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1 AN ACT Relating to election campaigns for judicial positions; and
2 adding a new section to chapter 42.17 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 42.17 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 Notwithstanding any provision of the code of judicial conduct or
7 any other court rule, no sanction of any sort, including but not
8 limited to sanction by the commission on judicial conduct, may be
9 imposed upon a person, including an incumbent judge, for announcing his
10 or her views on legal or political issues as part of the person's
11 candidacy for an elected or appointed judicial office.

12 Nothing in this section affects the standards required of judges in
13 the handling of cases, and nothing in this section affects the rights
14 of a party with respect to a judge's conduct in a particular case.

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