

HOUSE BILL 634

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1 *House* BILL NO. *634*
 2 INTRODUCED BY *Rep. John B. Bannock* *Cliff*
 3 *Rep. Michael Selge* *Rep. Bob Brown - Harding*

4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT RESTRICTING
 5 CONTRIBUTIONS BETWEEN CANDIDATES AND BETWEEN CANDIDATES AND
 6 POLITICAL COMMITTEES; RESTRICTING THE TIMING OF
 7 CONTRIBUTIONS BY LOBBYISTS AND POLITICAL COMMITTEES;
 8 LIMITING THE AMOUNT THAT A PERSON MAY CONTRIBUTE TO A
 9 POLITICAL COMMITTEE; AND AMENDING SECTION 13-37-216, MCA."

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

12 **Section 1.** Section 13-37-216, MCA, is amended to read:

13 "13-37-216. Limitations on amount and timing of
 14 contributions. (1) Aggregate contributions for all elections
 15 in a campaign by an individual, other than the candidate, to
 16 a candidate and political committees organized on his behalf
 17 are limited as follows:

- 18 (a) for candidates filed jointly for the office of
- 19 governor and lieutenant governor, not to exceed \$1,500;
- 20 (b) for a candidate to be elected for state office in a
- 21 statewide election, other than the candidates for governor
- 22 and lieutenant governor, not to exceed \$750;
- 23 (c) for a candidate for public service commissioner,
- 24 district court judge, or state senator, not to exceed \$400;
- 25 and

1 (d) for a candidate for any other public office, not to
 2 exceed \$250.

3 (2) For the purposes of this subsection, an independent
 4 committee means a committee which is not specifically
 5 organized on behalf of a particular candidate or which is
 6 not controlled either directly or indirectly by a candidate
 7 or candidate's committee and which does not act jointly with
 8 a candidate or candidate's committee in conjunction with the
 9 making of expenditures or accepting contributions. For the
 10 purpose of limitation on contributions, political party
 11 organizations are independent committees. Aggregate
 12 contributions by an independent committee to a candidate and
 13 political committees organized on his behalf for all
 14 elections in a campaign are limited as follows:

- 15 (a) for candidates filed jointly for the offices of
- 16 governor and lieutenant governor, not to exceed \$8,000;
- 17 (b) for a candidate to be elected for state office in a
- 18 statewide election, other than the candidates for governor
- 19 and lieutenant governor, not to exceed \$2,000;
- 20 (c) for a candidate for public service commissioner,
- 21 not to exceed \$1,000;
- 22 (d) for a candidate for the state senate, not to exceed
- 23 \$600;
- 24 (e) for a candidate for any other public office, not to
- 25 exceed \$300.



1 (3) A person may not make a contribution to any
2 political committee, including an independent committee as
3 defined in subsection (2) or a committee of a political
4 party established or operating pursuant to Title 13, chapter
5 38, part 2, of more than \$300.

6 (4) A candidate may not make a contribution of money
7 the candidate received as a contribution to another
8 candidate or a political committee. A candidate or political
9 committee may not accept a contribution of money from
10 another candidate that that other candidate received as a
11 contribution.

12 (5) A political committee or a lobbyist, as defined in
13 5-7-102, may not make a contribution to a candidate for the
14 legislature within 30 days before and 30 days after any
15 regular session of the legislature or within 10 days before
16 and 30 days after any special session of the legislature.

17 (6) For the purposes of subsections (4) and (5), a
18 "political committee" does not include a committee of a
19 political party established or operating pursuant to Title
20 13, chapter 38, part 2.

21 (7) The limitations imposed by this section do not
22 apply to public funds contributed to a candidate under part
23 3 of this chapter."

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