

HB 1738 - DIGEST

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Declares an intent to protect the fairness of elections for the supreme court.

Declares that the act is necessary to ensure that our highest courts continue to be unbiased and insulated from special interests.

Establishes the judicial election reform act to introduce a voluntary pilot project to provide an alternative source of financing candidates for the Washington supreme court who demonstrate public support and voluntarily accept strict fundraising and spending limits.

Prohibits the public disclosure commission from offering the public financing program until an appropriation of three million dollars is made for the program.

Creates the judicial election reform act fund.

Provides penalties.