
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 6713

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By Senators Jacobsen and Prentice

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1 AN ACT Relating to voluntary payroll deductions; amending RCW
2 42.17.680; and providing an effective date.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 42.17.680 and 1993 c 2 s 8 are each amended to read as
5 follows:

6 (1) No employer or labor organization may increase the salary of an
7 officer or employee, or give an emolument to an officer, employee, or
8 other person or entity, with the intention that the increase in salary,
9 or the emolument, or a part of it, be contributed or spent to support
10 or oppose a candidate, state official against whom recall charges have
11 been filed, political party, or political committee.

12 (2) No employer or labor organization may discriminate against an
13 officer or employee in the terms or conditions of employment for (a)
14 the failure to contribute to, (b) the failure in any way to support or
15 oppose, or (c) in any way supporting or opposing a candidate, ballot
16 proposition, political party, or political committee. At least
17 annually, an employee from whom wages or salary are withheld under
18 subsection (3) of this section shall be notified of the provisions of
19 this subsection.

1 (3) No employer or other person or entity responsible for the
2 disbursement of funds in payment of wages or salaries may withhold or
3 divert a portion of an employee's wages or salaries for contributions
4 to political committees or for use as political contributions except
5 upon the written request of the employee. The request must be made on
6 a form prescribed by the commission informing the employee of the
7 prohibition against employer and labor organization discrimination
8 described in subsection (2) of this section. (~~The request is valid~~
9 ~~for no more than twelve months from the date it is made by the~~
10 ~~employee.)) The employee may revoke the request at any time. At least
11 annually, the employee shall be notified about the right to revoke the
12 request.~~

13 (4) Each person or entity who withholds contributions under
14 subsection (3) of this section shall maintain open for public
15 inspection for a period of no less than three years, during normal
16 business hours, documents and books of accounts that shall include a
17 copy of each employee's request, the amounts and dates funds were
18 actually withheld, and the amounts and dates funds were transferred to
19 a political committee. Copies of such information shall be delivered
20 to the commission upon request.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act takes effect July 1, 2002.

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