

HOUSE BILL NO. 542

INTRODUCED BY D. SKEES

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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