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1 AN ACT Relating to campaign finance reporting requirements;
2 amending RCW 42.17A.055, 42.17A.235, 42.17A.245, 42.17A.250,
3 42.17A.255, 42.17A.260, 42.17A.265, 42.17A.430, 42.17A.600,
4 42.17A.615, 42.17A.630, and 42.17A.700; and reenacting and amending
5 RCW 42.17A.005.

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

7 **Sec. 1.** RCW 42.17A.005 and 2011 c 145 s 2 and 2011 c 60 s 19 are
8 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

9 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
10 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

11 (1) "Actual malice" means to act with knowledge of falsity or
12 with reckless disregard as to truth or falsity.

13 (2) "Agency" includes all state agencies and all local agencies.
14 "State agency" includes every state office, department, division,
15 bureau, board, commission, or other state agency. "Local agency"
16 includes every county, city, town, municipal corporation, quasi-
17 municipal corporation, or special purpose district, or any office,
18 department, division, bureau, board, commission, or agency thereof,
19 or other local public agency.

20 (3) "Authorized committee" means the political committee
21 authorized by a candidate, or by the public official against whom

1 recall charges have been filed, to accept contributions or make
2 expenditures on behalf of the candidate or public official.

3 (4) "Ballot proposition" means any "measure" as defined by RCW
4 29A.04.091, or any initiative, recall, or referendum proposition
5 proposed to be submitted to the voters of the state or any municipal
6 corporation, political subdivision, or other voting constituency from
7 and after the time when the proposition has been initially filed with
8 the appropriate election officer of that constituency before its
9 circulation for signatures.

10 (5) "Benefit" means a commercial, proprietary, financial,
11 economic, or monetary advantage, or the avoidance of a commercial,
12 proprietary, financial, economic, or monetary disadvantage.

13 (6) "Bona fide political party" means:

14 (a) An organization that has been recognized as a minor political
15 party by the secretary of state;

16 (b) The governing body of the state organization of a major
17 political party, as defined in RCW 29A.04.086, that is the body
18 authorized by the charter or bylaws of the party to exercise
19 authority on behalf of the state party; or

20 (c) The county central committee or legislative district
21 committee of a major political party. There may be only one
22 legislative district committee for each party in each legislative
23 district.

24 (7) "Candidate" means any individual who seeks nomination for
25 election or election to public office. An individual seeks nomination
26 or election when he or she first:

27 (a) Receives contributions or makes expenditures or reserves
28 space or facilities with intent to promote his or her candidacy for
29 office;

30 (b) Announces publicly or files for office;

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

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

36 (8) "Caucus political committee" means a political committee
37 organized and maintained by the members of a major political party in
38 the state senate or state house of representatives.

39 (9) "Commercial advertiser" means any person who sells the
40 service of communicating messages or producing printed material for

1 broadcast or distribution to the general public or segments of the
2 general public whether through the use of newspapers, magazines,
3 television and radio stations, billboard companies, direct mail
4 advertising companies, printing companies, or otherwise.

5 (10) "Commission" means the agency established under RCW
6 42.17A.100.

7 (11) "Compensation" unless the context requires a narrower
8 meaning, includes payment in any form for real or personal property
9 or services of any kind. For the purpose of compliance with RCW
10 42.17A.710, "compensation" does not include per diem allowances or
11 other payments made by a governmental entity to reimburse a public
12 official for expenses incurred while the official is engaged in the
13 official business of the governmental entity.

14 (12) "Continuing political committee" means a political committee
15 that is an organization of continuing existence not established in
16 anticipation of any particular election campaign.

17 (13)(a) "Contribution" includes:

18 (i) A loan, gift, deposit, subscription, forgiveness of
19 indebtedness, donation, advance, pledge, payment, transfer of funds
20 between political committees, or anything of value, including
21 personal and professional services for less than full consideration;

22 (ii) An expenditure made by a person in cooperation,
23 consultation, or concert with, or at the request or suggestion of, a
24 candidate, a political committee, the person or persons named on the
25 candidate's or committee's registration form who direct expenditures
26 on behalf of the candidate or committee, or their agents;

27 (iii) The financing by a person of the dissemination,
28 distribution, or republication, in whole or in part, of broadcast,
29 written, graphic, or other form of political advertising or
30 electioneering communication prepared by a candidate, a political
31 committee, or its authorized agent;

32 (iv) Sums paid for tickets to fund-raising events such as dinners
33 and parties, except for the actual cost of the consumables furnished
34 at the event.

35 (b) "Contribution" does not include:

36 (i) Standard interest on money deposited in a political
37 committee's account;

38 (ii) Ordinary home hospitality;

39 (iii) A contribution received by a candidate or political
40 committee that is returned to the contributor within five business

1 days of the date on which it is received by the candidate or
2 political committee;

3 (iv) A news item, feature, commentary, or editorial in a
4 regularly scheduled news medium that is of primary interest to the
5 general public, that is in a news medium controlled by a person whose
6 business is that news medium, and that is not controlled by a
7 candidate or a political committee;

8 (v) An internal political communication primarily limited to the
9 members of or contributors to a political party organization or
10 political committee, or to the officers, management staff, or
11 stockholders of a corporation or similar enterprise, or to the
12 members of a labor organization or other membership organization;

13 (vi) The rendering of personal services of the sort commonly
14 performed by volunteer campaign workers, or incidental expenses
15 personally incurred by volunteer campaign workers not in excess of
16 fifty dollars personally paid for by the worker. "Volunteer
17 services," for the purposes of this subsection, means services or
18 labor for which the individual is not compensated by any person;

19 (vii) Messages in the form of reader boards, banners, or yard or
20 window signs displayed on a person's own property or property
21 occupied by a person. However, a facility used for such political
22 advertising for which a rental charge is normally made must be
23 reported as an in-kind contribution and counts towards any applicable
24 contribution limit of the person providing the facility;

25 (viii) Legal or accounting services rendered to or on behalf of:

26 (A) A political party or caucus political committee if the person
27 paying for the services is the regular employer of the person
28 rendering such services; or

29 (B) A candidate or an authorized committee if the person paying
30 for the services is the regular employer of the individual rendering
31 the services and if the services are solely for the purpose of
32 ensuring compliance with state election or public disclosure laws; or

33 (ix) The performance of ministerial functions by a person on
34 behalf of two or more candidates or political committees either as
35 volunteer services defined in (b)(vi) of this subsection or for
36 payment by the candidate or political committee for whom the services
37 are performed as long as:

38 (A) The person performs solely ministerial functions;

39 (B) A person who is paid by two or more candidates or political
40 committees is identified by the candidates and political committees

1 on whose behalf services are performed as part of their respective
2 statements of organization under RCW 42.17A.205; and

3 (C) The person does not disclose, except as required by law, any
4 information regarding a candidate's or committee's plans, projects,
5 activities, or needs, or regarding a candidate's or committee's
6 contributions or expenditures that is not already publicly available
7 from campaign reports filed with the commission, or otherwise engage
8 in activity that constitutes a contribution under (a)(ii) of this
9 subsection.

