HOUSE BILL NO. 393

INTRODUCED BY LORY

BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY

IN THE HOUSE

- JANUARY 22, 1987 INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY.
- FEBRUARY 18, 1987 COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL DO PASS AS AMENDED. REPORT ADOPTED.
- FEBRUARY 19, 1987 PRINTING REPORT.
- FEBRUARY 20, 1987 SECOND READING, DO PASS AS AMENDED.

FEBRUARY 21, 1987 ENGROSSING REPORT.

FEBRUARY 23, 1987 THIRD READING, PASSED. AYES, 94; NOES, 4.

TRANSMITTED TO SENATE.

IN THE SENATE

- MARCH 2, 1987 INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY.
- MARCH 23, 1987 COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. REPORT ADOPTED.

MARCH 28, 1987 SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.

MARCH 30, 1987 THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN. AYES, 49; NOES, 1.

RETURNED TO HOUSE WITH AMENDMENTS.

IN THE HOUSE

APRIL 7, 1987 RECEIVED FROM SENATE.

SECOND READING, AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN.

APRIL 8, 1987

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THIRD READING, AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN.

SENT TO ENROLLING.

50th Legislature

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INTRODUCED BY 1 2 BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY 3 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO REVISE PROCEDURES 5 FOR REMOVAL OF HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION CASES TO DISTRICT 6 COURT; AMENDING SECTIONS 49-2-509 AND 49-3-312, MCA; AND 7 PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY 8 DATE." 9 10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA: 11 Section 1. Section 49-2-509, MCA, is amended to read: 12 "49-2-509. Filing a complaint in district court. (1) 13 The Except as provided in subsection (2), the commission 14 staff shall, at the request of either party, issue a letter 15 entitling the complainant to file a discrimination action in 16 district court if: 17 (a) the commission has not yet held a contested case 18 hearing pursuant to 49-2-505 and-has-determined-that-it-will 19 be--unable-to-hold-a-contested-case-hearing-within-l2-months 20 of-the-date-the-complaint-was-filed-under-49-2-501; and 21 (b) ±80--days 12 months have elapsed since the 22 complaint was filed and the efforts of the commission staff 23 to settle the complaint after informal investigation 24 pursuant to 49-2-504 have been unsuccessful. 25

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1	(2) The commission staff may refuse to permit removal
2	of a case to district court if:
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4	the investigative process;
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6	to request removal to the district court;
7	(c) more than 30 days have elapsed since service of
8	notice of hearing under 49-2-505;
9	(d) the case or an issue in the case is a matter of
10	first impression before the commission; or
11	(e) the commission staff determines that the
12	allegations of the complaint are supported by substantial
13	evidence and the complainant is not represented by counsel.
14	(3) The commission staff may dismiss a complaint filed
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16	discrimination action in district court if:
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18	commission lacks jurisdiction over the complaint;
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13 violation occurred for appropriate relief. If the claimant 14 fails to petition the district court within 90 days after 15 receipt of a <u>the</u> letter, <u>notice</u>, or order issued by the 16 commission <u>staff</u>, the claim shall be barred.

17 (3)(6) If the district court finds, in an action under 18 this section, that a person, institution, entity, or agency 19 against whom or which a complaint was filed has engaged in 20 the unlawful discriminatory practice alleged in the 21 complaint, the court may provide the same relief as described in 49-2-506 for a commission order. In addition, 22 the court may in its discretion allow the prevailing party 23 reasonable attorney fees." 24

25 Section 2. Section 49-3-312, MCA, is amended to read:

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8	beunable-to-hold-a-contested-case-hearing-within-12-months
9	of-the-date-the-complaint-was-filed-under-49-3-304; and
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12	to settle the complaint after informal investigation
13	pursuant to 49-3-307 are unsuccessful.
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NEW SECTION. Section 4. Effective 17 date --applicability. (1) This act is effective on passage and 18 19 approval.

20 (2) This act applies to cases pending before the 21 commission for human rights on the effective date of this 2Ż act and to cases filed with the commission for human rights 23 on or after the effective date of this act.

