
SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5278

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By Senate Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Franklin, Kastama, Kline, Spanel, Keiser, Kohl-Welles, McAuliffe, Regala, Pridemore, Poulsen, Fraser, Rasmussen, and Rockefeller)

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1 AN ACT Relating to use of public funds for political purposes; and
2 amending RCW 42.17.128.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 42.17.128 and 1993 c 2 s 24 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 Public funds, whether derived through taxes, fees, penalties, or
7 any other sources, shall not be used to finance political campaigns for
8 state ((~~or local~~)) office. The legislative authority of a county,
9 city, town, or district may establish a program allowing the use of
10 public funds to finance campaigns for local office through adoption of
11 an ordinance or resolution. The ordinance or resolution must be
12 submitted to and approved by a vote of the people at the next general
13 election in the form of a referendum for those jurisdictions that have
14 referendum power, and in the form of an advisory ballot for those
15 jurisdictions without referendum power. A county, city, town, or
16 district that establishes a program to publicly finance local office
17 political campaigns may only use funds derived from local sources to

1 fund the program.

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