

HB 2419-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Finds that due to the massive devastation inflicted on the city of New Orleans by hurricane Katrina on August 29, 2005, the city of New Orleans will not be able to meet its obligation to host the national lieutenant governors' association's annual conference scheduled for July 17 through July 19, 2006.

Provides that, when soliciting gifts, grants, or donations solely for the purpose of hosting the 2006 official conference of the national lieutenant governors' association to be held in Seattle, Washington, as approved by the lieutenant governor of the state of Washington, the lieutenant governor, and his or her staff designated by the lieutenant governor for this purpose, are presumed not to be in violation of the solicitation, receipt of gift, and conflict of interests with official duties provisions in chapter 42.52 RCW. For the purposes of this section, the national lieutenant governors' association must include among its membership the Washington state lieutenant governor. The solicitation of gifts, grants, or donations for the purpose of hosting the 2006 lieutenant governors' conference is considered an official duty.

Finds that, in recognition of the unprecedented situation created by this natural disaster, the high national visibility of this important event, and due to the limited amount of time remaining for planning and fund-raising, it is necessary to initiate fund-raising activities for this national conference as soon as possible.