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C. Cooper SENATE BILL NO. 59

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING THAT A SUBPOENA REMAINS IN EFFECT UNLESS QUASHED OR UNTIL FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE ACTION; AND AMENDING SECTION 46-15-101, MCA."

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Time during which subpoena is effective. A subpoena remains in effect unless quashed or until judgment, dismissal, or other final determination of the action by the court in which the action was filed or to which the action was transferred.

Section 2. Section 46-15-101, MCA, is amended to read:

"46-15-101. Subpoenas. (1) After the filing of charges and upon the request of the prosecuting attorney, the defendant, or the defendant's attorney, the clerk of the court shall issue subpoenas with the name of the person to whom each subpoena is directed, commanding the person to appear and to give testimony. The court shall maintain a list of the names of the persons to whom subpoenas are issued.

(2) A subpoena must state the name of the court and the title, if any, of the proceeding and must command each person to whom it is directed to attend and give testimony at the time and place specified in the subpoena.

(3) The court, upon a timely motion, may quash or modify a subpoena if compliance would be unreasonable or oppressive.

(4) A subpoena remains in effect unless quashed or until judgment, dismissal, or other final determination of the action by the court in which the action was filed or to which the action was transferred.

NEW SECTION. Section 3. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 26, chapter 2, part 1, and the provisions of Title 26, chapter 2, part 1, apply to [section 1].

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March 1, 1995

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Mr. Speaker: We, the committee on Judiciary report that Senate Bill 59 (third reading copy -- blue) be concurred in as amended.

Signed: Bob Clark
Bob Clark, Chair

Carried by: Rep. Kottel

And, that such amendments read:

1. Page 1, line 21.

Following: "subpoena."

Insert: "The time and place may be modified by mutual written agreement of the parties or by an amended subpoena issued by the clerk of the court."

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Committee Vote:
Yes 16, No 0.

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