

HOUSE BILL NO. 79

INTRODUCED BY L. NELSON

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING ELECTION MATERIALS DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS TO DELETE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE COMMERCIAL PRINTER FROM THE ELECTION MATERIALS IT PRINTS; AMENDING SECTION 13-35-225, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

Section 1. Section 13-35-225, MCA, is amended to read:

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(2) If any document or other article of advertising is

too small for the requirements of subsection (1) to be conveniently included, the person financing the communication shall file a copy of the article with the commissioner, together with the required information, prior to its public distribution.

(3) If information required in subsection (1) is inadvertently omitted or not printed, upon discovering the omission, the person financing the communication shall file notification of the omission with the commissioner within 5 days and make every reasonable effort to bring the material into compliance with subsection (1)."

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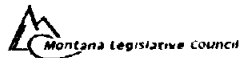
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