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APPROVED BY COMMITTEE On Judiciary

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5	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO REVISE PROCEDURES	5	investigative process;
6	FOR REMOVAL OF HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION CASES TO DISTRICT	6	(b) the party requesting removal has waived the right
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9	DATE."	9	notice of hearing under $49-2-505_{\hat{t}}$, UNLESS THE COMMISSION
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25	tosettlethecomplaintafterinformalinvestigation

1	pursuant-to-49-2-504-have-been-unsuccessfuł.
2	(2) The commission staff may refuse to permit removal
3	of a case to district court if:
4	(a) the party requesting removal fails to cooperate
5	COMPLY WITH THE TERMS OF A LAWFUL SUBPOENA ISSUED in the
6	investigative process;
7	(b) the party requesting removal has waived the right
8	to request removal to the district court; OR
9	(c) more than 30 days have elapsed since service of
10	notice of hearing under 49-2-5057, UNLESS THE COMMISSION
11	FAILS TO SCHEDULE A HEARING TO BE HELD WITHIN 90 DAYS OF
1 2	SERVICE OF NOTICE OF HEARING; OR
13	(D) THE PARTY REQUESTING REMOVAL HAS UNSUCCESSFULLY
14	ATTEMPTED THROUGH COURT LITIGATION TO PREVENT THE COMMISSION
15	STAFF FROM INVESTIGATING THE COMPLAINT.
16	(d)the-case-or-an-issue-in-the-case-isamatterof
17	first-impression-before-the-commission;-or
18	<pre>tethecommissionstaffdeterminesthatthe</pre>
19	allegations-of-the-complaint-aresupportedbysubstantial
20	evidence-and-the-complainant-is-not-represented-by-counsel.
21	(3) The commission staff may dismiss a complaint filed
22	under 49-2-501 and allow the complainant to file a
23	discrimination action in district court if:
24	(a) the commission staff determines that the
25	commission lacks jurisdiction over the complaint;

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1	(b) the complainant fails to cooperate in the staff's
2	investigation of the complaint or fails to keep the
3	commission advised of changes of address; or
4	(c) the commission staff determines that the
5	allegations of the complaint are not supported by
6	substantial evidence.
7	(4) A decision of the commission staff to dismiss a
8	complaint or to refuse to permit removal to the district
9	court is final unless a party seeks review by filing
10	objections within 14 days after the decision is served on
11	him. The commission shall review the decision in informal
12	proceedings under 2-4-604, except that 2-4-604(5) applies
13	only to review of a refusal to permit removal,
14	<pre>f2)(5) Within 90 days after receipt of a notice of</pre>
15	dismissal under subsection (3) or an order under subsection
16	(4) of affirmance of a dismissal, whichever occurs later, or
17	of a letter issued bythecommissionpursuantto under
18	subsection {1), the complainant shall may petition the
19	district court in the district in which the alleged
20	violation occurred for appropriate relief. If the claimant
21	fails to petition the district court within 90 days after
22	receipt of a the letter, notice, or order issued by the
23	commission staff, the claim shall be barred.

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24 (1) (6) If the district court finds, in an action under 25 this section, that a person, institution, entity, or agency

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1 against whom or which a complaint was filed has engaged in the unlawful discriminatory practice alleged in the 2 complaint, the court may provide the same relief as 3 described in 49-2-506 for a commission order. In addition. 4 the court may in its discretion allow the prevailing party 5 reasonable attorney fees. б (7) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER ESTABLISH THE 7 8 EXCLUSIVE REMEDY FOR ACTS CONSTITUTING AN ALLEGED VIOLATION OF THIS CHAPTER, INCLUDING ACTS THAT MAY OTHERWISE ALSO 9 10 CONSTITUTE A VIOLATION OF THE DISCRIMINATION PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE II, SECTION 4, OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION OR 11 12 49-1-102. NO OTHER CLAIM OR REQUEST FOR RELIEF BASED UPON SUCH ACTS MAY BE ENTERTAINED BY A DISTRICT COURT OTHER THAN 13 14 BY THE PROCEDURES SPECIFIED IN THIS CHAPTER." Section 2. Section 49-3-312, MCA, is amended to read: 15 16 "49-3-312. Filing a complaint in district court. (1) 17 The Except as provided in subsection (2), the commission 18 staff shall, at the request of either party, issue a letter 19 entitling the complainant to file a discrimination action in 20 district court if: 21 (a) the commission has not yet held a contested case 22 hearing pursuant to 49-3-308 and-has-determined-that-it-will 23 be-unable-to-hold-a-contested-case-hearing-within-12--months of-the-date-the-complaint-was-filed-under-49-3-304; and 24 25 (b) $\frac{1}{90}$ --- days 12 months have elapsed since the

