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HOUSE BILL 2904

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By Representatives Haler and Hailey

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1 AN ACT Relating to the use of publicly funded television stations  
2 in city and county elections; and adding a new section to chapter 42.17  
3 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 42.17 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) Beginning June 1st of the year of an election for a county or  
8 city legislative or executive position and continuing through November  
9 30th immediately after the general election, the incumbent county or  
10 city legislative member or executive who is a candidate may not appear  
11 on a publicly funded television station, except as follows:

12 (a) As a participant at a meeting of the county or city legislative  
13 body;

14 (b) As part of an open public meeting by members of an elected  
15 legislative body to express a collective decision; or

16 (c) Acting in an official capacity at an open public event.

17 (2) For the purposes of this section, "candidate" means any  
18 individual who seeks nomination for election or election to a city or

1 county public office. An individual seeks nomination or election when  
2 he or she first:

3 (a) Receives contributions or makes expenditures or reserves space  
4 or facilities with an intent to promote his or her candidacy for  
5 office;

6 (b) Announces publicly or files for office;

7 (c) Purchases commercial advertising space or broadcast time to  
8 promote his or her candidacy; or

9 (d) Gives his or her consent to another person to take on behalf of  
10 the individual any of the actions in (a) or (c) of this subsection.

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