1	HOUSE BILL NO. 169
2	INTRODUCED BY T. MILLETT, L. SCHUBERT, B. USHER, T. TEZAK
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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)(A) make speeches on behalf of a political organization or any partisan or independent nonjudicial
18	officeholder or candidate for public office;
19	(c)(B) publicly endorse or oppose a partisan or independent candidate for any nonjudicial public
20	office;
21	(d)(C) 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)(D) 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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28	NEW SECTION. Section 3. Severability. If a part of [this act] is invalid, all valid parts that are



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- 1 SEVERABLE FROM THE INVALID PART REMAIN IN EFFECT. IF A PART OF [THIS ACT] IS INVALID IN ONE OR MORE OF ITS
- 2 APPLICATIONS, THE PART REMAINS IN EFFECT IN ALL VALID APPLICATIONS THAT ARE SEVERABLE FROM THE INVALID
- 3 <u>APPLICATIONS.</u>

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