A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: “AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF STATE FUNDS OR OTHER ASSISTANCE TO SUPPORT NONPROFIT OR FOR-PROFIT RADIO STATIONS; PROHIBITING LICENSING AGREEMENTS; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.”

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Prohibition on funding radio stations. State funds may not be appropriated to support a public or private radio station directly or indirectly, except for public service announcements.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Prohibition on support to radio stations. (1) In order to implement the provisions of [section 1], no unit of the system may provide financial or in-kind support to a nonprofit or for-profit radio station.

(2) No unit of the system may enter into any licensing agreements with a nonprofit or for-profit radio station.

NEW SECTION. Section 3. Codification instruction. (1) [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 17, chapter 8, part 1, and the provisions of Title 17, chapter 8, part 1, apply to [section 1].

(2) [Section 2] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 20, chapter 25, part 3, and the provisions of Title 20, chapter 25, part 3, apply to [section 2].

NEW SECTION. Section 4. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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