



AN ACT ELIMINATING THE REQUIREMENT THAT CAMPAIGN REPORTS ALSO BE FILED WITH AN ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 13-37-201 AND 13-37-225, MCA.

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

**Section 1.** Section 13-37-201, MCA, is amended to read:

**"13-37-201. Campaign treasurer.** Except as provided in 13-37-206, each candidate and each political committee shall appoint one campaign treasurer and certify the full name and complete address of the campaign treasurer pursuant to this section. A candidate shall file the certification within 5 days after becoming a candidate. A political committee shall file the certification, which must include an organizational statement and the name and address of all officers, if any, within 5 days after it makes an expenditure or authorizes another person to make an expenditure on its behalf, whichever occurs first. The certification of a candidate or political committee must be filed with the commissioner ~~and the appropriate election administrator as specified for the filing of reports in 13-37-225.~~"

**Section 2.** Section 13-37-225, MCA, is amended to read:

**"13-37-225. Reports of contributions and expenditures required.** (1) Except as provided in 13-37-206, each candidate and political committee shall file with the commissioner periodic reports of contributions and expenditures made by or on the behalf of a candidate or political committee. ~~Except as provided in subsection (3), all reports required by this chapter must be filed with the commissioner and with the election administrator of the county in which a candidate is a resident or the political committee has its headquarters. However, where residency within a district, county, city, or town is not a prerequisite for being a candidate, copies of all reports must be filed with the election administrator of the county in which the election is to be held or, if the election is to be held in more than one county, with the election administrator in the county that the commissioner specifies.~~

(2) In lieu of all contribution and expenditure reports required by this chapter, the commissioner shall

accept copies of the reports filed by candidates for congress and president of the United States and their political committees pursuant to the requirements of federal law.

~~(3) Reports required by this chapter for candidates for a state district office, including but not limited to candidates for the legislature, the public service commission, or district court judge, and candidates for a state office filled by a statewide vote must be filed with the commissioner and do not have to be filed with the election administrator of a county."~~

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I hereby certify that the within bill,  
SB 0151, originated in the Senate.

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Secretary of the Senate

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President of the Senate

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

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Speaker of the House

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

SENATE BILL NO. 151  
INTRODUCED BY D. KARY

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