

SENATE BILL 154

Introduced by Rye, et al.

1/14	Introduced
1/14	Referred to State Administration
1/14	First Reading
1/21	Hearing
1/28	Tabled in Committee
2/18	Committee Report--Bill Not Passed
2/18	Adverse Committee Report Adopted
2/18	Reconsidered Adoption of Adverse Committee Report
2/19	2nd Reading Do Pass Motion Failed
2/19	2nd Reading Indefinitely Postponed

1 *Senate* BILL NO. *154*  
 2 INTRODUCED BY *Alyce Bardonene Blaylock*  
 3 *Harding B. Bardonene*

4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE  
 5 DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS OF A CANDIDATE  
 6 OR POLITICAL COMMITTEE."

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

9 NEW SECTION. **Section 1.** Required disposition of  
 10 surplus campaign funds. (1) A candidate or a political  
 11 committee holding or controlling a contribution of money at  
 12 the time of filing a closing report required by 13-37-228  
 13 may expend or otherwise dispose of the money only by:

- 14 (a) donating to a bona fide nonprofit organization;  
 15 (b) compensating legislative interns employed pursuant  
 16 to Title 5, chapter 6, part 1;  
 17 (c) preparing correspondence to constituents during a  
 18 legislative session;  
 19 (d) conducting meetings with constituents during a  
 20 legislative session or between an election and the beginning  
 21 of a legislative session;  
 22 (e) donating to the public campaign fund established by  
 23 13-37-304; or  
 24 (f) returning the money to the contributors within 60  
 25 days following the election or defeat of the candidate or

1 the approval or defeat of the ballot issue for which the  
 2 money was contributed.

3 (2) The legislature may accept and expend for the  
 4 purposes provided in subsection (1)(b) or (1)(c), or both,  
 5 contributions donated to it by a candidate or political  
 6 committee for those purposes.

7 NEW SECTION. **Section 2.** Codification instruction.  
 8 [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part  
 9 of Title 13, chapter 37, part 2, and the provisions of Title  
 10 13, chapter 37, apply to [section 1].

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COMMITTEE  
ON STATE ADMINISTRATION  
OBJECTION RAISED TO  
ADVERSE COMMITTEE REPORT  
ON MOTION, PRINTED AND  
PLACED ON SECOND READING

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INTRODUCED BY RYE, BARDANOUVE, BLAYLOCK,  
HARDING, B. BROWN, WANZENRIED, SWANSON, BRANDEWIE

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING--FOR--THE  
DISPOSITION PROHIBITING THE USE OF SURPLUS CAMPAIGN  
CONTRIBUTIONS OF A CANDIDATE OR POLITICAL COMMITTEE FOR  
PERSONAL EXPENSES."

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Required disposition of  
surplus campaign funds. (1) A candidate or a political  
committee holding or controlling a contribution of money at  
the time of filing a closing report required by 13-37-228  
may NOT expend or otherwise dispose of the money only-by-  
{a}--donating-to-a-bona-fide-nonprofit-organization;  
{b}--compensating--legislative-interns-employed-pursuant  
to-Title-5, chapter-67, part-1;  
{c}--preparing-correspondence-to-constituents--during--a  
legislative-session;  
{d}--conducting--meetings--with--constituents--during--a  
legislative-session-or-between-an-election-and-the-beginning  
of-a-legislative-session;  
{e}--donating-to-the-public-campaign-fund-established-by  
13-37-304; or

{f}--returning--the--money-to-the-contributors-within-60  
days-following-the-election-or-defeat-of--the--candidate--or  
the--approval--or--defeat--of-the-ballot-issue-for-which-the  
money-was-contributed FOR PERSONAL EXPENSES.

{2}--The-legislature--may--accept--and--expend--for--the  
purposes--provided--in-subsection-(1)(b)-or-(1)(c); or-both;  
contributions-donated-to-it--by--a-candidate--or--political  
committee-for-those-purposes;

(2) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "PERSONAL  
EXPENSES" MEANS EXPENSES OF A CANDIDATE, THE FAMILY OF A  
CANDIDATE, A FORMER CANDIDATE, OR THE FAMILY OF A FORMER  
CANDIDATE, WHICH EXPENSES WERE NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE  
SERVICE OF THE CANDIDATE OR FORMER CANDIDATE IN PUBLIC  
OFFICE OR TO THE CAMPAIGN OF THE CANDIDATE OR FORMER  
CANDIDATE FOR PUBLIC OFFICE.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction.  
[Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part  
of Title 13, chapter 37, part 2, and the provisions of Title  
13, chapter 37, apply to [section 1].

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