
HOUSE BILL 2435

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By Representatives Pennington and Appelwick; by request of Public Disclosure Commission

Read first time . Referred to Committee on .

1 AN ACT Relating to reporting of independent campaign expenditures;
2 and 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 (1) A person who, within twenty-one days before an election, makes
7 independent expenditures totaling one thousand dollars or more to
8 support a candidate or oppose the candidate's opponent, or to support
9 or oppose a ballot proposition, shall file a special report of the
10 independent expenditures with the commission within twenty-four hours
11 or on the first working day after the political advertising paid for by
12 the independent expenditures is published or otherwise presented to the
13 public. The special report must be filed by facsimile or other
14 electronic means, by guaranteed overnight delivery, or by personal
15 delivery.

16 (2) If a person files a special report under this section he or she
17 shall also file a special report under this section for each subsequent
18 independent expenditure of any size supporting that candidate or

1 opposing the candidate's opponent, or supporting or opposing the ballot
2 proposition.

3 (3) The special report must include at least:

4 (a) The name and address of the person making the expenditure;

5 (b) The name and address of the person to whom the expenditure was
6 made;

7 (c) The purpose of or a description of the expenditure;

8 (d) The date the expenditure was made and the date the political
9 advertising was first published or presented to the public;

10 (e) The amount of the expenditure;

11 (f) The name of the candidate supported or opposed by the
12 expenditure, the office sought, and whether the expenditure supports or
13 opposes the candidate; or the name of the ballot proposition supported
14 or opposed by the expenditure and whether the expenditure supports or
15 opposes the ballot proposition;

16 (g) Any other information the commission may require by rule.

17 (4) All persons reporting under RCW 42.17.080, 42.17.090, and
18 42.17.100 are subject to the requirements of this section.

19 (5) A person making independent expenditures supporting a candidate
20 or opposing the candidate's opponent and reporting under RCW 42.17.080,
21 42.17.090, 42.17.100, or this section shall file with each required
22 report a notarized affidavit or a declaration of the person responsible
23 for making the independent expenditure that the expenditure was not
24 made in cooperation, consultation, or concert with, or at the request
25 or suggestion of the candidate or the candidate's agent, or with the
26 encouragement or approval of the candidate or the candidate's agent.

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