

1 **EHB 1027** - H AMD **803 ADOPTED**

2 By Representative Schoesler

3 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
4 following:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 42.52 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) During the twelve-month period beginning on December 1 of the
8 year before a general election for a state official's election to
9 office and continuing through November 30 immediately after the
10 general election, the state official may not mail, either by regular
11 mail or electronic mail, to a constituent at public expense a letter,
12 newsletter, brochure, or other piece of literature, and may not make
13 public service broadcasts at public expense, except as follows:

14 (a) The state official may mail two mailings of newsletters to
15 constituents. All newsletters within each mailing of newsletters must
16 be identical as to their content but not as to the constituent name or
17 address. One such mailing may be mailed no later than March 30th and
18 the other mailing may be mailed no later than June 30th;

19 (b) The state official may mail an individual letter to (i) an
20 individual constituent who has contacted the state official regarding
21 the subject matter of the letter during the official's current term of
22 office; (ii) an individual constituent who holds a governmental office
23 with jurisdiction over the subject matter of the letter; or (iii) an
24 individual constituent who has received an award or honor of
25 extraordinary distinction of a type that is sufficiently infrequent to
26 be noteworthy to a reasonable person, including, but not limited to:
27 (A) An international or national award such as the Nobel prize or the
28 Pulitzer prize; (B) a state award such as Washington scholar; (C) an
29 Eagle Scout award; and (D) a Medal of Honor.

30 (2) The restriction on mailings in subsection (1) does not apply to
31 (a) brochures or other pieces of literature mailed as part of the
32 regular duties of the state office that only refer to the office and do
33 not include the name of the state official; or (b) correspondence on
34 state office letterhead mailed by employees of the state office that
35 are part of the regular duties of the state office.

1 (3) The restriction on public service broadcasts under subsection
2 (1) of this section does not apply to public service broadcasts that
3 are part of the regular duties of the state office that only mention or
4 visually display the state office and do not mention or visually
5 display the name of the state official in the broadcast.

6 (4) For the purposes of subsection (1) of this section, state
7 official- means a state official who is a candidate,- as defined by
8 RCW 42.17.020, for any public office.

9 (5) This section does not apply to legislators, who are subject to
10 the restrictions under RCW 42.52.185.

11 (6) A violation of this section constitutes use of the facilities
12 of a public office for the purpose of assisting a campaign under RCW
13 42.52.180.

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