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HOUSE BILL 2298

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By Representatives Thompson, Sheahan, McMorris, Sterk, Pelesky, Delvin, McMahan, Buck, Goldsmith, Hymes, Johnson, Hargrove and Carrell

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1 AN ACT Relating to use of public funds to pay dues to entities that  
2 support or oppose ballot propositions or candidates for public office;  
3 adding a new section to chapter 28A.150 RCW; adding a new section to  
4 chapter 35.21 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 36.01 RCW.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.150  
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 No public funds may be used to pay membership dues to a  
9 professional association or organization for any elected or appointed  
10 director, administrator, or principal or any other employee of a school  
11 district or educational service district, if the professional  
12 association or organization provides any financial support or provides  
13 use of facilities for or against any ballot proposition or candidate  
14 for public office. "Facilities" include, but are not limited to, use  
15 of stationery, postage, machines, and equipment, use of employees or  
16 volunteers during working hours, vehicles, office space, publications  
17 of the association or organization, and clientele lists of persons  
18 served by the association or organization.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    A new section is added to chapter 35.21 RCW  
2 to read as follows:

3        No public funds may be used to pay membership dues to a  
4 professional association or organization for any elected or appointed  
5 officer or official or any other employee of a city or town, if the  
6 professional association or organization provides any financial support  
7 or provides use of facilities for or against any ballot proposition or  
8 candidate for public office. "Facilities" include, but are not limited  
9 to, use of stationery, postage, machines, and equipment, use of  
10 employees or volunteers during working hours, vehicles, office space,  
11 publications of the association or organization, and clientele lists of  
12 persons served by the association or organization.

13        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**    A new section is added to chapter 36.01 RCW  
14 to read as follows:

15        No public funds may be used to pay membership dues to a  
16 professional association or organization for any elected or appointed  
17 officer or official or any other employee of a county, if the  
18 professional association or organization provides any financial support  
19 or provides use of facilities for or against any ballot proposition or  
20 candidate for public office. "Facilities" include, but are not limited  
21 to, use of stationery, postage, machines, and equipment, use of  
22 employees or volunteers during working hours, vehicles, office space,  
23 publications of the association or organization, and clientele lists of  
24 persons served by the association or organization.

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