

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13

Introduced: 02/14/83

Referred to Committee on Legislative Administration: 02/14/83
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Died in Committee.

1 *Senate* JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13
 2 INTRODUCED BY E. C. Wheeler Vincent

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 4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
 5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA ESTABLISHING A JOINT
 6 LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS AND PRESCRIBING ITS
 7 FUNCTIONS.

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 9 WHEREAS, there is presently no authority established to
 10 address disputes relating to violations of ethical standards
 11 by Legislators; and

12 WHEREAS, a joint committee of both houses of the
 13 Legislature is an appropriate body in which to vest such
 14 authority.

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 16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE
 17 OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

18 (1) That a joint legislative committee on ethics be
 19 created consisting of eight members, with the majority and
 20 minority leaders of each house each appointing two members.

21 (2) That the committee shall:

22 (a) receive complaints against Legislators alleged to
 23 have violated ethical standards;

24 (b) establish procedures for:

25 (i) hearing complaints;

1 (ii) issuing advisory opinions;
 2 (iii) censuring a Legislator;
 3 (iv) referring complaints involving a violation of law
 4 to the appropriate county attorney; and
 5 (v) voluntary disclosure by a Legislator of a possible
 6 conflict of interest prior to voting on a particular bill;
 7 and
 8 (c) recommend joint rules on legislation relating to
 9 legislative ethics as the committee considers necessary.

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INTRODUCED BILL

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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 413-83

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received February 16, , 19 83 , there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for Senate Joint Resolution 13 pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 4, Part 2 of the Montana Code Annotated (MCA). 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:

Senate Joint Resolution 13 proposes to establish a joint legislative committee on ethics composed of eight members.

ASSUMPTIONS:

- 1) The committee would meet 4 times during the interim for one-day meetings.
- 2) Pay and allowances will be the same as they are now.
- 3) Postage and printing costs may be \$1,000.

FISCAL IMPACT:

	<u>FY 84</u>
Salary	\$ 1,549
Expense	1,811
Postage and Printing	1,000
Total	<u>\$ 4,360</u>

TECHNICAL NOTE:

In order to function during the interim, a committee created by resolution must function under 5-5-202, MCA. It should be specified that it is a standing committee or a select committee in order to be compatible.

FISCAL NOTE 14:Q/1



BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

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