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1	HOUSE BILL NO. 464
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7	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO JUDICIAL TRANSPARENCY IN
8	JUDICIAL ELECTIONS; ALLOWING JUDICIAL CANDIDATES TO INDICATE A POLITICAL PARTY
9	AFFILIATION ON A DECLARATION FOR NOMINATION AND TO HAVE THAT AFFILIATION APPEAR ON
10	THE BALLOT; ALLOWING JUDICIAL CANDIDATES TO ANNOUNCE POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATIONS
11	AND ENDORSEMENTS; REVISING HOW VACANCIES IN JUDICIAL ELECTIONS ARE FILLED; AND
12	AMENDING SECTIONS 13-10-209, 13-10-602, 13-12-203, 13-14-112, AND 13-14-115, MCA."
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14	WHEREAS, the purpose of this bill is to allow judicial candidates to state their political party affiliation, if
15	desired, when filing for offices and to allow voters to know the candidates' affiliations to give them additional
16	information about the people on the ballot.
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18	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
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20	NEW SECTION. Section 1. Judicial candidate may indicate political party affiliation. A candidate
21	for judicial office may indicate the candidate's political party affiliation on the candidate's declaration for
22	nomination.
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24	NEW SECTION. Section 2. Judicial candidate may announce political party affiliation and
25	endorsement. A candidate for judicial office may announce the candidate's political party affiliation or a
26	campaign endorsement that the candidate has received.
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28	Section 3. Section 13-10-209, MCA, is amended to read:



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