10 A person who performs ministerial functions under this subsection
11 (13)(b)(ix) is not considered an agent of the candidate or committee
12 as long as he or she has no authority to authorize expenditures or
13 make decisions on behalf of the candidate or committee;

14 (x) In the absence of coordination as described in (a)(iii) of
15 this subsection, the financing by a person of the dissemination,
16 distribution, or republication of a portion of electronic political
17 advertising prepared by a candidate, a political committee or its
18 authorized agent, if the republished portion, by itself, does not
19 promote or oppose the subject of the original political advertising.

20 (c) Contributions other than money or its equivalent are deemed
21 to have a monetary value equivalent to the fair market value of the
22 contribution. Services or property or rights furnished at less than
23 their fair market value for the purpose of assisting any candidate or
24 political committee are deemed a contribution. Such a contribution
25 must be reported as an in-kind contribution at its fair market value
26 and counts towards any applicable contribution limit of the provider.

27 (14) "Depository" means a bank, mutual savings bank, savings and
28 loan association, or credit union doing business in this state.

29 (15) "Elected official" means any person elected at a general or
30 special election to any public office, and any person appointed to
31 fill a vacancy in any such office.

32 (16) "Election" includes any primary, general, or special
33 election for public office and any election in which a ballot
34 proposition is submitted to the voters. An election in which the
35 qualifications for voting include other than those requirements set
36 forth in Article VI, section 1 (Amendment 63) of the Constitution of
37 the state of Washington shall not be considered an election for
38 purposes of this chapter.

1 (17) "Election campaign" means any campaign in support of or in
2 opposition to a candidate for election to public office and any
3 campaign in support of, or in opposition to, a ballot proposition.

4 (18) "Election cycle" means the period beginning on the first day
5 of January after the date of the last previous general election for
6 the office that the candidate seeks and ending on December 31st after
7 the next election for the office. In the case of a special election
8 to fill a vacancy in an office, "election cycle" means the period
9 beginning on the day the vacancy occurs and ending on December 31st
10 after the special election.

11 (19)(a) "Electioneering communication" means any broadcast,
12 cable, or satellite television or radio transmission, United States
13 postal service mailing, billboard, newspaper, or periodical that:

14 (i) Clearly identifies a candidate for a state, local, or
15 judicial office either by specifically naming the candidate, or
16 identifying the candidate without using the candidate's name;

17 (ii) Is broadcast, transmitted, mailed, erected, distributed, or
18 otherwise published within sixty days before any election for that
19 office in the jurisdiction in which the candidate is seeking
20 election; and

21 (iii) Either alone, or in combination with one or more
22 communications identifying the candidate by the same sponsor during
23 the sixty days before an election, has a fair market value of one
24 thousand dollars or more.

25 (b) "Electioneering communication" does not include:

26 (i) Usual and customary advertising of a business owned by a
27 candidate, even if the candidate is mentioned in the advertising when
28 the candidate has been regularly mentioned in that advertising
29 appearing at least twelve months preceding his or her becoming a
30 candidate;

31 (ii) Advertising for candidate debates or forums when the
32 advertising is paid for by or on behalf of the debate or forum
33 sponsor, so long as two or more candidates for the same position have
34 been invited to participate in the debate or forum;

35 (iii) A news item, feature, commentary, or editorial in a
36 regularly scheduled news medium that is:

37 (A) Of primary interest to the general public;

38 (B) In a news medium controlled by a person whose business is
39 that news medium; and

1 (C) Not a medium controlled by a candidate or a political
2 committee;

3 (iv) Slate cards and sample ballots;

4 (v) Advertising for books, films, dissertations, or similar works
5 (A) written by a candidate when the candidate entered into a contract
6 for such publications or media at least twelve months before becoming
7 a candidate, or (B) written about a candidate;

8 (vi) Public service announcements;

9 (vii) A mailed internal political communication primarily limited
10 to the members of or contributors to a political party organization
11 or political committee, or to the officers, management staff, or
12 stockholders of a corporation or similar enterprise, or to the
13 members of a labor organization or other membership organization;

14 (viii) An expenditure by or contribution to the authorized
15 committee of a candidate for state, local, or judicial office; or

16 (ix) Any other communication exempted by the commission through
17 rule consistent with the intent of this chapter.

18 (20) "Expenditure" includes a payment, contribution,
19 subscription, distribution, loan, advance, deposit, or gift of money
20 or anything of value, and includes a contract, promise, or agreement,
21 whether or not legally enforceable, to make an expenditure.
22 "Expenditure" also includes a promise to pay, a payment, or a
23 transfer of anything of value in exchange for goods, services,
24 property, facilities, or anything of value for the purpose of
25 assisting, benefiting, or honoring any public official or candidate,
26 or assisting in furthering or opposing any election campaign. For the
27 purposes of this chapter, agreements to make expenditures, contracts,
28 and promises to pay may be reported as estimated obligations until
29 actual payment is made. "Expenditure" shall not include the partial
30 or complete repayment by a candidate or political committee of the
31 principal of a loan, the receipt of which loan has been properly
32 reported.

33 (21) "Final report" means the report described as a final report
34 in RCW 42.17A.235(2).

35 (22) "General election" for the purposes of RCW 42.17A.405 means
36 the election that results in the election of a person to a state or
37 local office. It does not include a primary.

38 (23) "Gift" has the definition in RCW 42.52.010.

39 (24) "Immediate family" includes the spouse or domestic partner,
40 dependent children, and other dependent relatives, if living in the

1 household. For the purposes of the definition of "intermediary" in
2 this section, "immediate family" means an individual's spouse or
3 domestic partner, and child, stepchild, grandchild, parent,
4 stepparent, grandparent, brother, half brother, sister, or half
5 sister of the individual and the spouse or the domestic partner of
6 any such person and a child, stepchild, grandchild, parent,
7 stepparent, grandparent, brother, half brother, sister, or half
8 sister of the individual's spouse or domestic partner and the spouse
9 or the domestic partner of any such person.

10 (25) "Incumbent" means a person who is in present possession of
11 an elected office.

