

SSB 6323 - H COMM AMD

By Committee on State Government Operations & Accountability

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 42.17.030 and 1987 c 295 s 18 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 The provisions of this chapter relating to the financing of
6 election campaigns shall apply in all election campaigns other than (1)
7 for precinct committee officer; (2) for a federal elective office; and
8 (3) for an office of a political subdivision of the state that does not
9 encompass a whole county and that contains fewer than five thousand
10 registered voters as of the date of the most recent general election in
11 the subdivision, unless required by RCW 42.17.405 (2) through (5) and
12 (7).

13 **Sec. 2.** RCW 42.17.405 and 1986 c 12 s 3 are each amended to read
14 as follows:

15 (1) Except as provided in subsections (2) (~~and~~), (3), and (7) of
16 this section, the reporting provisions of this chapter do not apply to
17 candidates, elected officials, and agencies in political subdivisions
18 with less than one thousand registered voters as of the date of the
19 most recent general election in the jurisdiction, to political
20 committees formed to support or oppose candidates or ballot
21 propositions in such political subdivisions, or to persons making
22 independent expenditures in support of or opposition to such ballot
23 propositions.

24 (2) The reporting provisions of this chapter apply in any exempt
25 political subdivision from which a "petition for disclosure" containing
26 the valid signatures of fifteen percent of the number of registered
27 voters, as of the date of the most recent general election in the
28 political subdivision, is filed with the commission. The commission
29 shall by rule prescribe the form of the petition. After the signatures

1 are gathered, the petition shall be presented to the auditor or
2 elections officer of the county, or counties, in which the political
3 subdivision is located. The auditor or elections officer shall verify
4 the signatures and certify to the commission that the petition contains
5 no less than the required number of valid signatures. The commission,
6 upon receipt of a valid petition, shall order every known affected
7 person in the political subdivision to file the initially required
8 statement and reports within fourteen days of the date of the order.

9 (3) The reporting provisions of this chapter apply in any exempt
10 political subdivision that by ordinance, resolution, or other official
11 action has petitioned the commission to make the provisions applicable
12 to elected officials and candidates of the exempt political
13 subdivision. A copy of the action shall be sent to the commission. If
14 the commission finds the petition to be a valid action of the
15 appropriate governing body or authority, the commission shall order
16 every known affected person in the political subdivision to file the
17 initially required statement and reports within fourteen days of the
18 date of the order.

19 (4) The commission shall void any order issued by it pursuant to
20 subsection (2) or (3) of this section when, at least four years after
21 issuing the order, the commission is presented a petition or official
22 action so requesting from the affected political subdivision. Such
23 petition or official action shall meet the respective requirements of
24 subsection (2) or (3) of this section.

25 (5) Any petition for disclosure, ordinance, resolution, or official
26 action of an agency petitioning the commission to void the exemption in
27 RCW 42.17.030(3) shall not be considered unless it has been filed with
28 the commission:

29 (a) In the case of a ballot measure, at least sixty days before the
30 date of any election in which campaign finance reporting is to be
31 required;

32 (b) In the case of a candidate, at least sixty days before the
33 first day on which a person may file a declaration of candidacy for any
34 election in which campaign finance reporting is to be required.

35 (6) Any person exempted from reporting under this chapter may at
36 his or her option file the statement and reports.

37 (7) The reporting provisions of this chapter apply to a candidate

1 in any political subdivision if the candidate receives or expects to
2 receive five thousand dollars or more in contributions."

3 Correct the title.

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