HB 296 INTRODUCED BY PISTORIA, ET AL.REQUIRING EDITORIALS AND LETTERS TO THE EDITOR TO BESIGNED
1/20 INTRODUCED$1 / 20$ REFERRED TO STATE ADMINISTRATION1/30 HEARING2/04 COMMITTEE REPORT--BILL NOT PASSED
2/05 ADVERSE COMMITTEE REPORT ADOPTED ..... $65 \quad 29$

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## INTRODUCED BILL

HB-296


[^0]:    House bile no. 296
     A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO REQUIRE NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED IN MONTANA TO INDICATE THE AUTHOR OF ANY EDITORIAL COMMENT AND TO REFUSE PUBLICATION OF LETTERS TO THE EDITOR UNLESS THE AUTHORSHIP AND CONTENT ARE VERIFIED."

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    BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
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    Section 1. Newspaper editorials and letters to the editor. (1) No newspaper published in the state may include:
    (a) an editorial comment unless the name of the author of the comment is indicated, except for an out-of-state editorial, which must be labeled by the source and, if known, by the author: or
    (b) a letter to the editor unless the authorship is verified and any facts or figures contained in the article are verified.
    (2) A newspaper publisher who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

