
HOUSE BILL 1113

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Government.

1 AN ACT Relating to allowing school districts to provide voters
2 adequate information regarding school levy elections; and amending
3 RCW 42.17.130.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 42.17.130 and 1979 ex.s. c 265 s 2 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 No elective official nor any employee of his office nor any
8 person appointed to or employed by any public office or agency may
9 use or authorize the use of any of the facilities of a public
10 office or agency, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of
11 assisting a campaign for election of any person to any office or
12 for the promotion of or opposition to any ballot proposition.
13 Facilities of public office or agency include, but are not limited
14 to, use of stationery, postage, machines, and equipment, use of
15 employees of the office or agency during working hours, vehicles,
16 office space, publications of the office or agency, and clientele
17 lists of persons served by the office or agency: PROVIDED, That the

1 foregoing provisions of this section shall not apply to the
2 following activities:

3 (1) Action taken at an open public meeting by members of an
4 elected legislative body to express a collective decision, or to
5 actually vote upon a motion, proposal, resolution, order, or
6 ordinance, or to support or oppose a ballot proposition so long as
7 (a) any required notice of the meeting includes the title and
8 number of the ballot proposition, and (b) members of the
9 legislative body or members of the public are afforded an
10 approximately equal opportunity for the expression of an opposing
11 view;

12 (2) A statement by an elected official in support of or in
13 opposition to any ballot proposition at an open press conference
14 or in response to a specific inquiry;

15 (3) Publications of a school district providing factual
16 information related to school levy elections;

17 (4) Activities which are part of the normal and regular conduct
18 of the office or agency.

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