

1 _____ BILL NO. _____

2 INTRODUCED BY _____
3 (Primary Sponsor)

4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING STANDARDS OF CONDUCT REGARDING
5 POLITICAL ACTIVITY FOR JUDGES AND JUDICIAL CANDIDATES."

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

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9 NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Conduct of judges and judicial candidates.** (1) A judge or a judicial
10 candidate may:

11 (a) attend or purchase tickets for dinners or other events sponsored by a partisan or independent
12 candidate for nonjudicial public office; and

13 (b) seek, accept, or use endorsements from a political organization or a partisan or independent
14 nonjudicial officeholder or candidate.

15 (2) If allowed by law to campaign with a party designation, a judge or a judicial candidate may:

16 (a) act as a leader in or hold an office in a political organization;

17 (b) make speeches on behalf of a political organization or any partisan or independent nonjudicial
18 officeholder or candidate for public office;

19 (c) publicly endorse or oppose a partisan or independent candidate for any nonjudicial public
20 office;

21 (d) solicit funds for, pay an assessment to, or make a contribution to a political organization or to or
22 on behalf of any partisan or independent officeholder or candidate for public office; and

23 (e) publicly self-identify as a candidate of a political organization.
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25 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an
26 integral part of Title 3, chapter 1, and the provisions of Title 3, chapter 1, apply to [section 1].

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