
HOUSE BILL 2846

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1 AN ACT Relating to campaign finance disclosure; and amending RCW
2 42.17.405.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 42.17.405 and 1986 c 12 s 3 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Except as provided in subsections (2) (~~and~~), (3), and (7) of
7 this section, the reporting provisions of this chapter do not apply to
8 candidates, elected officials, and agencies in political subdivisions
9 with less than one thousand registered voters as of the date of the
10 most recent general election in the jurisdiction, to political
11 committees formed to support or oppose candidates or ballot
12 propositions in such political subdivisions, or to persons making
13 independent expenditures in support of or opposition to such ballot
14 propositions.

15 (2) The reporting provisions of this chapter apply in any exempt
16 political subdivision from which a "petition for disclosure" containing
17 the valid signatures of fifteen percent of the number of registered
18 voters, as of the date of the most recent general election in the
19 political subdivision, is filed with the commission. The commission

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 (7) The reporting provisions of this chapter apply to a candidate
2 in any political subdivision if the candidate receives or expects to
3 receive five thousand dollars or more in contributions.

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