
**State Government & Tribal
Affairs Committee**

HB 1018

Brief Description: Modifying the time limit for state officials to solicit or accept contributions.

Sponsors: Representatives Orcutt, Haigh, Haler, Takko, Pearson, Strow, Schindler, McCune, Blake, Chandler, Moeller and Seaquist.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Returns the post-session freeze for soliciting and accepting campaign contributions to 30 days after legislative session ends.

Hearing Date: 2/26/07

Staff: Marsha Reilly (786-7135).

Background:

Initiative 134 established campaign contribution limits for state legislative office and statewide executive office. The initiative prohibited a state official, and persons employed by or acting on behalf of a state official, from soliciting or accepting contributions to a public office fund, an authorized committee, or to retire a campaign debt during the periods 30 days before, during, and 30 days after a legislative session. The prohibition was extended through the period of any special session.

In 2006, legislation was enacted changing the date of the primary from the third Tuesday in September to the third Tuesday in August. In that legislation, the 30-day post session freeze was eliminated, allowing state officials to solicit and accept contributions the day after a legislative session ends, including any special session.

Summary of Bill:

The post-session freeze for soliciting and accepting contributions is changed from the day after to 30 days after a legislative session ends.

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Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect immediately.