
SENATE BILL 5040

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By Senator Swecker

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1 AN ACT Relating to the personal use of state-provided electronic
2 devices; and amending RCW 42.52.160.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 42.52.160 and 1996 c 213 s 7 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) No state officer or state employee may employ or use any
7 person, money, or property under the officer's or employee's official
8 control or direction, or in his or her official custody, for the
9 private benefit or gain of the officer, employee, or another.

10 (2) This section does not prohibit the use of public resources to
11 benefit others as part of a state officer's or state employee's
12 official duties.

13 (3) This section does not prohibit the use of state-provided
14 electronic devices for personal use, so long as the personal use does
15 not diminish the product's value or interfere with any state employee's
16 performance of public duties.

17 (4) In addition to the provisions of subsection (3) of this
18 section, the appropriate ethics boards may adopt rules providing

1 exceptions to this section for occasional use of the state officer or
2 state employee, of de minimis cost and value, if the activity does not
3 result in interference with the proper performance of public duties.

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