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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "Sec. 1. RCW 42.17.130 and 1979 ex.s. c 265 s 2 are each amended
8 to read as follows:

9 (1) No elective official nor any employee of his or her office nor
10 any person appointed to or employed by any public office or agency may
11 use or authorize the use of any of the facilities of a public office or
12 agency, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of assisting a campaign
13 for election of any person to any office or for the promotion of or
14 opposition to any ballot proposition. Facilities of public office or
15 agency include, but are not limited to, use of stationery, postage,
16 machines, and equipment, use of employees of the office or agency
17 during working hours, vehicles, office space, publications of the
18 office or agency, and clientele lists of persons served by the office
19 or agency(~~(:—PROVIDED, That)~~). However, the foregoing provisions of
20 this section shall not apply to the following activities:

21 ~~((1))~~ (a) Action taken at an open public meeting by members of an
22 elected legislative body to express a collective decision, or to
23 actually vote upon a motion, proposal, resolution, order, or ordinance,
24 or to support or oppose a ballot proposition so long as ~~((a))~~ (i) any
25 required notice of the meeting includes the title and number of the
26 ballot proposition, and ~~((b))~~ (ii) members of the legislative body or
27 members of the public are afforded an approximately equal opportunity
28 for the expression of an opposing view;

29 ~~((2))~~ (b) A statement by an elected official in support of or in
30 opposition to any ballot proposition at an open press conference or in
31 response to a specific inquiry; or

32 ~~((3))~~ (c) Activities which are part of the normal and regular
33 conduct of the office or agency.

34 (2) No association, organization, or entity that derives more than
35 twenty-five percent of its income from dues, assessments, government
36 contracts, or membership fees paid with public funds may provide any

1 financial support or use of its facilities for or against a ballot
2 proposition or candidate for public office.

3 **Sec. 2.** RCW 36.32.350 and 1991 c 363 s 59 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 County legislative authorities may designate the Washington state
6 association of counties as a coordinating agency in the execution of
7 duties imposed by RCW 36.32.335 through 36.32.360 and reimburse the
8 association from county current expense funds in the county legislative
9 authority's budget for the costs of any such services rendered. No
10 reimbursement shall be made for contributions to political committees
11 or for funds used as political contributions. Such reimbursement shall
12 be paid on vouchers submitted to the county auditor and approved by the
13 county legislative authority in the manner provided for the
14 disbursement of other current expense funds and the vouchers shall set
15 forth the nature of the service rendered, supported by affidavit that
16 the service has actually been performed.

17 **Sec. 3.** RCW 36.47.040 and 1991 c 363 s 71 are each amended to read
18 as follows:

19 Each county which designates the Washington state association of
20 county officials as the agency through which the duties imposed by RCW
21 36.47.020 may be executed is authorized to reimburse the association
22 from the county current expense fund for the cost of any such services
23 rendered(~~(: PROVIDED, That)~~). However, no reimbursement shall be made
24 to the association for any expenses incurred under RCW 36.47.050 for
25 travel, meals, or lodging of such county officials, or their
26 representatives at such meetings, but such expenses may be paid by such
27 official's respective county as other expenses are paid for county
28 business. Such reimbursement shall be paid only on vouchers submitted
29 to the county auditor and approved by the legislative authority of each
30 county in the manner provided for the disbursement of other current
31 expense funds. Each such voucher shall set forth the nature of the
32 services rendered by the association, supported by affidavit that the
33 services were actually performed. No reimbursement shall be made for
34 contributions to political committees or for funds used as political
35 contributions."

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4 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "funds;" strike the remainder
5 of the title and insert "and amending RCW 42.17.130, 36.32.350, and
6 36.47.040."

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