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2 INTRODUCED BY _____

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE PROHIBITION OF FOREIGN INFLUENCE IN
5 ELECTIONS; PROVIDING THAT A FOREIGN NATIONAL IS PROHIBITED FROM INTERFERING IN
6 STATEWIDE INITIATIVES; AND AMENDING SECTION 13-37-502, MCA."

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

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10 **Section 1.** Section 13-37-502, MCA, is amended to read:

11 **"13-37-502. Prohibition on foreign national interference in election.** (1) It is unlawful for a foreign
12 national, directly or through an intermediary, to make a disbursement for an electioneering communication, a
13 contribution, or an expenditure, or to make an express or implied promise to make a contribution or an
14 expenditure, in connection with any candidate election or statewide ballot issue as defined in 13-27-110.

15 (2) It is unlawful for a person to solicit, accept, or receive a contribution, expenditure, or
16 disbursement described in subsection (1) from a foreign national.

17 (3) To the extent that a potential violation of this section also violates 52 U.S.C. 30121 or 11 CFR
18 110.20, investigation and enforcement of the matter must be referred to the federal election commission. The
19 commissioner or a county attorney may not bring an enforcement action regarding the portion of the matter that
20 also violates 52 U.S.C. 30121 or 11 CFR 110.20."

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