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HOUSE BILL 1006

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1 AN ACT Relating to restrictions on mailings by incumbents; 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 legislator may mail an individual letter to an individual  
16 constituent who (1) has contacted the legislator regarding the subject  
17 matter of the letter during the legislator's current term of office; or  
18 (2) holds a governmental office with jurisdiction over the subject  
19 matter of the letter; or (3) has received an award or honor for

1 extraordinary civic or academic achievement, as defined by rule of the  
2 legislative ethics board.

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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