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5 By Representatives Romero and Lambert

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7 On page 2, line 27, beginning with "for at" strike all the matter
8 through "commission" on line 33, and insert "~~((for at least two~~
9 ~~consecutive hours Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays,~~
10 ~~between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., as specified in the committee's~~
11 ~~statement of organization filed pursuant to RCW 42.17.040, at the~~
12 ~~principal campaign headquarters or, if there is no campaign~~
13 ~~headquarters, at the address of the campaign treasurer or such other~~
14 ~~place as may be authorized by the commission)) in the same manner as~~
15 ~~provided for candidates and other political committees in RCW~~
16 ~~42.17.080(5))"~~

17 On page 4, line 33, beginning with "on" strike all the matter
18 through "42.17.040" on line 36, and insert "between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00
19 p.m. on the eighth day immediately before the election, ((between 8:00
20 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., as specified in the committee's statement of
21 organization filed pursuant to RCW 42.17.040)) except when it is a
22 legal holiday, in which case on the seventh day immediately before the
23 election"

EFFECT: When the eighth day before an election falls on a legal holiday, the books of account for a candidate must be available for two consecutive hours between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on the seventh day. Inspection requirements for books of account of a continuing political committee are made the same as for a candidate.

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On page 6, beginning on line 13, strike all of section 4 and insert the following:

"**Sec. 4.** RCW 42.17.3691 and 1999 c 401 s 12 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Beginning January 1, ~~((2001))~~ 2002, each ~~((continuing))~~ candidate or political committee~~((τ))~~ that expended ~~((ten))~~ twenty-five thousand dollars or more in the preceding year or expects to expend ~~((ten))~~ twenty-five thousand dollars or more ~~((in expenditures))~~ in the current year~~((τ))~~ shall file all contribution reports and expenditure reports required by this chapter ~~((electronically by diskette or via modem, satellite, or the Internet))~~ by the electronic alternative provided by the commission under RCW 42.17.369. HOWEVER, the commission may make exceptions on a case-by-case basis for candidates whose authorized committees lack the technological ability to file reports using the electronic alternative provided by the commission.

(2) Beginning January 1, 2004, each candidate or political committee that expended ten thousand dollars or more in the preceding year or expects to expend ten thousand dollars or more in the current year shall file all contribution reports and expenditure reports required by this chapter by the electronic alternative provided by the commission under RCW 42.17.369. HOWEVER, the commission may make exceptions on a case-by-case basis for candidates whose authorized committees lack the technological ability to file reports using the electronic alternative provided by the commission.

(3) Failure by a ~~((continuing))~~ candidate or political committee to comply with this section is a violation of this chapter."

EFFECT: Allows exceptions to be made for candidates that do not have access to a computer.

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On page 8, after line 13, insert the following:

Sec. 7. RCW 42.52.180 and 1995 c 397 s 30 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) No state officer or state employee may use or authorize the use of facilities of an agency, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of assisting a campaign for election of a person to an office or for the promotion of or opposition to a ballot proposition. Knowing acquiescence by a person with authority to direct, control, or influence the actions of the state officer or state employee using public resources in violation of this section constitutes a violation of this section. Facilities of an agency include, but are not limited to, use of stationery, postage, machines, and equipment, use of state employees of the agency during working hours, vehicles, office space, publications of the agency, and clientele lists of persons served by the agency.

(2) This section shall not apply to the following activities:

(a) Action taken at an open public meeting by members of an elected legislative body to express a collective decision, or to actually vote upon a motion, proposal, resolution, order, or ordinance, or to support or oppose a ballot proposition as long as (i) required notice of the meeting includes the title and number of the ballot proposition, and (ii) members of the legislative body or members of the public are afforded an approximately equal opportunity for the expression of an opposing view;

(b) A statement by an elected official in support of or in opposition to any ballot proposition at an open press conference or in response to a specific inquiry. For the purposes of this subsection, it is not a violation of this section for an elected official to respond to an inquiry regarding a ballot proposition, to make incidental remarks concerning a ballot proposition in an official communication, or otherwise comment on a ballot proposition without an

actual, measurable expenditure of public funds. The ethics boards shall adopt by rule a definition of measurable expenditure;

(c) Activities that are part of the normal and regular conduct of the office or agency; ((and))

(d) Creation of an electronic link from a web site operated by a state officer or state employee to a web site operated by the state; and

(e) De minimis use of public facilities by state-wide elected officials and legislators incidental to the preparation or delivery of permissible communications, including written and verbal communications initiated by them of their views on ballot propositions that foreseeably may affect a matter that falls within their constitutional or statutory responsibilities.

(3) As to state officers and employees, this section operates to the exclusion of RCW 42.17.130.

EFFECT: Clarifies that the use of electronic internet links by a state officer or state employee to web sites operated by the state does not constitute the use of public facilities to assist a campaign.

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