

FINAL BILL REPORT

ESB 6713

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Making voluntary payroll deductions.

Sponsors: Senators Jacobsen and Prentice.

Senate Committee on State & Local Government
House Committee on State Government

Background: No employer or other person or entity responsible for the disbursement of funds in payment of wages or salaries may withhold or divert a portion of an employee's wages or salaries for contributions to political committees or for use as political contributions except upon the written request of the employee. The request must be made on a form prescribed by the Public Disclosure Commission informing the employee of the prohibition against employee and labor organization discrimination (e.g., failure to contribute to or failure to support or oppose a candidate or ballot issue). The request is valid for no more than 12 months from the date it is made by the employee.

Summary: An employee's request to withhold a portion of wages or salaries for contributions to political committees or for use as political contributions is no longer subject to a time limitation. The employee must be notified, at least annually, of the prohibition against discrimination on political contributions. The employee may cancel a political contribution deduction at any time and must be notified at least annually about the right to revoke the request.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	25	22
House	57	39
House	54	41 (House reconsidered)
House	53	42 (House reconsidered)

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