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The Associated Students of The University of Montana
Resolution Amending Election Bylaws
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Whereas, The Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) limits the amount of money that can be spent on behalf of an individual(s) running for the position of Senator, Business Manager, or as part of an Executive team;

Whereas, current ASUM Election Bylaws do not limit the amount of money that student groups, corporations, or special interest groups can spend on ASUM ballot referendum;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that Article V, Section H, Subsection 6 of ASUM Bylaws be added to read:

Ballot Referenda: The maximum expenditure allowed is $300 for elections related material clearly indicating either a stated preference to vote for the initiative or against the initiative. This includes contributions from student groups and third parties affiliated with said student groups that stand to directly benefit from the outcome of the ballot referenda or have a vested interest in the outcome of the ballot referenda. If an outside group that does not fall under the jurisdiction of ASUM spends more than $300 on a Ballot Referendum this bylaw can be waived by the recommendation of the Elections Committee and a confirmation of a majority of the Senate. If an outside group that does not fall under the jurisdiction of ASUM spends more than $300 on a Ballot Referendum before the Senate is able to convene then this bylaw can be waived by the recommendation of the Elections Committee.

Therefore, Let it Further Be Resolved, that Article V, Section H, Subsection 8 of ASUM Bylaws be added to read:

Employees or interns of a student group and/or third party may not campaign on the passage or defeat of a ballot referendum item with the use of ASUM allotted funds and funds generated through ASUM fees. Employees or paid interns may volunteer their unpaid time.

Passed by Committee: __________________________, 2013

Passed by ASUM Senate: __________________________, 2013
Damara Simpson, Relations and Affairs Chair

Bryn Hagfors, Chair of the Senate