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1	complaint was filed and-the-efforts-of-the-commissionstaff				
2	tosettlethecomplaintafterinformalinvestigation				
3	pursuant-to-49-3-307-are-unsuccessful.				
4	(2) The commission staff may refuse to permit removal				
5	of a case to district court if:				
6	(a) the party requesting removal fails to cooperate				
7	COMPLY WITH THE TERMS OF A LAWFUL SUBPOENA ISSUED in the				
8	investigative process;				
9	(b) the party requesting removal has waived the right				
10	to request removal to the district court; OR				
11	(c) more than 30 days have elapsed since service of				
12	notice of hearing under 49-3-3087, UNLESS THE COMMISSION				
13	FAILS TO SCHEDULE A HEARING TO BE HELD WITHIN 90 DAYS OF				
14	SERVICE OF NOTICE OF HEARING; OR				
15	(D) THE PARTY REQUESTING REMOVAL HAS UNSUCCESSFULLY				
16	ATTEMPTED THROUGH COURT LITIGATION TO PREVENT THE COMMISSION				
17	STAFF FROM INVESTIGATING THE COMPLAINT.				
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24	under 49-3-304 and allow the complainant to file a				
25	discrimination action in district court if:				

1	(a) the commission staff determines that the				
2	commission lacks jurisdiction over the complaint;				
3	(b) the complainant fails to cooperate in the staff's				
4	investigation of the complaint or fails to keep the				
5	commission advised of changes of address; or				
6	(c) the commission staff determines that the				
7	allegations of the complaint are not supported by				
8	substantial evidence.				
9	(4) A decision of the commission staff to dismiss a				
10	complaint or to refuse to permit removal to the district				
11	court is final unless a party seeks review by filing				
12	objections within 14 days after the decision is served on				
13	him. The commission shall review the decision in informal				
14	proceedings under 2-4-604, except that 2-4-604(5) applies				
15	only to review of a refusal to permit removal.				
16	(2) (5) Within 90 days after receipt of a notice of				
17	dismissal under subsection (3) or an order under subsection				
1 8	(4) of affirmance of a dismissal, whichever occurs later, or				
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25	commission staff, the complaint shall be barred.				

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+3+(6) If the district court finds, in an action under 1 this section, that a state or local governmental agency 2 against whom or which a complaint was filed has engaged in 3 4 the unlawful discriminatory practice alleged in the 5 complaint, the court may provide the same relief as 6 described in 49-3-309 for a commission order. In addition, 7 the court may in its discretion allow the prevailing party 8 reasonable attorney fees. 9 (7) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER ESTABLISH THE

EXCLUSIVE REMEDY FOR ACTS CONSTITUTING AN ALLEGED VIOLATION OF THIS CHAPTER, INCLUDING ACTS THAT MAY OTHERWISE ALSO CONSTITUTE A VIOLATION OF THE DISCRIMINATION PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE II, SECTION 4, OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION OR 49-1-102. NO OTHER CLAIM OR REQUEST FOR RELIEF BASED UPON SUCH ACTS MAY BE ENTERTAINED BY A DISTRICT COURT OTHER THAN BY THE PROCEDURES SPECIFIED IN THIS CHAPTER."

17 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Section 3. Extension of authority. Any
18 existing authority of the commission for human rights to
19 make rules on the subject of the provisions of this act is
20 extended to the provisions of this act.

21NEW SECTION.Section 4. Effectivedate22applicability. (1) This act is effective on passage and23approval.

24 (2) This act applies to cases pending before the25 commission for human rights on the effective date of this

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1 act and to cases filed with the commission for human rights

2 on or after the effective date of this act.

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	STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT March 23 87 19	SENATE JUDICIARY HB 393	March 23 19.87
à.	MR. PRESIDENT SENATE JUDICIARY We, your committee on HOUSE BILL 0393 having had under consideration HOUSE BILL 0393 Third reading copy (blue	of this chapter, including constitute a violation of Article II, section 4, of 102. No other claim or r	s constituting an alleged violation ng acts that may otherwise also f the discrimination provisions of f the Montana constitution or 49-1- equest for relief based upon such by a district court other than by
	Respectfully report as follows: That	AND AS AMENDED BE CONCURRED IN	
ł	Following: line 5 Insert: "(7) The provisions of this chapter establish the exclusive remedy for acts constituting an alleged violation of this chapter, including acts that may otherwise also constitute a violation of the discrimination provisions of Article II, section 4, of the Montana constitution or 49-1- 102. No other claim or request for relief based upon such acts may be entertained by a district court other than by the procedures specified in this chapter."	•	

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