12 (26) "Independent expenditure" means an expenditure that has each
13 of the following elements:

14 (a) It is made in support of or in opposition to a candidate for
15 office by a person who is not (i) a candidate for that office, (ii)
16 an authorized committee of that candidate for that office, (iii) a
17 person who has received the candidate's encouragement or approval to
18 make the expenditure, if the expenditure pays in whole or in part for
19 political advertising supporting that candidate or promoting the
20 defeat of any other candidate or candidates for that office, or (iv)
21 a person with whom the candidate has collaborated for the purpose of
22 making the expenditure, if the expenditure pays in whole or in part
23 for political advertising supporting that candidate or promoting the
24 defeat of any other candidate or candidates for that office;

25 (b) The expenditure pays in whole or in part for political
26 advertising that either specifically names the candidate supported or
27 opposed, or clearly and beyond any doubt identifies the candidate
28 without using the candidate's name; and

29 (c) The expenditure, alone or in conjunction with another
30 expenditure or other expenditures of the same person in support of or
31 opposition to that candidate, has a value of eight hundred dollars or
32 more. A series of expenditures, each of which is under eight hundred
33 dollars, constitutes one independent expenditure if their cumulative
34 value is eight hundred dollars or more.

35 (27)(a) "Intermediary" means an individual who transmits a
36 contribution to a candidate or committee from another person unless
37 the contribution is from the individual's employer, immediate family,
38 or an association to which the individual belongs.

39 (b) A treasurer or a candidate is not an intermediary for
40 purposes of the committee that the treasurer or candidate serves.

1 (c) A professional fund-raiser is not an intermediary if the
2 fund-raiser is compensated for fund-raising services at the usual and
3 customary rate.

4 (d) A volunteer hosting a fund-raising event at the individual's
5 home is not an intermediary for purposes of that event.

6 (28) "Legislation" means bills, resolutions, motions, amendments,
7 nominations, and other matters pending or proposed in either house of
8 the state legislature, and includes any other matter that may be the
9 subject of action by either house or any committee of the legislature
10 and all bills and resolutions that, having passed both houses, are
11 pending approval by the governor.

12 (29) "Legislative office" means the office of a member of the
13 state house of representatives or the office of a member of the state
14 senate.

15 (30) "Lobby" and "lobbying" each mean attempting to influence the
16 passage or defeat of any legislation by the legislature of the state
17 of Washington, or the adoption or rejection of any rule, standard,
18 rate, or other legislative enactment of any state agency under the
19 state administrative procedure act, chapter 34.05 RCW. Neither
20 "lobby" nor "lobbying" includes an association's or other
21 organization's act of communicating with the members of that
22 association or organization.

23 (31) "Lobbyist" includes any person who lobbies either in his or
24 her own or another's behalf.

25 (32) "Lobbyist's employer" means the person or persons by whom a
26 lobbyist is employed and all persons by whom he or she is compensated
27 for acting as a lobbyist.

28 (33) "Ministerial functions" means an act or duty carried out as
29 part of the duties of an administrative office without exercise of
30 personal judgment or discretion.

31 (34) "Participate" means that, with respect to a particular
32 election, an entity:

33 (a) Makes either a monetary or in-kind contribution to a
34 candidate;

35 (b) Makes an independent expenditure or electioneering
36 communication in support of or opposition to a candidate;

37 (c) Endorses a candidate before contributions are made by a
38 subsidiary corporation or local unit with respect to that candidate
39 or that candidate's opponent;

1 (d) Makes a recommendation regarding whether a candidate should
2 be supported or opposed before a contribution is made by a subsidiary
3 corporation or local unit with respect to that candidate or that
4 candidate's opponent; or

5 (e) Directly or indirectly collaborates or consults with a
6 subsidiary corporation or local unit on matters relating to the
7 support of or opposition to a candidate, including, but not limited
8 to, the amount of a contribution, when a contribution should be
9 given, and what assistance, services or independent expenditures, or
10 electioneering communications, if any, will be made or should be made
11 in support of or opposition to a candidate.

12 (35) "Person" includes an individual, partnership, joint venture,
13 public or private corporation, association, federal, state, or local
14 governmental entity or agency however constituted, candidate,
15 committee, political committee, political party, executive committee
16 thereof, or any other organization or group of persons, however
17 organized.

18 (36) "Political advertising" includes any advertising displays,
19 newspaper ads, billboards, signs, brochures, articles, tabloids,
20 flyers, letters, radio or television presentations, or other means of
21 mass communication, used for the purpose of appealing, directly or
22 indirectly, for votes or for financial or other support or opposition
23 in any election campaign.

24 (37) "Political committee" means any person (except a candidate
25 or an individual dealing with his or her own funds or property)
26 having the expectation of receiving contributions or making
27 expenditures in support of, or opposition to, any candidate or any
28 ballot proposition.

29 (38) "Primary" for the purposes of RCW 42.17A.405 means the
30 procedure for nominating a candidate to state or local office under
31 chapter 29A.52 RCW or any other primary for an election that uses, in
32 large measure, the procedures established in chapter 29A.52 RCW.

33 (39) "Public office" means any federal, state, judicial, county,
34 city, town, school district, port district, special district, or
35 other state political subdivision elective office.

36 (40) "Public record" has the definition in RCW 42.56.010.

37 (41) "Recall campaign" means the period of time beginning on the
38 date of the filing of recall charges under RCW 29A.56.120 and ending
39 thirty days after the recall election.

1 (42)(a) "Sponsor" for purposes of an electioneering
2 communications, independent expenditures, or political advertising
3 means the person paying for the electioneering communication,
4 independent expenditure, or political advertising. If a person acts
5 as an agent for another or is reimbursed by another for the payment,
6 the original source of the payment is the sponsor.

7 (b) "Sponsor," for purposes of a political committee, means any
8 person, except an authorized committee, to whom any of the following
9 applies:

10 (i) The committee receives eighty percent or more of its
11 contributions either from the person or from the person's members,
12 officers, employees, or shareholders;

13 (ii) The person collects contributions for the committee by use
14 of payroll deductions or dues from its members, officers, or
15 employees.

16 (43) "Sponsored committee" means a committee, other than an
17 authorized committee, that has one or more sponsors.

18 (44) "State office" means state legislative office or the office
19 of governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney
20 general, commissioner of public lands, insurance commissioner,
21 superintendent of public instruction, state auditor, or state
22 treasurer.

23 (45) "State official" means a person who holds a state office.

24 (46) "Surplus funds" mean, in the case of a political committee
25 or candidate, the balance of contributions that remain in the
26 possession or control of that committee or candidate subsequent to
27 the election for which the contributions were received, and that are
28 in excess of the amount necessary to pay remaining debts incurred by
29 the committee or candidate with respect to that election. In the case
30 of a continuing political committee, "surplus funds" mean those
31 contributions remaining in the possession or control of the committee
32 that are in excess of the amount necessary to pay all remaining debts
33 when it makes its final report under RCW 42.17A.255.

34 (47) "Treasurer" and "deputy treasurer" mean the individuals
35 appointed by a candidate or political committee, pursuant to RCW
36 42.17A.210, to perform the duties specified in that section.

37 **Sec. 2.** RCW 42.17A.055 and 2013 c 166 s 2 are each amended to
38 read as follows:

1 (1) The commission shall make available to candidates, public
2 officials, and political committees that are required to file reports
3 under this chapter an electronic filing alternative for submitting
4 financial affairs reports, contribution reports, and expenditure
5 reports.

