# SENATE BILL 95

Introduced by Burnett, et al.

1/07 Introduced

1/07 Referred to State Administration

1/07 First Reading
1/07 Fiscal Note Requested
1/12 Hearing

1/13 Fiscal Note Received

Fiscal Note Printed 1/14

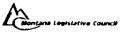
1/14 Tabled in Committee

LC 0385/01

1 BILL NO. 2 INTRODUCED BY 3 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TRANSFERRING THE DUTIES 4 5 OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLITICAL PRACTICES TO THE SECRETARY 6 OF STATE; AMENDING SECTION 13-37-101, MCA; AND REPEALING 7 SECTIONS 2-15-411, 13-37-102, 13-37-103, 13-37-104. 8 13-37-105, AND 13-37-106, MCA." 9 10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA: 11 Section 1. Section 13-37-101, MCA, is amended to read: 12 \*13-37-101. Commissioner of political practices. In 13 this chapter, "commissioner" means the commissioner of 14 political practices created-by-13-37-1027-unless-the-context 15 clearly--indicates--otherwise. The secretary of state is the 16 commissioner of political practices." 17 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Repealer. Sections 2-15-411, 18 13-37-102, 13-37-103, 13-37-104, 13-37-105, and 13-37-106, 19 MCA, are repealed.

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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 SB0095, as introduced.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION: This bill would transfer the duties of the Commissioner of Political Practices to the Secretary of State.

### ASSUMPTIONS:

Secretary of State

- 1. Total current FTE levels would remain the same after the transfer.
- 2. The Commissioner of Political Practices office would remain located in its current location.

### Commissioner of Political Practices

- 3. The current office FTE level will need to be retained to perform the duties required by law. Many of the current duties are performed on an interchangeable basis among the commissioner and the staff.
- 4. In the absence of an impartial, independent commissioner, mediation of disputes, investigation, and prosecution may require increased legal expenses at the county level.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

Secretary of State-Business & Government Services Program:

_	FY '94			FY_'95		
	<u>Current Law</u>	Proposed Law	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Current Law</u>	Proposed Law	Difference
Expenditures:						
FTE	22.95	26.20	3.25	22.95	26.20	3.25
Personal Services	591,251	688,948	97,697	592,672	690,693	98,021
Operating Expenses	398,617	429,932	31,315	451,894	481,029	29,135
Equipment	13,770	15,295	1,525	7,057	8,621	1,564
Debt Service	0	232	232	0	0	0
Total	1,003,638	1,134,407	130,769	1,051,623	1,180,343	128,720
<u>Funding:</u>						
General Fund	1,003,638	1,134,407	130,769	1,051,623	1,180,343	128,720

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DAVE LEWIS, BUDGET DIRECTOR DATE Office of Budget and Program Planning

JAMES BURNETT, PRIMARY SPONSOR DATE

Fiscal Note for SB0095, as introduced

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# Commissioner of Political Practices:

	<u>FY94</u>			FY95		
	<u>Current Law</u>	Proposed Law	Difference	<u>Current Law</u>	Proposed Law	<u>Difference</u>
Expenditures:						
FTE	3.25	0.00	(3.25)	3.25	0.00	(3.25)
Personal Services	97,697	0	(97,697)	98,021	0	(98,021)
Operating Costs	31,315	0	(31,315)	29,135	0	(29,135)
Equipment	1,525	0	(1,525)	1,564	0	(1,564)
Debt Service	232	0	(232)	<u>     0</u>	0	0
Total	130,769	0	(130,769)	128,720	0	(128,720)
Funding:						
General Fund	130,769	0	(130,769)	128,720	0	(128,720)

<u>Net Impact:</u>

Net general fund impact

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