

HOUSE BILL NO. 468

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 2 INTRODUCED BY Swift, Kelly, Darnall, Stahle
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 5 FINAL CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS BY REQUIRING THE DISMISSAL OF
 6 FELONY CHARGES NOT PROSECUTED IN A TIMELY MANNER, BY
 7 REDUCING THE TIME REQUIRED FOR CERTAIN ACTS TO BE TAKEN IN
 8 CRIMINAL APPEALS, BY SETTING A LIMIT OF 70 DAYS ON
 9 EXTENSIONS GRANTED BY THE SUPREME COURT, BY REQUIRING
 10 SANCTIONS TO BE IMPOSED BY THE SUPREME COURT WHEN A PARTY
 11 FAILS TO MEET A PROCEDURAL DEADLINE; AND BY ELIMINATING
 12 EXCEPTIONS TO THE WAIVER OF ISSUES NOT RAISED IN PETITIONS
 13 FOR POSTCONVICTION RELIEF; AMENDING SECTIONS 46-13-201,
 14 46-20-311, 46-20-312, 46-20-405, AND 46-21-105, MCA."
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 23 the dismissal must be set forth in an order entered upon the
 24 minutes.
 25 (2) The court, unless good cause to the contrary is

1 shown, must order the prosecution to be dismissed if a
 2 defendant whose trial has not been postponed upon his
 3 application is not brought to trial within 6 months after
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 5 charging a misdemeanor and within 200 days after entry of
 6 plea upon a complaint, information, or indictment charging a
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8 (3) An order for the dismissal of an action as
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 19 after filing the notice of appeal, the appellant shall
 20 comply with the provisions of 46-20-302 and shall take any
 21 other action necessary to enable the clerk to assemble and
 22 transmit the record. If more than one appeal is filed, each
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1 appeal.

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6 record a numbered list of the documents, identifying each
7 with reasonable definiteness. Documents in bulky containers
8 and physical exhibits other than documents shall not be
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15 district court mails or otherwise forwards the record to the
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18 otherwise the date upon which it is transmitted to the
19 supreme court."

20 Section 3. Section 46-20-312, MCA, is amended to read:

21 "46-20-312. Extension of time for transmission of
22 record. (1) The district court may extend the time for
23 transmitting the record. The request for extension must be
24 made within the time originally prescribed or within an
25 extension previously granted, and the district court shall

1 not extend the time to a day more than 90 10 days from the
2 date of filing of the first notice of appeal.

3 (2) If the district court is without authority to
4 grant the relief sought or has denied a request therefor,
5 the supreme court may on motion extend the time for
6 transmitting the record or may permit the record to be
7 transmitted and filed after the expiration of the time
8 allowed or fixed.

9 (3) A motion for an extension of time for transmitting
10 the record made in either court shall show that the
11 inability of the appellant to cause timely transmission of
12 the record is due to causes beyond his control or to
13 circumstances which may be deemed excusable neglect. If a
14 request for an extension of time for transmitting the record
15 has been previously denied, the motion shall set forth the
16 denial and shall state the reasons therefor, if any were
17 given."

18 Section 4. Section 46-20-405, MCA, is amended to read:

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20 appellant shall serve and file his brief within 30 20 days
21 after the date on which the record is filed. The respondent
22 shall serve and file his brief within 30 20 days after
23 service of the brief of the appellant. The appellant may
24 serve and file a reply brief within 14 days after service of
25 the brief of the respondent, but except for good cause

1 shown, a reply brief must be served and filed at least 3
2 days before argument.

3 (2) Six copies of each brief shall be filed with the
4 clerk of the supreme court unless otherwise ordered by the
5 court, and one copy of each brief shall be served on counsel
6 for each party separately represented. The clerk will not
7 accept a brief for filing unless it is accompanied by
8 acknowledgment or proof of service as required by 46-20-502.

9 (3) If an appellant fails to file his brief within the
10 time provided by this section or within the time extended, a
11 respondent may move for dismissal of the appeal. If a
12 respondent fails to file his brief, he will not be heard at
13 oral argument except by permission of the court."

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15 No order may be made by the supreme court granting an
16 extension of more than 70 days for any act required by this
17 chapter to be done before the supreme court for which
18 extensions of time may be granted by the supreme court.

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23 response to that failure, including dismissal of the case.

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8 conviction, grounds for relief that could reasonably have
9 been raised on direct appeal may not be raised in his
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11 NEW SECTION. Section 8. Codification instruction.
12 Sections 5 and 6 are intended to be codified as an integral
13 part of Title 46, chapter 20, and the provisions of Title
14 46, chapter 20, apply to sections 5 and 6.

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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 241-83

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received January 26, 19 83, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House Bill 468 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.

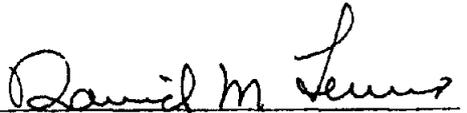
DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

House Bill 468 is an act to speed the process of final criminal convictions by requiring the dismissal of felony charges not prosecuted in a timely manner, by reducing the time required for certain acts to be taken in criminal appeals, by setting a limit of 70 days on extensions granted by the Supreme Court when a party fails to meet a procedural deadline and by eliminating exceptions to the waiver of issues not raised in petitions for postconviction relief and amends Sections 46-13-201, 46-20-311, 46-20-312, 46-20-405 and 46-21-105, MCA.

COMMENTS:

No dollar estimate can be made for House Bill 468. The fiscal impact would be at the local or county level where public funds are expended for court appointed counsel and court costs in felony cases. While most cases would not be affected by the limitation provisions in this bill, the few cases per year that are would probably result in a substantial savings in those costs to counties.

FISCAL NOTE 9:B/1



BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: 1-31-83

Approved by Committee
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