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1 AN ACT Relating to the regulation of political contributions;
2 amending RCW 42.17.095 and 42.17.125; and adding new sections to
3 chapter 42.17 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 42.17 RCW
6 under the subchapter heading "campaign financing" to read as follows:

7 (1) Except for a bona fide political party, no political action
8 committee, union, corporation, candidate political committee, ballot
9 proposition political committee, or other organization may make
10 contributions, directly or indirectly, to a (a) candidate or candidate
11 political committee, (b) ballot proposition or its political committee,
12 or (c) political party.

13 (2) Contributions made by any individual or organization may be
14 used for lobbying purposes.

1 (3) For the purposes of this chapter, a paid endorsement
2 advertisement shall be considered to be a contribution to the candidate
3 endorsed in the advertisement.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 42.17 RCW
5 under the subchapter heading "campaign financing" to read as follows:

6 Except for a bona fide political party, no political action
7 committee, union, corporation, candidate or candidate political action
8 committee, ballot proposition or its political committee, or other
9 individual or organization may receive contributions, directly or
10 indirectly, for campaign or lobbying purposes from any person domiciled
11 or residing outside the state of Washington.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 42.17 RCW
13 under the subchapter heading "campaign financing" to read as follows:

14 A candidate may not, directly or indirectly, make loans to his or
15 her political committee or be reimbursed for making contributions to
16 his or her political committee.

17 **Sec. 4.** RCW 42.17.095 and 1982 c 147 s 8 are each amended to read
18 as follows:

19 The surplus funds of a candidate, or of a political committee
20 supporting or opposing a candidate, may only be disposed of in any one
21 or more of the following ways:

22 (1) Return the surplus to a contributor in an amount not to exceed
23 that contributor's original contribution;

24 (2) ~~((Transfer the surplus to the candidate's personal account as~~
25 ~~reimbursement for lost earnings incurred as a result of that~~
26 ~~candidate's election campaign. Such lost earnings shall be verifiable~~
27 ~~as unpaid salary or, when the candidate is not salaried, as an amount~~

1 not to exceed income received by the candidate for services rendered
2 during an appropriate, corresponding time period. All lost earnings
3 incurred shall be documented and a record thereof shall be maintained
4 by the candidate or the candidate's political committee. The committee
5 shall include a copy of such record when its expenditure for such
6 reimbursement is reported pursuant to RCW 42.17.090;

7 ~~((3))~~ Transfer the surplus to ~~((one or more candidates or to))~~ a
8 political ~~((committee or))~~ party;

9 ~~((4))~~ (3) Donate the surplus to a charitable organization
10 registered in accordance with chapter 19.09 RCW;

11 ~~((5))~~ (4) Transmit the surplus to the state treasurer for deposit
12 in the general fund; or

13 ~~((6))~~ (5) Hold the surplus in the campaign depository or
14 depositories designated in accordance with RCW 42.17.050 for possible
15 use in a future election campaign, for political activity, for
16 community activity, or for nonreimbursed public office related expenses
17 and report any such disposition in accordance with RCW 42.17.090:
18 PROVIDED, That if the candidate subsequently announces or publicly
19 files for office, information as appropriate is reported to the
20 commission in accordance with RCW 42.17.040 through 42.17.090. If a
21 subsequent office is not sought the surplus held shall be disposed of
22 in accordance with the requirements of this section.

23 **Sec. 5.** RCW 42.17.125 and 1989 c 280 s 12 are each amended to read
24 as follows:

25 Contributions received and reported in accordance with RCW
26 42.17.060 through 42.17.090 may only be transferred to the personal
27 account of a ~~((candidate, or of a))~~ treasurer or other individual who
28 is not a candidate or expended for such individual's personal use under
29 the following circumstances:

1 (1) Reimbursement for or loans to cover lost earnings incurred as
2 a result of campaigning or services performed for the committee. Such
3 lost earnings shall be verifiable as unpaid salary, or when the
4 individual is not salaried, as an amount not to exceed income received
5 by the individual for services rendered during an appropriate,
6 corresponding time period. All lost earnings incurred shall be
7 documented and a record thereof shall be maintained by the individual
8 or the individual's political committee. The committee shall include
9 a copy of such record when its expenditure for such reimbursement is
10 reported pursuant to RCW 42.17.090.

11 (2) Reimbursement for direct out-of-pocket election campaign and
12 postelection campaign related expenses made by the individual. To
13 receive reimbursement from the political committee, the individual
14 shall provide the committee with written documentation as to the
15 amount, date, and description of each expense, and the committee shall
16 include a copy of such information when its expenditure for such
17 reimbursement is reported pursuant to RCW 42.17.090.

18 (3) Repayment of loans made by the individual to political
19 committees, which repayment shall be reported pursuant to RCW
20 42.17.090.