6 (2) The commission shall make available to lobbyists and
7 lobbyists' employers required to file reports under RCW 42.17A.600,
8 42.17A.615, 42.17A.625, or 42.17A.630 an electronic filing
9 alternative for submitting these reports.

10 (3) (~~State~~) Agencies required to report under RCW 42.17A.635
11 must file all reports electronically.

12 (4) The commission shall make available to candidates, public
13 officials, political committees, lobbyists, and lobbyists' employers
14 an electronic copy of the appropriate reporting forms at no charge.

15 **Sec. 3.** RCW 42.17A.235 and 2015 c 54 s 1 are each amended to
16 read as follows:

17 (1) In addition to the information required under RCW 42.17A.205
18 and 42.17A.210, on the day the treasurer is designated, each
19 candidate or political committee must file with the commission a
20 report of all contributions received and expenditures made prior to
21 that date, if any.

22 (2) Each treasurer shall file with the commission a report
23 containing the information required by RCW 42.17A.240 at the
24 following intervals:

25 (a) On the twenty-first day and the seventh day immediately
26 preceding the date on which the election is held;

27 (b) On the tenth day of the first month after the election; and

28 (c) On the tenth day of each month in which no other reports are
29 required to be filed under this section only if the committee has
30 received a contribution or made an expenditure in the preceding
31 calendar month and either the total contributions received or total
32 expenditures made since the last such report exceed two hundred
33 dollars.

34 The report filed twenty-one days before the election shall report
35 all contributions received and expenditures made as of the end of one
36 business day before the date of the report. The report filed seven
37 days before the election shall report all contributions received and
38 expenditures made as of the end of one business day before the date
39 of the report. Reports filed on the tenth day of the month shall

1 report all contributions received and expenditures made from the
2 closing date of the last report filed through the last day of the
3 month preceding the date of the current report.

4 (3) For the period beginning the first day of the fourth month
5 preceding the date of the special election, or for the period
6 beginning the first day of the fifth month before the date of the
7 general election, and ending on the date of that special or general
8 election, each Monday the treasurer shall file with the commission a
9 report of each bank deposit made during the previous seven calendar
10 days. The report shall contain the name of each person contributing
11 the funds and the amount contributed by each person. However, persons
12 who contribute no more than twenty-five dollars in the aggregate are
13 not required to be identified in the report. A copy of the report
14 shall be retained by the treasurer for his or her records. In the
15 event of deposits made by a deputy treasurer, the copy shall be
16 forwarded to the treasurer for his or her records. Each report shall
17 be certified as correct by the treasurer or deputy treasurer making
18 the deposit.

19 (4)(a) The treasurer or candidate shall maintain books of account
20 accurately reflecting all contributions and expenditures on a current
21 basis within five business days of receipt or expenditure. During the
22 eight days immediately preceding the date of the election the books
23 of account shall be kept current within one business day. As
24 specified in the committee's statement of organization filed under
25 RCW 42.17A.205, the books of account must be open for public
26 inspection by appointment at the designated place for inspections
27 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on any day from the eighth day
28 immediately before the election through the day immediately before
29 the election, other than Saturday, Sunday, or a legal holiday. It is
30 a violation of this chapter for a candidate or political committee to
31 refuse to allow and keep an appointment for an inspection to be
32 conducted during these authorized times and days. The appointment
33 must be allowed at an authorized time and day for such inspections
34 that is within twenty-four hours of the time and day that is
35 requested for the inspection.

36 (b) At the time of making the appointment, a person wishing to
37 inspect the books of account must provide the treasurer the name and
38 telephone number of the person wishing to inspect the books of
39 account. The person inspecting the books of account must show photo
40 identification before the inspection begins.

1 (c) A treasurer may refuse to show the books of account to any
2 person who does not make an appointment or provide the required
3 identification.

4 (5) Copies of all reports filed pursuant to this section shall be
5 readily available for public inspection by appointment, pursuant to
6 subsection (4) of this section, at the principal headquarters or, if
7 there is no headquarters, at the address of the treasurer or such
8 other place as may be authorized by the commission.

9 (6) Each treasurer of a surplus funds account authorized by RCW
10 42.17A.430(7) shall file with the commission a report containing the
11 information required by RCW 42.17A.240 on the tenth of each month
12 only if the expenditures in the preceding calendar month or the total
13 expenditures made since the last report exceed two hundred dollars.
14 The report must report all surplus funds transfers received and
15 expenditures made from the closing date of the last report filed
16 through the last day of the month preceding the date of the current
17 report.

18 (7) The treasurer or candidate shall preserve books of account,
19 bills, receipts, and all other financial records of the campaign or
20 political committee for not less than five calendar years following
21 the year during which the transaction occurred.

22 ~~((+7))~~ (8) All reports filed pursuant to subsection (1) or (2)
23 of this section shall be certified as correct by the candidate and
24 the treasurer.

25 ~~((+8))~~ (9) When there is no outstanding debt or obligation, the
26 campaign fund is closed, and the campaign is concluded in all
27 respects or in the case of a political committee, the committee has
28 ceased to function and has dissolved, the treasurer shall file a
29 final report. Upon submitting a final report, the duties of the
30 treasurer shall cease and there is no obligation to make any further
31 reports.

32 **Sec. 4.** RCW 42.17A.245 and 2011 c 145 s 4 are each amended to
33 read as follows:

34 (1) Each candidate or political committee ~~((that expended five~~
35 ~~thousand dollars or more in the preceding year or expects to expend~~
36 ~~five thousand dollars or more in the current year))~~ shall file all
37 contribution reports and expenditure reports required by this chapter
38 by the electronic alternative provided by the commission under RCW
39 42.17A.055. ~~((The commission may make exceptions on a case by case~~

1 ~~basis for candidates whose authorized committees lack the~~
2 ~~technological ability to file reports using the electronic~~
3 ~~alternative provided by the commission.))~~

4 (2) Each treasurer of a surplus funds account shall file all
5 expenditure reports required by this chapter by the electronic
6 alternative provided by the commission under RCW 42.17A.055.

7 (3) Beginning June 30, 2016, each candidate and political
8 committee shall file all statements of organization required by this
9 chapter by the electronic alternative provided by the commission.

10 (4) The commission may make exceptions on a case-by-case basis,
11 for a person who demonstrates the technological inability to file
12 reports using the electronic means provided or approved by the
13 commission.

14 (5) Failure ((by a candidate or political committee)) to comply
15 with this section is a violation of this chapter.

