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PUBLIC HOUSE  
 BILL NO. 707  
 INTRODUCED BY *Richard Vincent*  
 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE TO THE  
 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS TO PAY FOR  
 AN AUDIT OF EVERY PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN  
 CERTAIN STATEWIDE OFFICES IN 1972; AND PROVIDING AN  
 EFFECTIVE DATE."  
 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Definitions. As used in this act:

(1) "Committee" means the special committee on campaign finances and practices as provided in section 3 of this act.

(2) "MSCPA" means the Montana society of certified public accountants.

(3) "Legislative Council" means the office of legislative council provided for in Title 43, chapter 7, R.C.M. 1947.

Section 2. The following money is appropriated from the general fund to the office of legislative council for the biennium ending June 30, 1977, to pay for an audit and an investigation for the financing and practices used in all primary and general election campaigns for governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state,

1 treasurer and superintendent of public instruction in 1972,  
2 with special emphasis on the accuracy of campaign reporting;  
3 For the Biennium  
4 Ending 6/30/77

5 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

6 Audit of statewide primary and  
7 general election campaigns in 1972  
8 to be conducted by a qualified and  
9 disinterested person or firm  
10 selected by MSCPA \$100,000

11 Section 3. The audit provided for in this act shall be  
12 completed no later than June 30, 1975, and the results of  
13 the audit shall be made public as soon as it is completed.

14 Section 4. The legislative council shall prepare a  
15 report for submission to the 1977 session of the Montana  
16 legislature describing its findings and recommendations for  
17 changes in the financing of political campaigns.

18 Section 5. This act is effective upon passage and  
19 approval.

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