

**ESB 6342** - H AMD TO H AMD (6342.E AMH LANT ADAM 084) **1114**  
By Representative Hunter

1 On page 1, after line 18 of the amendment, insert the  
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 42.17  
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 It is the intent of the legislature to ensure that elections  
6 for municipal court judges do not compromise the integrity of and  
7 public confidence in the court system. The establishment of  
8 contribution limits for these races will eliminate the potential  
9 for influence by large contributors and the appearance of  
10 impropriety by municipal judges.

11 (1) No person may make contributions to a candidate for  
12 municipal court judge that in the aggregate exceed seven hundred  
13 dollars for each election in which the candidate is on the ballot  
14 or appears as a write-in candidate. Contributions made with respect  
15 to a primary may not be made after the date of the primary.  
16 However, contributions to a candidate or a candidate's authorized  
17 committee may be made with respect to a primary until thirty days  
18 after the primary, subject to the following limitations: (a) The  
19 candidate lost the primary; (b) the candidate's authorized  
20 committee has insufficient funds to pay debts outstanding as of the  
21 date of the primary; and (c) the contributions may only be raised  
22 and spent to satisfy the outstanding debt. Contributions made with  
23 respect to a general election may not be made after the final day  
24 of the applicable election cycle.

25 (2) This section and RCW 42.17.640 through RCW 42.17.790 apply  
26 to a special election conducted to fill a vacancy in an office.  
27 However, the contributions made to a candidate or received by a  
28 candidate for a primary or special election conducted to fill such  
29 a vacancy will not be counted toward any of the limitations that  
30 apply to the candidate or to contributions made to the candidate  
31 for any other primary or election.

1           (3) No person may accept contributions that exceed the  
2 contribution limitations provided in this section.

3           (4) The dollar limits in this section must be adjusted  
4 according to RCW 42.17.690."

**EFFECT:** Establishes contribution limits for candidates for  
municipal court judge not to exceed \$700 in the aggregate per  
person for each election in which the candidate is on the  
ballot.