

SENATE BILL 96

Introduced by Burnett

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1                    Senate BILL NO. 96  
2    INTRODUCED BY House  
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4    A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING A CANDIDATE  
5    TO SIGN AND PLEDGE TO FOLLOW THE CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN  
6    PRACTICES; PROVIDING THAT FAILURE OR REFUSAL TO SIGN IS A  
7    MISDEMEANOR; AND AMENDING SECTION 13-35-302, MCA."

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

10        **Section 1.** Section 13-35-302, MCA, is amended to read:

11        "13-35-302. Candidates to-be-given-opportunity required  
12    to subscribe to campaign practices code ---publicity. (1)  
13    The commissioner of campaign practices shall prepare a form  
14    which that contains the code of fair campaign practices  
15    provided for in 13-35-301 and a place for a candidate to  
16    sign the form and to indicate that the candidate endorses,  
17    subscribes to, and pledges to abide by the code.

18        (2) Each candidate required to file statements or  
19    reports with the commissioner ~~shall~~ must be sent a copy of  
20    this form. Signing the form is ~~voluntary~~ mandatory, and a  
21    failure or refusal to sign is ~~not~~ a violation of the  
22    election laws punishable under 13-35-103. A form ~~shall~~ must  
23    be sent for each election as soon as feasible. The signed  
24    form ~~shall~~ must be returned to the commissioner.

25        (3) The commissioner shall supply the secretary of

1    state, the county registrars, and the city and town clerks  
2    with forms. Any candidate not required to file with the  
3    commissioner but wishing to subscribe to the code may obtain  
4    the form from the commissioner, the secretary of state, a  
5    county registrar, or a city or town clerk and may sign the  
6    form and deliver it to the commissioner."

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