16 **Sec. 5.** RCW 42.17A.250 and 2010 c 204 s 411 are each amended to
17 read as follows:

18 ~~(1) ((An out-of-state)) A political committee organized ((for the~~
19 ~~purpose of supporting or opposing candidates or ballot propositions~~
20 ~~in another state that is not otherwise required to report under RCW~~
21 ~~42.17A.205 through 42.17A.240 shall report as required in this~~
22 ~~section when it makes an expenditure supporting or opposing a~~
23 ~~Washington state candidate or political committee. The committee~~
24 ~~shall file with the commission a statement disclosing:~~

25 ~~(a) Its name and address;~~

26 ~~(b) The purposes of the out-of-state committee;~~

27 ~~(c) The names, addresses, and titles of its officers or, if it~~
28 ~~has no officers, the names, addresses, and the titles of its~~
29 ~~responsible leaders;~~

30 ~~(d) The name, office sought, and party affiliation of each~~
31 ~~candidate in the state of Washington whom the out-of-state committee~~
32 ~~is supporting or opposing and, if the committee is supporting or~~
33 ~~opposing the entire ticket of any party, the name of the party;~~

34 ~~(e) The ballot proposition supported or opposed in the state of~~
35 ~~Washington, if any, and whether the committee is in favor of or~~
36 ~~opposed to that proposition;~~

37 ~~(f) The name and address of each person residing in the state of~~
38 ~~Washington or corporation that has a place of business in the state~~
39 ~~of Washington who has made one or more contributions in the aggregate~~

1 of more than twenty five dollars to the out of state committee during
2 the current calendar year, together with the money value and date of
3 the contributions;

4 (g) The name, address, and employer of each person or corporation
5 residing outside the state of Washington who has made one or more
6 contributions in the aggregate of more than two thousand five hundred
7 fifty dollars to the out of state committee during the current
8 calendar year, together with the money value and date of the
9 contributions. Annually, the commission must modify the two thousand
10 five hundred fifty dollar limit in this subsection based on
11 percentage change in the implicit price deflator for personal
12 consumption expenditures for the United States as published for the
13 most recent twelve month period by the bureau of economic analysis of
14 the federal department of commerce;

15 (h) The name and address of each person in the state of
16 Washington to whom an expenditure was made by the out of state
17 committee with respect to a candidate or political committee in the
18 aggregate amount of more than fifty dollars, the amount, date, and
19 purpose of the expenditure, and the total sum of the expenditures;
20 and

21 (i) Any other information as the commission may prescribe by rule
22 in keeping with the policies and purposes of this chapter.

23 (2) Each statement shall be filed no later than the tenth day of
24 the month following any month in which a contribution or other
25 expenditure reportable under subsection (1) of this section is made.
26 An out of state committee incurring an obligation to file additional
27 statements in a calendar year may satisfy the obligation by timely
28 filing reports that supplement previously filed information)) outside
29 the state of Washington is subject to the same requirements under
30 this chapter as a political committee organized in the state of
31 Washington.

32 **Sec. 6.** RCW 42.17A.255 and 2011 c 60 s 24 are each amended to
33 read as follows:

34 (1) For the purposes of this section the term "independent
35 expenditure" means any expenditure that is made in support of or in
36 opposition to any candidate or ballot proposition and is not
37 otherwise required to be reported pursuant to RCW 42.17A.220,
38 42.17A.235, and 42.17A.240. "Independent expenditure" does not
39 include: An internal political communication primarily limited to the

1 contributors to a political party organization or political action
2 committee, or the officers, management staff, and stockholders of a
3 corporation or similar enterprise, or the members of a labor
4 organization or other membership organization; or the rendering of
5 personal services of the sort commonly performed by volunteer
6 campaign workers, or incidental expenses personally incurred by
7 volunteer campaign workers not in excess of fifty dollars personally
8 paid for by the worker. "Volunteer services," for the purposes of
9 this section, means services or labor for which the individual is not
10 compensated by any person.

11 (2) Within five days after the date of making an independent
12 expenditure that by itself or when added to all other such
13 independent expenditures made during the same election campaign by
14 the same person equals one hundred dollars or more, or within five
15 days after the date of making an independent expenditure for which no
16 reasonable estimate of monetary value is practicable, whichever
17 occurs first, the person who made the independent expenditure shall
18 file with the commission an initial report of all independent
19 expenditures made during the campaign prior to and including such
20 date.

21 (3) At the following intervals each person who is required to
22 file an initial report pursuant to subsection (2) of this section
23 shall file with the commission a further report of the independent
24 expenditures made since the date of the last report:

25 (a) On the twenty-first day and the seventh day preceding the
26 date on which the election is held; and

27 (b) On the tenth day of the first month after the election; and

28 (c) On the tenth day of each month in which no other reports are
29 required to be filed pursuant to this section. However, the further
30 reports required by this subsection (3) shall only be filed if the
31 reporting person has made an independent expenditure since the date
32 of the last previous report filed.

33 The report filed pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection (3)
34 shall be the final report, and upon submitting such final report the
35 duties of the reporting person shall cease, and there shall be no
36 obligation to make any further reports.

37 (4) All reports filed pursuant to this section shall be certified
38 as correct by the reporting person.

39 (5) Each report required by subsections (2) and (3) of this
40 section shall disclose for the period beginning at the end of the

1 period for the last previous report filed or, in the case of an
2 initial report, beginning at the time of the first independent
3 expenditure, and ending not more than one business day before the
4 date the report is due:

5 (a) The name and address of the person filing the report;

6 (b) The name and address of each person to whom an independent
7 expenditure was made in the aggregate amount of more than fifty
8 dollars, and the amount, date, and purpose of each such expenditure.
9 If no reasonable estimate of the monetary value of a particular
10 independent expenditure is practicable, it is sufficient to report
11 instead a precise description of services, property, or rights
12 furnished through the expenditure and where appropriate to attach a
13 copy of the item produced or distributed by the expenditure;

14 (c) The total sum of all independent expenditures made during the
15 campaign to date; and

16 (d) Such other information as shall be required by the commission
17 by rule in conformance with the policies and purposes of this
18 chapter.

19 (6) Independent expenditures must be reported electronically
20 using software provided or approved by the commission. The commission
21 may make exceptions, on a case-by-case basis, for a person who
22 demonstrates the technological inability to file reports using the
23 electronic means provided or approved by the commission.

24 **Sec. 7.** RCW 42.17A.260 and 2010 c 204 s 413 are each amended to
25 read as follows:

26 (1) The sponsor of political advertising who, within twenty-one
27 days of an election, publishes, mails, or otherwise presents to the
28 public political advertising supporting or opposing a candidate or
29 ballot proposition that qualifies as an independent expenditure with
30 a fair market value of one thousand dollars or more shall ~~((deliver))~~
31 file, ~~((either))~~ electronically ~~((or in written form))~~, a special
32 report to the commission within twenty-four hours of, or on the first
33 working day after, the date the political advertising is first
34 published, mailed, or otherwise presented to the public.

