

SENATE BILL NO. 283

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LEGISLATOR CONSTITUENT ACCOUNT
LAWS; ALLOWING A PERSON ~~AN INDIVIDUAL OR POLITICAL COMMITTEE~~ TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION
TO THE CONSTITUENT SERVICES ACCOUNT OF A STATE REPRESENTATIVE OR STATE SENATOR;
ESTABLISHING THE MAXIMUM CONTRIBUTION A PERSON ~~AN INDIVIDUAL OR POLITICAL COMMITTEE~~
MAY MAKE TO A CONSTITUENT SERVICES ACCOUNT AND THE AGGREGATE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF
CONTRIBUTIONS A REPRESENTATIVE OR SENATOR MAY RECEIVE; ADJUSTING DEADLINES;
REQUIRING PUBLICATION OF ADJUSTED CONTRIBUTION LIMITATIONS SET BY RULE; AMENDING
SECTIONS ~~13-37-401, 13-37-402, AND 13-37-403, MCA~~ FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF CONSTITUENT
SERVICES EXPENSES NOT PAID FROM A CONSTITUENT SERVICES ACCOUNT; AND PROVIDING AN
IMMEDIATE ~~A DELAYED~~ EFFECTIVE DATE AND A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE."

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

(Refer to Third Reading Blue Bill)

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Constituent services reimbursement. (1) Subject to subsection (3),
legislators are allowed reimbursement of up to \$3,000 in a biennium for:

(a) otherwise unreimbursed expenses related to the legislator's expenses for mileage, meals, or lodging
at rates provided for in 2-18-501 through 2-18-503 incurred for providing constituent services; and

(b) communication and information technology expenses, such as expenses for telecommunications or
internet, computer hardware and software, postage, and education-related expenses to represent and serve
constituents.

(2) Legislators must apply for reimbursement to the legislative services division and must submit:

(a) written documentation that satisfies applicable requirements of Title 2, chapter 18, part 5, for
expenses provided in subsection (1)(a); and



1 (b) itemized receipts for the expenses provided in subsection (1)(b).

2 (3) Legislators may not be reimbursed for expenses paid from a constituent services account provided
3 for in 13-37-402.

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5 **NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an
6 integral part of Title 5, chapter 2, part 2, and the provisions of Title 5, chapter 2, part 2, apply to [section 1].

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8 **NEW SECTION. Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2017.

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