
HOUSE BILL 2916

State of Washington

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By Representative Quall

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1 AN ACT Relating to restrictions on mailings by legislators; and
2 amending RCW 42.17.132.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 42.17.132 and 1995 c 397 s 5 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 ~~((During the twelve-month period preceding the last day for
7 certification of the election results for a state legislator's election
8 to office, the legislator may not mail to a constituent at public
9 expense a letter, newsletter, brochure, or other piece of literature
10 except as provided in this section.~~

11 ~~The legislator may mail one mailing no later than thirty days after
12 the start of a regular legislative session and one mailing no later
13 than sixty days after the end of a regular legislative session of
14 identical newsletters to constituents.~~

15 ~~The)) A legislator may not, at public expense, mail any material to
16 his or her constituent or constituents except as follows:~~

17 A legislator may mail an individual letter to an individual
18 constituent who (1) has contacted the legislator regarding the subject
19 matter of the letter during the legislator's current term of office; or

1 (2) holds a governmental office with jurisdiction over the subject
2 matter of the letter.

3 A violation of this section constitutes use of the facilities of a
4 public office for the purpose of assisting a campaign under RCW
5 42.52.180.

6 The house of representatives and senate shall specifically limit
7 expenditures per member for the total cost of mailings, including but
8 not limited to production costs, printing costs, and postage.

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