CHAPTER NO. 210

SENATE BILL NO. 287

INTRODUCED BY TOWE, GOODOVER, LOWE, QUILICI

IN THE SENATE

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January 29, 1979		Introduced and referred to Committee on State Administration.
February 12, 1979		Committee recommend bill do pass as amended. Report adopted.
February 13, 1979		Printed and placed on members' desks.
February 14, 1979		Motion pass consideration.
February 15, 1979		Second reading, do pass.
February 16, 1979		Considered correctly engrossed.
February 17, 1979		Third reading, passed. Transmitted to second house.
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February 19, 1979		Introduced and referred to Committee on State Administration.
March 5, 1979		Committee recommend bill be concurred in. Report adopted.
March 6, 1979		Second reading, concurred in.
March 8, 1979		Third reading, concurred in.
	IN THE SEN	ATE
March 9, 1979		Returned from second house. Concurred in. Sent to

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Reported correctly enrolled.

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REQUIRED OF CITIZENS AND REPORT PROGRESS TO A TEMPORARY

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PURPOSE." 8

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24 (b) if the forms are necessary for the agency to

25 perform its prescribed functions. 1 (3) The agency shall report the results of its review and, if any, its recommendations to reduce government paperwork to the committee prior to April 30. 1980.

Section 3. Interim committee on government paperwork appointment and composition. (1) There is an interim committee on government paperwork.

(2) The committee consists of two members from the fcllowing committees:

9 (a) senate state administration;

house of representatives state administration; 10

11 (c) senate business and industry;

(d) house of representatives business and industry; 12

(e) senate labor and employment relations; and 13

(f) house of representatives labor and industry. 14

(3) The members shall be appointed by the chairman of 15 the respective committees. 16

(4) No more than six members shall be appointed from 17 18 each political party.

(5) Hembers must be appointed before the 90th 19 20 legislative day of a regular session.

Section 4. Term of office. Appointments to the 21 22 committee are for 2 years. A member of the committee serves until his term of office as a legislator is ended or his 23 successor is appointed, whichever occurs first. 24

25 Section 5. Vacancies. (1) A vacancy must by filled in LC 0744/01 LC 0744/01

(4) hold public hearings.

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- (2) An appointment to the committee under this section
 is for the unexpired term of the original member.
- Section 6. Officers. The committee shall elect one of its members as chairman and may elect other officers it considers necessary.
- 7 Section 7. Meetings and compensation. (1) The 8 committee shall meet as often as necessary, upon the call of 9 the chair.
- 10 (2) Committee members are entitled to receive 11 compensation and expenses as provided in 5-2-302.
 - Section 8. Staff assistance. The legislative council shall provide staff assistance to the committee subject to limitations in any appropriation for such purpose. The legislative council has the same authority of investigation, examination, and hearings on behalf of the committee as it has for other committees under 5-11-106 and 5-11-107.
- 18 Section 9. Committee duties. The committee shall:
- (1) make an interim study of all government paperworkthat affects citizens; and
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- 23 Section 10. Committee powers. The committee may:
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7 Section 11. Committee report. Prior to September 15 of 8 the next legislative session, the committee shall prepare a 9 report of its activities, together with its recommendations, 10 to be submitted to the legislature.

11 Section 12. Expiration date. The authorization for 12 the committee will expire on January 1, 1981.

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FISCAL NOTE

Request	No.	486-79

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received March 20, 1979, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for Senate Bill 287 pursuant to Chapter 53, Laws of Montana, 1965 - Thirty-Ninth Legislative Assembly. Background information used in developing this Fiscal Note is available from the Office of Budget and Program Planning, to members of the Legislature upon request.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

An act to reduce government paperwork by requiring all state agencies to review forms required of citizens and report progress to a temporary interim committee on government paperwork created for this purpose the Administrative Code Committee.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No accurate estimate of the fiscal impact of the proposed legislation can be provided. The Legislative Council indicates that, depending on the actions of the Administrative Code Committee, the additional costs could range from \$2,900 to \$100,000. Based on a survey of selected state Executive Branch agencies, the additional cost could range from \$0 to \$13,000 per agency.

For the most part, any increased costs must be funded from the State General Fund.

BUDGET DIRECTOR
Office of Budget and Program Planning
Date: 3/16/78

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Approved by Committee on State Administration

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