

## 1 HOUSE BILL NO. 610

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING A LIST OF CANDIDATES TO BE USED AS A  
5 DISTRIBUTION LIST; ALLOWING A LIST OF CANDIDATES TO BE USED BY THE PUBLIC TO CONTACT  
6 THOSE RUNNING FOR PUBLIC OFFICE; AND AMENDING SECTION 2-6-1017, 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 2-6-1017, MCA, is amended to read:11 **"2-6-1017. Prohibition on dissemination or use of distribution lists -- exceptions -- penalties. (1)**

12 Except as provided in subsections (3) through (10), to protect the privacy of those who deal with state and local  
13 government:

14 (a) a public agency may not distribute or sell a distribution list without first securing the permission of  
15 those on the list; and

16 (b) a list of persons prepared by a public agency may not be used as a distribution list without first  
17 securing the permission of those on the list except by that agency.

18 (2) As used in this section, "distribution list" means any list of personal contact information collected by  
19 a public agency and used to facilitate unsolicited contact with individuals on the distribution list.

20 (3) This section does not prevent an individual from compiling a distribution list by examination of records  
21 that are otherwise open to public inspection.

22 (4) This section does not apply to the lists of:

23 (a) candidates for public office compiled by the secretary of state;

24 (b) registered electors and the new voter lists provided for in 13-2-115;

25 ~~(b)~~(c) the names of employees governed by Title 39, chapter 31;

26 ~~(c)~~(d) persons holding driver's licenses or Montana identification cards provided for under 61-5-127;

27 ~~(d)~~(e) persons holding professional or occupational licenses governed by Title 23, chapter 3; Title 37,  
28 chapters 1 through 4, 6 through 20, 22 through 29, 31, 34 through 36, 40, 47, 48, 50, 51, 53, 54, 60, 65 through  
29 69, 72, and 73; and Title 50, chapters 39, 72, 74, and 76; or

30 ~~(e)~~(f) persons certified as claims examiners under 39-71-320.