35 (2) If a sponsor is required to file a special report under this
36 section, the sponsor shall also ~~((deliver to the commission))~~,
37 the delivery period established in subsection (1) of this section,
38 file a special report for each subsequent independent expenditure of
39 any size supporting or opposing the same candidate who was the

1 subject of the previous independent expenditure, supporting or
2 opposing that candidate's opponent, or supporting or opposing the
3 same ballot proposition that was the subject of the previous
4 independent expenditure.

5 (3) The special report must include:

6 (a) The name and address of the person making the expenditure;

7 (b) The name and address of the person to whom the expenditure
8 was made;

9 (c) A detailed description of the expenditure;

10 (d) The date the expenditure was made and the date the political
11 advertising was first published or otherwise presented to the public;

12 (e) The amount of the expenditure;

13 (f) The name of the candidate supported or opposed by the
14 expenditure, the office being sought by the candidate, and whether
15 the expenditure supports or opposes the candidate; or the name of the
16 ballot proposition supported or opposed by the expenditure and
17 whether the expenditure supports or opposes the ballot proposition;
18 and

19 (g) Any other information the commission may require by rule.

20 (4) All persons required to report under RCW 42.17A.225,
21 42.17A.235, 42.17A.240, 42.17A.255, and 42.17A.305 are subject to the
22 requirements of this section. The commission may determine that
23 reports filed pursuant to this section also satisfy the requirements
24 of RCW 42.17A.255.

25 (5) The sponsor of independent expenditures supporting a
26 candidate or opposing that candidate's opponent required to report
27 under this section shall file with each required report an affidavit
28 or declaration of the person responsible for making the independent
29 expenditure that the expenditure was not made in cooperation,
30 consultation, or concert with, or at the request or suggestion of,
31 the candidate, the candidate's authorized committee, or the
32 candidate's agent, or with the encouragement or approval of the
33 candidate, the candidate's authorized committee, or the candidate's
34 agent.

35 **Sec. 8.** RCW 42.17A.265 and 2010 c 204 s 414 are each amended to
36 read as follows:

37 (1)(a) Treasurers shall (~~(prepare and deliver to)~~) electronically
38 file with the commission a special report when a contribution or
39 aggregate of contributions totals one thousand dollars or more, is

1 from a single person or entity, and is received during a special
2 reporting period.

3 (b) Treasurers shall electronically file with the commission a
4 special report when a contribution of twenty-five thousand dollars or
5 more is received from a single entity outside of a special reporting
6 period.

7 (2)(a) A political committee shall (~~prepare and deliver to~~)
8 electronically file with the commission a special report when it
9 makes a contribution or an aggregate of contributions to a single
10 entity that totals one thousand dollars or more during a special
11 reporting period.

12 (b) A political committee shall electronically file with the
13 commission a special report when it makes a contribution of twenty-
14 five thousand dollars or more outside of a special reporting period.

15 (3) An aggregate of contributions includes only those
16 contributions made to or received from a single entity during any one
17 special reporting period. Any subsequent contribution of any size
18 made to or received from the same person or entity during the special
19 reporting period must also be reported.

20 (4) Special reporting periods, for purposes of this section,
21 include:

22 (a) (~~The period beginning on the day after the last report~~
23 ~~required by RCW 42.17A.235 and 42.17A.240 to be filed before a~~
24 ~~primary and concluding on the end of the day before that primary;~~

25 ~~(b))~~ The period twenty-one days preceding a primary election or
26 general election; and

27 ~~((c))~~ (b) An aggregate of contributions includes only those
28 contributions received from a single entity during any one special
29 reporting period or made by the contributing political committee to a
30 single entity during any one special reporting period.

31 (5) If a campaign treasurer files a special report under this
32 section for one or more contributions received from a single entity
33 during a special reporting period, the treasurer shall also file a
34 special report under this section for each subsequent contribution of
35 any size which is received from that entity during the special
36 reporting period. If a political committee files a special report
37 under this section for a contribution or contributions made to a
38 single entity during a special reporting period, the political
39 committee shall also file a special report for each subsequent

1 contribution of any size which is made to that entity during the
2 special reporting period.

3 ~~(6) ((Special reports required by this section shall be delivered
4 electronically or in written form, including but not limited to
5 mailgram, telegram, or nightletter. The special report may be
6 transmitted orally by telephone to the commission if the written form
7 of the report is postmarked and mailed to the commission or the
8 electronic filing is transferred to the commission within the
9 delivery periods established in (a) and (b) of this subsection.))~~

10 (a) The special report required of a contribution recipient under
11 subsection (1)(a) of this section shall be ~~((delivered to))~~
12 electronically filed with the commission within forty-eight hours of
13 the time, or on the first working day after: The contribution of one
14 thousand dollars or more is received by the candidate or treasurer;
15 the aggregate received by the candidate or treasurer first equals one
16 thousand dollars or more; or any subsequent contribution from the
17 same source is received by the candidate or treasurer.

18 (b) The special report required of a contributor under subsection
19 (2)(a) of this section or RCW 42.17A.625 shall be ~~((delivered to))~~
20 electronically filed with the commission, and the candidate or
21 political committee to whom the contribution or contributions are
22 made, within twenty-four hours of the time, or on the first working
23 day after: The contribution is made; the aggregate of contributions
24 made first equals one thousand dollars or more; or any subsequent
25 contribution to the same person or entity is made.

26 (7) The special report shall include:

27 (a) The amount of the contribution or contributions;

28 (b) The date or dates of receipt;

29 (c) The name and address of the donor;

30 (d) The name and address of the recipient; and

31 (e) Any other information the commission may by rule require.

32 (8) Contributions reported under this section shall also be
33 reported as required by other provisions of this chapter.

34 ~~(9) ((The commission shall prepare daily a summary of the special
35 reports made under this section and RCW 42.17A.625.~~

36 ~~(+10))~~ Contributions governed by this section include, but are
37 not limited to, contributions made or received indirectly through a
38 third party or entity whether the contributions are or are not
39 reported to the commission as earmarked contributions under RCW
40 42.17A.270.

