## House Bill 311

## In The House

January 17, 1981 Introduced and referred to Committee on State Administration.

January 29, 1981 Committee recommend bill do not pass.

1 HOUSE PILL NO. 311
2 INTRODUCED BY Brand Menahar

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO PROHIBIT A LOCAL GOVERNING BODY FROM CONTRIBUTING MONEY TO ANY ORGANIZATION WHEN ANY PORTION OF SUCH MONEY SUPPORTS LOGBYING ACTIVITIES BY THAT ORGANIZATION UNLESS SUCH CONTRIBUTION IS DERIVED FROM FUNDS RAISED THROUGH THE LEVY OF A SPECIAL TAX FOR THAT PURPOSE WHICH HAS BEEN APPROVED BY A VOTE OF THE PROPLE."

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BE IT EMACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTAMA:

Section 1. Counties and municipalities not to contribute to lobbying organizations -- exception. (1) Except as provided in subsection (3), the governing body of a county or municipality may not contribute money to any organization when any portion of that money is used to support lobbying activities of the organization.

- (2) Such organizations include associations or other groups that retain lobbyists for hire or that reimburse persons for travel and expanses to lobby for local governments, elected or appointed officials, employees, or other constituent groups.
- (3) Money may be contributed to such organizations if the local governing body has established a special property tax levy for this purpose. A property tax levied for the

- purpose of this section must be approved by a vote of the
- 2 electorate of the local government. The levy election must
- 3 be conducted in the manner provided for additional levies
- 4 under 7-6-4431, 7-6-4432, 7-6-4434, and 7-6-4436 through
- 5 7-6-4438.

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