

1 *House* JOINT RESOLUTION NO. *79*  
 2 INTRODUCED BY *State Administration Committee*

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 5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA DIRECTING THE  
 6 COMMISSIONER OF CAMPAIGN FINANCES AND PRACTICES TO PROVIDE A  
 7 SIMPLIFIED REPORTING FORM TO CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE.

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 11 are required to report contributions and expenditures; and

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19 That the Commissioner of Campaign Finances and  
 20 Practices is directed to provide candidates with a  
 21 simplified campaign finance reporting form, a facsimile of  
 22 which is attached.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the form consist of four  
 24 pages, each page to be 8 1/2 inches x 11 inches in size, and  
 25 that two pages be for reporting contributions and two pages

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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is the intent of the  
 3 Legislature that most candidates should be able to list  
 4 their contributions and expenditures on the simplified form.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State  
 6 forward a copy of this resolution to the Commissioner of  
 7 Campaign Finances and Practices.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the simplified campaign  
 9 reporting form that is attached is the form that is to be  
 10 used.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is the intent of the Legislature that most candidates should be able to list their contributions and expenditures on the simplified form.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward a copy of this resolution to the Commissioner of Campaign Finances and Practices.

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April 2, 1977

SENATE  
STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT  
Committee on State Administration

That House Joint Resolution No. 79, third reading, be amended as follows:

1. Amend page 2, line 8.

Following: "that"

Strike: "the"

Insert: "a suggested"

2. Amend page 2, lines 9 and 10.

Following: "reporting form"

Strike: "that"

Following: "attached"

Strike: "is the form that is to be used"

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