

HB 597 INTRODUCED BY ADDY  
PERMITTING RADIO BROADCAST OF LEGISLATIVE FLOOR  
SESSIONS

2/04 INTRODUCED  
2/04 REFERRED TO RULES  
2/17 HEARING  
2/19 TABLED IN COMMITTEE

1 House BILL NO. 597  
 2 INTRODUCED BY Arby  
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 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PERMITTING RADIO  
 5 BROADCAST OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE PROCEEDINGS OF  
 6 LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS; AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION; AND  
 7 PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

10 Section 1. Broadcast of floor sessions allowed. (1) A  
 11 radio station may broadcast any committee of the whole  
 12 proceeding of legislative sessions.

13 (2) A radio station using the network system for  
 14 broadcast shall pay for the use of the microwave network  
 15 feed and terminating equipment according to the rate  
 16 established by the department of administration.

17 Section 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from  
 18 the state general fund to the telecommunications bureau of  
 19 the department of administration \$15,000 to purchase  
 20 terminating equipment at both ends of the microwave network  
 21 circuits. Money not used to purchase terminating equipment  
 22 must revert to the state general fund.

23 Section 3. Extension of authority. Any existing  
 24 authority of the department of administration and the  
 25 legislature to make rules on the subject of the provisions

1 of this act is extended to the provisions of this act.

2 Section 4. Codification instruction. Section 1 is  
 3 intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 2,  
 4 chapter 17, part 3, and the provisions of Title 2, chapter  
 5 17, part 3, apply to section 1.

6 Section 5. Effective date. This act is effective on  
 7 passage and approval.

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