

HB 1226-S3 - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Declares that the contribution limits in RCW 42.17.640 apply to: (1) Candidates for state legislative office;

(2) Candidates for state office other than state legislative office;

(3) Candidates for county office in a county that has over two hundred thousand registered voters;

(4) A special purpose district office if that district is authorized to provide freight and passenger transfer and terminal facilities and that district has over two hundred thousand registered voters;

(5) Persons holding an office in this provision against whom recall charges have been filed or to a political committee having the expectation of making expenditures in support of the recall of a person holding the office;

(6) Caucus political committees; and

(7) Bona fide political parties.

Provides that no person may make contributions to a candidate for the state supreme court or court of appeals that in the aggregate exceed one thousand four hundred dollars for each election in which the candidate is on the ballot or appears as a write-in candidate. Contributions made with respect to a primary may not be made after the date of the primary. However, contributions to a candidate or a candidate's authorized committee may be made with respect to a primary until thirty days after the primary, subject to the following limitations: (1) The candidate lost the primary;

(2) The candidate's authorized committee has insufficient funds to pay debts outstanding as of the date of the primary; and

(3) The contributions may only be raised and spent to satisfy the outstanding debt. Contributions made with respect to a general election may not be made after the final day of the applicable election cycle.

Provides that contributions to other candidates subject to the contribution limits of this act made and received before the effective date of this act are considered to be contributions under RCW 42.17.640 through 42.17.790. Contributions that exceed the contribution limitations and that have not been spent by the recipient of the contribution by the effective date of this act must be disposed of in accordance with RCW 42.17.095.