sum of all receipts received by or for the committee or candidate during the reporting period;

8 (k) the date each contribution reported under this subsection (1) was received; and

9 ~~(l)~~ other information that may be required by the commissioner to fully disclose the sources of funds
10 used to support or oppose candidates or issues.

11 (2) (a) Except as provided in subsection (2)(c), the reports required under 13-37-225 through 13-37-227
12 from candidates, ballot issue committees, political party committees, and independent committees must disclose
13 the following information concerning expenditures made:

14 (i) the full name, mailing address, occupation, and principal place of business, if any, of each person to
15 whom expenditures have been made by the committee or candidate during the reporting period, including the
16 amount, date, and purpose of each expenditure and the total amount of expenditures made to each person;

17 (ii) the full name, mailing address, occupation, and principal place of business, if any, of each person to
18 whom an expenditure for personal services, salaries, and reimbursed expenses has been made, including the
19 amount, date, and purpose of that expenditure and the total amount of expenditures made to each person;

20 (iii) the total sum of expenditures made by a political committee or candidate during the reporting period;

21 (iv) the name and address of each political committee or candidate to which the reporting committee or
22 candidate made any transfer of funds, together with the amount and dates of all transfers;

23 (v) the name of any person to whom a loan was made during the reporting period, including the full
24 name, mailing address, occupation, and principal place of business, if any, of that person and the full names,
25 mailing addresses, occupations, and principal places of business, if any, of the endorsers, if any, and the date
26 and amount of each loan;

27 (vi) the amount and nature of debts and obligations owed by a political committee or candidate in the form
28 prescribed by the commissioner; and

29 (vii) other information that may be required by the commissioner to fully disclose the disposition of funds
30 used to support or oppose candidates or issues.

1 (b) Reports of expenditures made to a consultant, advertising agency, polling firm, or other person that
2 performs services for or on behalf of a candidate or political committee must be itemized and described in
3 sufficient detail to disclose the specific services performed by the entity to which payment or reimbursement was
4 made.

5 (c) A candidate is required to report the information specified in this subsection (2) only if the transactions
6 involved were undertaken for the purpose of supporting or opposing a candidate."

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8 **Section 2.** Section 13-37-232, MCA, is amended to read:

9 **"13-37-232. Disclosure requirements for incidental committees.** (1) The reports required under
10 13-37-225 through 13-37-227 from incidental committees must disclose the following information concerning
11 contributions to the committee that are designated by the contributor for a specified candidate, ballot issue, or
12 petition for nomination or that are made by the contributor in response to an appeal by the incidental committee
13 for contributions to support incidental committee election activity, including in-kind expenditures, independent
14 expenditures, election communications, or electioneering communications:

15 (a) the full name, mailing address, occupation, and employer, if any, of each person who has made
16 aggregate contributions during the reporting period for a specified candidate, ballot issue, or petition for
17 nomination of \$35 or more;

18 (b) for each person identified under subsection (1)(a), the aggregate amount of contributions made by
19 that person for all reporting periods;

20 (c) each loan received from any person during the reporting period for a specified candidate, ballot issue,
21 or petition for nomination, together with the full names, mailing addresses, occupations, and employers, if any,
22 of the lender and endorsers, if any, and the date and amount of each loan;

23 (d) the amount and nature of debts and obligations owed to an incidental committee for a specified
24 candidate, ballot issue, or petition for nomination in the form prescribed by the commissioner;

25 (e) an account of proceeds that total less than \$35 per person from mass collections made at fundraising
26 events sponsored by the incidental committee for a specified candidate, ballot issue, or petition for nomination;

27 **and**

28 (f) the total sum of all contributions received by or designated for the incidental committee for a specified
29 candidate, ballot issue, or petition for nomination during the reporting period;

30 (g) the date each contribution reported under this subsection (1) was received; and

