45th Legislature

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HULL BULL NO. 808 1 COMMITTEE ON RULES INTRODUCED, BY 2 3 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT MAKING THE ELECTION 4 CAMPAIGN FUND PERMANENT AND PROVIDING A SHORT TITLE FOR 5 6 CHAPTER 49 OF TITLE 23, R.C.N. 1947; AMENDING SECTIONS 7 23-4901 AND 23-4904, R.C.N. 1947; AND REPEALING SECTION 7, 8 CHAPTER 263, LAWS OF 1974." 9 10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA: 11 Section 1. Section 23-4901, R.C.M. 1947; is amended to 12 read as follows: 13 "23-4901. Purpose Short Litle. It-is the purpose of 14 this act to allow the conduct of an experiment in the public 15 financing-of-political caugaians in this states to determine public -- reaction -- to -- grass -- roots-participation in campaign 16 17 financing-through-a-designation-by-s-texpayer-of-one--dollar 18 19 legislative-review-of-public-compaign-financing--based--upon 20 the results of the listed experiment authorized by this act 21 This chapter may be cited as "The Public Campaion Fund Act"." 22 23 Section 2. Section 23-4904; R.C.M. 1947; is amended to 24 read as follows: 25 "23-4904. Election Public campaign fund. (1) There is THIRD READING

1 an:election a public campaign fund within the earmarked

2 revenue fund provided for in section 79-410.

3 (2) All monies designated under section 2 [23-4902] of

4 this act shall be deposited in the fund.

5 (3) Five (5) months before the general election in a 6 gubernatorial election year all monies in the fund shall be 7 paid over in equal amounts to the treasurer of each 8 political party, to be spent only for the legitimate 9 campaign expenses of the gubernatorial candidate."

10 Section 3. Repeater. Section 7. Chapter 263. Laws of

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SENATE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

That House Bill No. 808 be amended as follows:

1. Amend title, line 7. Following: "23-4901" Strike: "and" Insert: ", 23-4902," Following: "23-4904," Insert: "and 23-4906," Amend page 1, section 1, line 23. 2. Following: line 22 Insert: "Section 2. Section 23-4902, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows: "23-4902. Definitions. As used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise: (1) "Fund" means the election campaign fund established in section 4 (23-4904) of this act. (2) "Political party" is a party whose candidate for governor in the last general election received five per cent (5%) or more of the total votes cast for that office as verified by the secretary of state. (3) "Department" means the department of revenue provided for in Title 82A, chapter 18. "Candidate" means an individual who has been nominated by a (4) political party for election to the-office-of-governor-of public office in this state. (5) "Individual" means a natural person." " Renumber: subsequent section Amend page 2, section 2, line 9. 3. Following: "of" "the gubernatorial candidate" Strike: Insert: "candidates for public offices which offices have been designated by the legislature" 4. Amend page 2, section 2, line 10. Following: line 9 Insert: "Section 4. Section 23-4906, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows: "23-4906. Penalties for violation. The use of moneys from the fund by anyone for any purpose other than the legitimate campaign expenses of a candidate for governor a designated public office is an offense and is punishable by imprisonment for not more than one (1) year, or by a fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000), or by both." " Renumber: subsequent section

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2	INTRODUCED BY COMMITTEE ON RULES	2	established in section 4 [23-4904] of this act.
3		3	(2) "Political party" is a party whose candidate for
4	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT MAKING THE ELECTION	4	governor in the last general election received five percent
5	CAMPAIGN FUND PERMANENT AND PROVIDING A SHORT TITLE FOR	5	(5%) or more of the total votes cast for that office as
6	CHAPTER 49 OF TITLE 23, R.C.M. 1947; AMENDING SECTIONS	6	verified by the secretary of state.
7	23-4901 AND <u>, 23-4902,</u> 23-4904, <u>AND 23-4906,</u> R.C.M. 1947; AND	7	(3) "Department" means the department of revenue
8	REPEALING SECTION 7. CHAPTER 263. LAWS OF 1974."	8	provided for in Title 82A, chapter 18.
9		9	(4) "Candidate" means an individual who has been
10	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:	10	nominated by a political party for election to the office of
11	Section 1. Section 23-4901, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to	11	governor-of public office in this state.
12	read as follows:	12	(5) "Individua}" means a natural person."
13	"23-4901. Purpose <u>Short title</u> . It is the purpose of	13	Section 3. Section 23-4904, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to
14	this-act-to-allow-the-conduct-of-an-experiment-in-the-public	14	read as follows:
15	financinq-of-political-campaigns-in-this-states-to-determine	15	#23-4904。 Election <u>Public</u> campaign fund。(1) There is
16	public-reaction-to-grassrootsparticipationincampaign	16	an-election a public campaign fund within the earmarked
17	financingthrough-a-designation-by-a-taxpayer-of-one-dollar	17	revenue fund provided for in section 79-410.
18	{\$}}-ot-his-tax-liability-to-a-campaign-fundt-ondtoallow	18	(2) All monies designated under section 2 [23-4902] of
19	legislativereviewof-public-campaign-financing-based-upo n	19	this act shall be deposited in the fund.
20	the-results-of-the-limited-experiment-outhorized-by-this-oct	20	(3) Five (5) months before the general election in a
21	<u> This chapter may be cited as "The Public Campaign Fund Act"</u> .	21	gubernatorial election year all monies in the fund shall be
22	SECIION 2. SECIION 23-4902. R.C.M. 1947. IS AMENDED TO	22	paid over in equal amounts to the treasurer of each
23	READ AS FOLLOWS:	23	political party, to be spent only for the legitimate
24	#23-4902. Definitions. As used in this act, unless the	24	campaign expenses of the gubernatorial candidate <u>CANDIDATES</u>
25	context requires otherwise:	25	FOR PUBLIC OFFICES WHICH OFFICES HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED BY THE

REFERENCE BILL

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1	LEGISLATURE-"
2	SECTION 4. SECTION 23-4906. R.C.M. 1947. IS AMENDED TO
3	READ AS FOLLOWS:
4	■23-4906。 Penalties for violation. The use of moneys
5	from the fund by anyone for any purpose other than the
6	legitimate campaign expenses of a candidate for governor <u>a</u>
7	designated public office is an offense and is punishable by
8	imprisonment for not more than one (1) year; or by a fine of
9	not more than five thousand dollars (\$5+000), or by both."
10	Section 5. Repealer. Section 7, Chapter 263, Laws of
11	1974, is repealed.

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