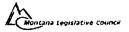
HOUSE BILL 554

Introduced by Benedict

2/01	Introduced
2/01	Referred to Judiciary
2/02	First Reading
2/13	Hearing
2/13	Tabled in Committee

House BILL NO. 557 1 3 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO REQUIRE POOR PERSONS 5 TO PROVIDE A FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND A COURT ORDER OF 6 APPROVAL BEFORE THE FILING FEE REQUIRED FOR PROSECUTION OR 7 DEFENSE OF A CLAIM MAY BE WAIVED; AND AMENDING SECTION 8 25-10-404, MCA." 9 10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA: 11 Section 1. Section 25-10-404, MCA, is amended to read: 12 *25-10-404. Poor persons not required to prepay fees. 13 Any person, who will file an affidavit stating that he has a 14 good cause of action or defense and that he is unable to pay 15 the costs or procure security to secure the same, supported 16 by a financial statement, along with an order from the court 17 approving a request for waiver of fees, may commence and 18 prosecute or defend an action in any of the courts and 19 administrative tribunals of this state; then it is hereby 20 made the duty of the officers of the courts and 21 administrative tribunals to issue all writs and serve the 22 same and perform all services in the action without 23 demanding or receiving their fees in advance."

-End-



INTRODUCED BILL HB 554