1 **Sec. 9.** RCW 42.17A.430 and 2010 c 204 s 606 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 The surplus funds of a candidate or a candidate's authorized
4 committee may only be disposed of in any one or more of the following
5 ways:

6 (1) Return the surplus to a contributor in an amount not to
7 exceed that contributor's original contribution;

8 (2) Using surplus, reimburse the candidate for lost earnings
9 incurred as a result of that candidate's election campaign. Lost
10 earnings shall be verifiable as unpaid salary or, when the candidate
11 is not salaried, as an amount not to exceed income received by the
12 candidate for services rendered during an appropriate, corresponding
13 time period. All lost earnings incurred shall be documented and a
14 record thereof shall be maintained by the candidate or the
15 candidate's authorized committee. The committee shall maintain a copy
16 of this record in accordance with RCW 42.17A.235(~~(+6)~~) (5);

17 (3) Transfer the surplus without limit to a political party or to
18 a caucus political committee;

19 (4) Donate the surplus to a charitable organization registered in
20 accordance with chapter 19.09 RCW;

21 (5) Transmit the surplus to the state treasurer for deposit in
22 the general fund, the Washington state legacy project, state library,
23 and archives account under RCW 43.07.380, or the legislative
24 international trade account under RCW 43.15.050, as specified by the
25 candidate or political committee; or

26 (6) Hold the surplus in the depository or depositories designated
27 in accordance with RCW 42.17A.215 for possible use in a future
28 election campaign for the same office last sought by the candidate
29 and report any such disposition in accordance with RCW 42.17A.240. If
30 the candidate subsequently announces or publicly files for office,
31 the appropriate information must be reported to the commission in
32 accordance with RCW 42.17A.205 through 42.17A.240. If a subsequent
33 office is not sought the surplus held shall be disposed of in
34 accordance with the requirements of this section.

35 (7) Hold the surplus campaign funds in a separate account for
36 nonreimbursed public office-related expenses or as provided in this
37 section, and report any such disposition in accordance with RCW
38 42.17A.235(6) and 42.17A.240. The separate account required under
39 this subsection shall not be used for deposits of campaign funds that
40 are not surplus.

1 (8) No candidate or authorized committee may transfer funds to
2 any other candidate or other political committee.

3 The disposal of surplus funds under this section shall not be
4 considered a contribution for purposes of this chapter.

5 **Sec. 10.** RCW 42.17A.600 and 2010 c 204 s 801 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) Before lobbying, or within thirty days after being employed
8 as a lobbyist, whichever occurs first, a lobbyist shall register by
9 filing with the commission a lobbyist registration statement, in such
10 detail as the commission shall prescribe, that includes the following
11 information:

12 (a) The lobbyist's name, permanent business address, and any
13 temporary residential and business addresses in Thurston county
14 during the legislative session;

15 (b) The name, address and occupation or business of the
16 lobbyist's employer;

17 (c) The duration of the lobbyist's employment;

18 (d) The compensation to be received for lobbying, the amount to
19 be paid for expenses, and what expenses are to be reimbursed;

20 (e) Whether the lobbyist is employed solely as a lobbyist or
21 whether the lobbyist is a regular employee performing services for
22 his or her employer which include but are not limited to the
23 influencing of legislation;

24 (f) The general subject or subjects to be lobbied;

25 (g) A written authorization from each of the lobbyist's employers
26 confirming such employment;

27 (h) The name and address of the person who will have custody of
28 the accounts, bills, receipts, books, papers, and documents required
29 to be kept under this chapter;

30 (i) If the lobbyist's employer is an entity (including, but not
31 limited to, business and trade associations) whose members include,
32 or which as a representative entity undertakes lobbying activities
33 for, businesses, groups, associations, or organizations, the name and
34 address of each member of such entity or person represented by such
35 entity whose fees, dues, payments, or other consideration paid to
36 such entity during either of the prior two years have exceeded five
37 hundred dollars or who is obligated to or has agreed to pay fees,
38 dues, payments, or other consideration exceeding five hundred dollars
39 to such entity during the current year.

1 (2) Any lobbyist who receives or is to receive compensation from
2 more than one person for lobbying shall file a separate notice of
3 representation for each person. However, if two or more persons are
4 jointly paying or contributing to the payment of the lobbyist, the
5 lobbyist may file a single statement detailing the name, business
6 address, and occupation of each person paying or contributing and the
7 respective amounts to be paid or contributed.

8 (3) Whenever a change, modification, or termination of the
9 lobbyist's employment occurs, the lobbyist shall file with the
10 commission an amended registration statement within one week of the
11 change, modification, or termination.

12 (4) Each registered lobbyist shall file a new registration
13 statement, revised as appropriate, on the second Monday in January of
14 each odd-numbered year. Failure to do so terminates the lobbyist's
15 registration.

16 (5) Beginning January 1, 2017, each lobbyist shall file all
17 registration statements by the electronic alternative provided by the
18 commission.

19 **Sec. 11.** RCW 42.17A.615 and 2010 c 204 s 804 are each amended to
20 read as follows:

21 (1) Any lobbyist registered under RCW 42.17A.600 and any person
22 who lobbies shall file with the commission monthly reports of his or
23 her lobbying activities. The reports shall be made in the form and
24 manner prescribed by the commission and must be signed by the
25 lobbyist. The monthly report shall be filed within fifteen days after
26 the last day of the calendar month covered by the report.

27 (2) The monthly report shall contain:

28 (a) The totals of all expenditures for lobbying activities made
29 or incurred by the lobbyist or on behalf of the lobbyist by the
30 lobbyist's employer during the period covered by the report.
31 Expenditure totals for lobbying activities shall be segregated
32 according to financial category, including compensation; food and
33 refreshments; living accommodations; advertising; travel;
34 contributions; and other expenses or services. Each individual
35 expenditure of more than twenty-five dollars for entertainment shall
36 be identified by date, place, amount, and the names of all persons
37 taking part in the entertainment, along with the dollar amount
38 attributable to each person, including the lobbyist's portion.

1 (b) In the case of a lobbyist employed by more than one employer,
2 the proportionate amount of expenditures in each category incurred on
3 behalf of each of the lobbyist's employers.

4 (c) An itemized listing of each contribution of money or of
5 tangible or intangible personal property, whether contributed by the
6 lobbyist personally or delivered or transmitted by the lobbyist, to
7 any candidate, elected official, or officer or employee of any
8 agency, or any political committee supporting or opposing any ballot
9 proposition, or for or on behalf of any candidate, elected official,
10 or officer or employee of any agency, or any political committee
11 supporting or opposing any ballot proposition. All contributions made
12 to, or for the benefit of, any candidate, elected official, or
13 officer or employee of any agency, or any political committee
14 supporting or opposing any ballot proposition shall be identified by
15 date, amount, and the name of the candidate, elected official, or
16 officer or employee of any agency, or any political committee
17 supporting or opposing any ballot proposition receiving, or to be
18 benefited by each such contribution.

19 (d) The subject matter of proposed legislation or other
20 legislative activity or rule making under chapter 34.05 RCW, the
21 state administrative procedure act, and the state agency considering
22 the same, which the lobbyist has been engaged in supporting or
23 opposing during the reporting period, unless exempt under RCW
24 42.17A.610(2).

25 (e) A listing of each payment for an item specified in RCW
26 42.52.150(5) in excess of fifty dollars and each item specified in
27 RCW 42.52.010(~~((+10))~~) (9) (d) and (f) made to a state elected
28 official, state officer, or state employee. Each item shall be
29 identified by recipient, date, and approximate value of the item.

