HB 350 INTRODUCED BY SWIFT DELETE COUNTY COMMISSIONER MILEAGE FOR TRAVEL BETWEEN HOME AND COUNTY SEAT

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| 1 | House BILL NO. 350 |
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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO DELETE THE PAYMENT OF MILEAGE TO A COUNTY COMMISSIONER IN A COUNTY OF THE FIRST, SECOND, THIRD, OR FOURTH CLASS FOR TRAVEL BETWEEN HIS RESIDENCE AND THE COUNTY SEAT; AND AMENDING SECTION 7-4-2108, MCA."

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

Section 1. Section 7-4-2108, MCA, is amended to read:

"7-4-2108. Mileage allowance for county commissioners

-- expenses. (1) (a) In addition to the salary provided by

7-4-2107(1), each member of the board of county
commissioners in counties of the first, second, third, and
fourth class shall is entitled to receive a mileage
allowance as provided in 2-18-503 for—the—distance
necessarily-traveled-in-going—to—and—returning—from—the
county—seat—and-his-place-of-residence;—each-day-that-such
trip—is-actually-made-and-while-engaged-in—the—performance
of-his-official-duties.

(2)(b) Each member of the board in all other counties is entitled to a mileage allowance as provided in 2-18-503 for the distance necessarily traveled in going to and returning from the county seat and his place of residence

each day that such trip is actually made to perform official duties.

3 (2) Any county commissioner whose place of residence
4 is 50 miles or more from the county seat, as measured by the
5 usual route of travel, and who elects to remain more than
6 one day in the county seat to attend sessions of the board
7 or perform his official duties is entitled to receiver—in
8 addition—to-mileage—for—one-round-trip—between—his—place—of
9 residence—and—the—county—seat; \$18 per day as expenses for
10 each day's attendance on sessions of the board while engaged
11 in the performance of his official duties.

- (3) All claims for lodging expense reimbursement allowed under this section must be documented by an appropriate receipt.
- (4) When other than commercial, nonreceiptable lodging facilities are utilized by a county commissioner, the amount of \$7 will be authorized for lodging expenses for each day in which travel involves an overnight stay in lieu of the amount authorized in this section. However, when overnight accommodations are provided at the expense of any government entity, no reimbursement may be claimed for lodging.
- 22 (5) This section does not apply to counties that have
 23 adopted charter form of government."

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STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for HB350, as introduced.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

An act to delete the payment of mileage to a county commissioner in a county of the first, second, third, or fourth class for travel between his residence and the county seat; and amending section 7-4-2108, MCA.

ASSUMPTIONS:

- 1. County commissioners of first, second, third, and fourth class counties currently claiming and receiving milage allowance for the distance traveled between their places of residence and their county seats will receive mileage allowances only for official use of their vehicles between their county seats and their official business destinations.
- 2. Road inspection duties will not be performed by county commissioners between their places of residence and their county seats and claimed as reimburseable mileage any more than one per year.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact on state agencies.

EFFECT ON COUNTY OR OTHER LOCAL REVENUE OR EXPENDITURES:

Although specific mileage reimbursement data for home-to-county seat travel are not available, it may be assumed that county costs for county commissioners will decrease.

LONG-RANGE EFFECTS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

Unknown.

TECHNICAL OR MECHANICAL DEFECTS IN PROPOSED LEGISLATION OR CONFLICTS WITH EXISTING LEGISLATION:

None noted.

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Fiscal Note for HB350, as introduced