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REQUIRING EDITORIALS AND LETTERS TO THE EDITOR TO BE SIGNED

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- 1/20 REFERRED TO STATE ADMINISTRATION
- 1/30 HEARING
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- 2/05 ADVERSE COMMITTEE REPORT ADOPTED

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House BILL NO. 296 Dria Kidan - ME lamaik 1 INTRODUCED BY 2 3 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO REQUIRE NEWSPAPERS 4 PUBLISHED IN MONTANA TO INDICATE THE AUTHOR OF ANY EDITORIAL 5 COMMENT AND TO REFUSE PUBLICATION OF LETTERS TO THE EDITOR 6 UNLESS THE AUTHORSHIP AND CONTENT ARE VERIFIED." 7 8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA: 9 10 Section 1. Newspaper editorials and letters to the 11 editor. (1) No newspaper published in the state may include: 12 (a) an editorial comment unless the name of the author 13 of the comment is indicated, except for an out-of-state 14 editorial, which must be labeled by the source and, if 15 known, by the author; or 16 (b) a letter to the editor unless the authorship is 17 verified and any facts or figures contained in the article

18 are verified.19 (2) A newspaper publisher who violates this section is

20 guilty of a misdemeanor.

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