30 (f) The total expenditures paid or incurred during the reporting
31 period by the lobbyist for lobbying purposes, whether through or on
32 behalf of a lobbyist or otherwise, for (i) political advertising as
33 defined in RCW 42.17A.005; and (ii) public relations, telemarketing,
34 polling, or similar activities if the activities, directly or
35 indirectly, are intended, designed, or calculated to influence
36 legislation or the adoption or rejection of a rule, standard, or rate
37 by an agency under the administrative procedure act. The report shall
38 specify the amount, the person to whom the amount was paid, and a
39 brief description of the activity.

40 (3) Lobbyists are not required to report the following:

1 (a) Unreimbursed personal living and travel expenses not incurred
2 directly for lobbying;

3 (b) Any expenses incurred for his or her own living
4 accommodations;

5 (c) Any expenses incurred for his or her own travel to and from
6 hearings of the legislature;

7 (d) Any expenses incurred for telephone, and any office expenses,
8 including rent and salaries and wages paid for staff and secretarial
9 assistance.

10 (4) The commission may adopt rules to vary the content of
11 lobbyist reports to address specific circumstances, consistent with
12 this section. Lobbyist reports are subject to audit by the
13 commission.

14 (5) Beginning January 1, 2017, each lobbyist shall file the
15 monthly report by the electronic alternative provided by the
16 commission.

17 **Sec. 12.** RCW 42.17A.630 and 2010 c 204 s 807 are each amended to
18 read as follows:

19 (1) Every employer of a lobbyist registered under this chapter
20 during the preceding calendar year and every person other than an
21 individual that made contributions aggregating to more than sixteen
22 thousand dollars or independent expenditures aggregating to more than
23 eight hundred dollars during the preceding calendar year shall file
24 with the commission on or before the last day of February of each
25 year a statement disclosing for the preceding calendar year the
26 following information:

27 (a) The name of each state elected official and the name of each
28 candidate for state office who was elected to the office and any
29 member of the immediate family of those persons to whom the person
30 reporting has paid any compensation in the amount of eight hundred
31 dollars or more during the preceding calendar year for personal
32 employment or professional services, including professional services
33 rendered by a corporation, partnership, joint venture, association,
34 union, or other entity in which the person holds any office,
35 directorship, or any general partnership interest, or an ownership
36 interest of ten percent or more, the value of the compensation in
37 accordance with the reporting provisions set out in RCW
38 42.17A.710(2), and the consideration given or performed in exchange
39 for the compensation.

1 (b) The name of each state elected official, successful candidate
2 for state office, or members of his or her immediate family to whom
3 the person reporting made expenditures, directly or indirectly,
4 either through a lobbyist or otherwise, the amount of the
5 expenditures and the purpose for the expenditures. For the purposes
6 of this subsection, "expenditure" shall not include any expenditure
7 made by the employer in the ordinary course of business if the
8 expenditure is not made for the purpose of influencing, honoring, or
9 benefiting the elected official, successful candidate, or member of
10 his immediate family, as an elected official or candidate.

11 (c) The total expenditures made by the person reporting for
12 lobbying purposes, whether through or on behalf of a registered
13 lobbyist or otherwise.

14 (d) All contributions made to a political committee supporting or
15 opposing a candidate for state office, or to a political committee
16 supporting or opposing a statewide ballot proposition. Such
17 contributions shall be identified by the name and the address of the
18 recipient and the aggregate amount contributed to each such
19 recipient.

20 (e) The name and address of each registered lobbyist employed by
21 the person reporting and the total expenditures made by the person
22 reporting for each lobbyist for lobbying purposes.

23 (f) The names, offices sought, and party affiliations of
24 candidates for state offices supported or opposed by independent
25 expenditures of the person reporting and the amount of each such
26 expenditure.

27 (g) The identifying proposition number and a brief description of
28 any statewide ballot proposition supported or opposed by expenditures
29 not reported under (d) of this subsection and the amount of each such
30 expenditure.

31 (h) Any other information the commission prescribes by rule.

32 (2)(a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, an employer
33 of a lobbyist registered under this chapter shall file a special
34 report with the commission if the employer makes a contribution or
35 contributions aggregating more than one hundred dollars in a calendar
36 month to any one of the following: A candidate, elected official,
37 officer or employee of an agency, or political committee. The report
38 shall identify the date and amount of each such contribution and the
39 name of the candidate, elected official, agency officer or employee,
40 or political committee receiving the contribution or to be benefited

1 by the contribution. The report shall be filed on a form prescribed
2 by the commission and shall be filed within fifteen days after the
3 last day of the calendar month during which the contribution was
4 made.

5 (b) The provisions of (a) of this subsection do not apply to a
6 contribution that is made through a registered lobbyist and
7 reportable under RCW 42.17A.425.

8 (3) Beginning January 1, 2017, each employer of a lobbyist shall
9 file reports using the electronic alternative provided by the
10 commission.

11 **Sec. 13.** RCW 42.17A.700 and 2010 c 204 s 901 are each amended to
12 read as follows:

13 (1) After January 1st and before April 15th of each year, every
14 elected official and every executive state officer shall file with
15 the commission a statement of financial affairs for the preceding
16 calendar year. However, any local elected official whose term of
17 office ends on December 31st shall file the statement required to be
18 filed by this section for the final year of his or her term.

19 (2) Within two weeks of becoming a candidate, every candidate
20 shall file with the commission a statement of financial affairs for
21 the preceding twelve months.

22 (3) Within two weeks of appointment, every person appointed to a
23 vacancy in an elective office or executive state officer position
24 shall file with the commission a statement of financial affairs for
25 the preceding twelve months.

26 (4) A statement of a candidate or appointee filed during the
27 period from January 1st to April 15th shall cover the period from
28 January 1st of the preceding calendar year to the time of candidacy
29 or appointment if the filing of the statement would relieve the
30 individual of a prior obligation to file a statement covering the
31 entire preceding calendar year.

32 (5) No individual may be required to file more than once in any
33 calendar year.

34 (6) Each statement of financial affairs filed under this section
35 shall be sworn as to its truth and accuracy.

36 (7) Every elected official and every executive state officer
37 shall file with their statement of financial affairs a statement
38 certifying that they have read and are familiar with RCW 42.17A.555
39 or 42.52.180, whichever is applicable.

1 (8) Beginning June 30, 2016, elected officials, executive state
2 officers, appointees, and candidates shall file personal financial
3 affairs statements by the electronic alternative provided by the
4 commission. The commission may make exceptions on a case-by-case
5 basis, for a person who demonstrates the technological inability to
6 file reports using the electronic means provided or approved by the
7 commission.

8 (9) For the purposes of this section, the term "executive state
9 officer" includes those listed in RCW 42.17A.705.

10 ~~((9))~~ (10) This section does not apply to incumbents or
11 candidates for a federal office or the office of precinct committee
12 officer.

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