

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6323** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

Secretary

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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By Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Regala, Swecker, Kastama and Rasmussen)

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1 AN ACT Relating to campaign finance disclosure; and amending RCW
2 42.17.030 and 42.17.405.

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

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

6 The provisions of this chapter relating to the financing of
7 election campaigns shall apply in all election campaigns other than (1)
8 for precinct committee officer; (2) for a federal elective office; and
9 (3) for an office of a political subdivision of the state that does not
10 encompass a whole county and that contains fewer than five thousand
11 registered voters as of the date of the most recent general election in
12 the subdivision, unless required by RCW 42.17.405 (2) through (5) and
13 (7).

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

16 (1) Except as provided in subsections (2) (~~and~~), (3), and (7) of
17 this section, the reporting provisions of this chapter do not apply to
18 candidates, elected officials, and agencies in political subdivisions

1 with less than one thousand registered voters as of the date of the
2 most recent general election in the jurisdiction, to political
3 committees formed to support or oppose candidates or ballot
4 propositions in such political subdivisions, or to persons making
5 independent expenditures in support of or opposition to such ballot
6 propositions.

7 (2) The reporting provisions of this chapter apply in any exempt
8 political subdivision from which a "petition for disclosure" containing
9 the valid signatures of fifteen percent of the number of registered
10 voters, as of the date of the most recent general election in the
11 political subdivision, is filed with the commission. The commission
12 shall by rule prescribe the form of the petition. After the signatures
13 are gathered, the petition shall be presented to the auditor or
14 elections officer of the county, or counties, in which the political
15 subdivision is located. The auditor or elections officer shall verify
16 the signatures and certify to the commission that the petition contains
17 no less than the required number of valid signatures. The commission,
18 upon receipt of a valid petition, shall order every known affected
19 person in the political subdivision to file the initially required
20 statement and reports within fourteen days of the date of the order.

21 (3) The reporting provisions of this chapter apply in any exempt
22 political subdivision that by ordinance, resolution, or other official
23 action has petitioned the commission to make the provisions applicable
24 to elected officials and candidates of the exempt political
25 subdivision. A copy of the action shall be sent to the commission. If
26 the commission finds the petition to be a valid action of the
27 appropriate governing body or authority, the commission shall order
28 every known affected person in the political subdivision to file the
29 initially required statement and reports within fourteen days of the
30 date of the order.

31 (4) The commission shall void any order issued by it pursuant to
32 subsection (2) or (3) of this section when, at least four years after
33 issuing the order, the commission is presented a petition or official
34 action so requesting from the affected political subdivision. Such
35 petition or official action shall meet the respective requirements of
36 subsection (2) or (3) of this section.

37 (5) Any petition for disclosure, ordinance, resolution, or official

1 action of an agency petitioning the commission to void the exemption in
2 RCW 42.17.030(3) shall not be considered unless it has been filed with
3 the commission:

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

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

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

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

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