

House Bill 501

In The House

January 27, 1981

Introduced and referred  
to Committee on State  
Administration.

February 10, 1981

Committee recommend bill  
do not pass.

1                                    HOUSE BILL NO. 501  
INTRODUCED BY       CORN      

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO LIMIT TO A MAXIMUM  
5 OF \$750 THE AGGREGATE TOTAL CONTRIBUTION MADE BY ANY  
6 INDIVIDUAL, ASSOCIATION, CORPORATION, OR OTHER ORGANIZATION  
7 OR GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS TO A POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE OR  
8 GROUP ORGANIZED TO SUPPORT OR OPPOSE ANY BALLOT ISSUE AND TO  
9 IMPOSE PENALTIES."

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11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

12       Section 1. Contribution to political action committees  
13 limited. (1) Aggregate contributions made by any person to a  
14 political action committee or group organized to support or  
15 oppose any ballot issue may not exceed \$750. For the  
16 purposes of this section, contributions may not be made in  
17 any name other than that of the person who in fact supplies  
18 such money.

19       (2) No person associated with a political action  
20 committee or group organized to support or oppose a ballot  
21 issue, such as a campaign treasurer of such a committee, may  
22 knowingly solicit or receive from a person a contribution  
23 which in the aggregate exceeds \$750 or which is submitted in  
24 the name of another.

25       Section 2. Penalties. (1) A person who is convicted

1 for violation of [section 1] is guilty of a misdemeanor and  
2 shall be imprisoned in the county jail of the county where  
3 the conviction was obtained for a term not to exceed 6  
4 months or may be fined an amount not to exceed \$5,000 or  
5 both.

6       (2) In addition to the penalty provided in subsection  
7 (1), each group or political action committee or its  
8 campaign treasurer who receives part or all of a person's  
9 contribution, which contribution is in violation of  
10 subsection (1), shall within 3 calendar days of the judgment  
11 pay from campaign funds an amount equaling the total of all  
12 contributions received from that person to the secretary of  
13 state for deposit in the state general fund.

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