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SENATE BILL NO. 12

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BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ELIMINATING THE BOARD OF COUNTY PRINTING AND TRANSFERRING ITS DUTIES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AMENDING SECTIONS 18-7-401, 18-7-402, 18-7-404, AND 18-7-405, MCA; AND REPEALING SECTIONS 2-15-1026 AND 18-7-403, MCA."

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

Section 1. Section 18-7-401, MCA, is amended to read:

"18-7-401. Purpose of part. The purpose of this part is to provide:

(1) for the ~~board of county printing~~ department of administration to set maximum prices that may be charged for county legal advertising; and

(2) for the purchase of county printed forms and materials."

Section 2. Section 18-7-402, MCA, is amended to read:

"18-7-402. Definition. Unless the context requires otherwise, in this part "~~board~~" "department" means the ~~board of county printing~~ department of administration provided for in ~~2-15-1026~~ 2-15-1001."

Section 3. Section 18-7-404, MCA, is amended to read:

"18-7-404. Establishment of maximum prices -- rulemaking. (1) The board ~~department shall adopt, by rule, and publish a schedule of~~ maximum prices to be charged for county legal advertising is \$14 for each folio for the first insertion, with a follow-on rate of \$12 for each folio for any subsequent insertion.

(2) (i) The board ~~department shall conduct hearings when required to determine maximum rates for county legal advertising. Notice of the hearing must be mailed to the Montana association of counties and~~

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1 ~~the Montana newspaper association~~ annually adjust the maximum prices in subsection (1) using ~~the lower of an~~
2 ~~inflation factor of 2% or the actual inflation determined by the consumer price index for all urban consumers as~~
3 ~~published by the bureau of labor statistics of the United States department of labor. The adjusted prices~~
4 ~~become effective on March 1 of each year.~~

5 (ii) ~~The department shall publish the adjusted prices as a rule.~~

6 (3) ~~The board~~ department shall deliver, free of charge, to each board of county commissioners in
7 this state a copy of every schedule of maximum prices adopted by the ~~board~~ department within 30 days of its
8 publication, ~~together with a notice of the date fixed by the board department when the prices will be effective.~~

9 (4) The county commissioners shall require each establishment that prints county legal advertising
10 to verify that:

11 (a) the legal advertisement was published on the dates ordered by the county and in the style set
12 by the ~~board~~ department; and

13 (b) the price was not in excess of the maximum price set by the ~~board~~ department.

14 (5) The ~~board~~ department may not establish maximum prices for printed county forms."
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16 **Section 4.** Section 18-7-405, MCA, is amended to read:

17 **"18-7-405. Adoption of printing standards.** The ~~board~~ department shall adopt necessary standards
18 for typeface, type size, type style, and type leading for county legal advertising."
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20 NEW SECTION. **Section 5. Repealer.** The following sections of the Montana Code Annotated are
21 repealed:

22 2-15-1026. Board of county printing -- composition -- allocation -- compensation.

23 18-7-403. Meetings of board of county printing.
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25 NEW SECTION. **Section 6. Transition.** A person appointed to the board of county printing shall
26 serve until [the effective date of this act].
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