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1 AN ACT Relating to limitations on contributions associated with
2 local government elective offices; adding new sections to chapter 42.17
3 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND MEMBERS OF A COUNTY
6 LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY IN A COUNTY WITH A POPULATION OF ONE MILLION OR
7 MORE. A new section is added to chapter 42.17 RCW to read as follows:

8 (1) A person other than a bona fide political party may not make
9 contributions to a candidate for a county elected position that in the
10 aggregate exceed one thousand dollars for each primary or general
11 election in which the candidate is on the ballot or appears as a
12 write-in candidate. Contributions made with respect to a primary may
13 not be made after the date of the primary. Contributions made with
14 respect to a general election may not be made after the final day of
15 the applicable election cycle.

16 (2) A person other than a bona fide political party may not make
17 contributions to a person serving in a county elected position against
18 whom recall charges have been filed, or to a political committee having
19 the expectation of making expenditures in support of the recall of the

1 official, during a recall campaign and for a period of up to thirty
2 days after the recall election that in the aggregate exceed one
3 thousand dollars.

4 (3) Notwithstanding subsections (1) and (2) of this section, the
5 combined contributions from a bona fide political party or county
6 central committee to a candidate for such a county elected position,
7 person serving in such a county elected position against whom recall
8 charges have been filed, or political committee having the expectation
9 of making expenditures in support of the recall of the official, during
10 an election cycle or during a recall campaign and for a period of up to
11 thirty days after the recall election, may not in the aggregate exceed
12 fifty cents multiplied by the number of eligible registered voters at
13 the last state general election in the jurisdiction from which the
14 candidate or official is elected.

15 (4) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, a
16 corporation or business entity not doing business in Washington state,
17 a labor union with fewer than ten members who reside in Washington
18 state, or a political committee that has not received contributions of
19 ten dollars or more from at least ten persons registered to vote in
20 Washington state during the preceding one hundred eighty days, may not
21 make contributions to a candidate for such a county elected position,
22 person serving in such a county elected position against whom recall
23 charges have been filed, or political committee having the expectation
24 of making expenditures in support of the recall of the official. This
25 subsection does not apply to loans made in the ordinary course of
26 business.

27 (5) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, a county
28 central committee may not make contributions to a candidate for such a
29 county elected position, person serving in such a county elected
30 position against whom recall charges have been filed, or political
31 committee having the expectation of making expenditures in support of
32 the recall of the official, if the county central committee is outside
33 the jurisdiction entitled to elect the candidate or official.

34 (6) For the purposes of the limitations in this section, a
35 contribution to the authorized committee of a candidate for such a
36 county elected position, or person serving in such a county elected
37 position against whom recall charges have been filed, is a contribution
38 to the candidate or official.

1 (7) A person may not accept contributions that exceed the
2 contribution limitations of this section.

3 (8) As used in this section, "county elected position" means a
4 county executive or member of a county legislative authority in a
5 county with a population of one million or more.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND MEMBERS OF A COUNTY
7 LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY IN A COUNTY WITH A POPULATION FROM FIVE HUNDRED
8 THOUSAND TO LESS THAN ONE MILLION. A new section is added to chapter
9 42.17 RCW to read as follows:

10 (1) A person other than a bona fide political party may not make
11 contributions to a candidate for a county elected position that in the
12 aggregate exceed seven hundred fifty dollars for each primary or
13 general election in which the candidate is on the ballot or appears as
14 a write-in candidate. Contributions made with respect to a primary may
15 not be made after the date of the primary. Contributions made with
16 respect to a general election may not be made after the final day of
17 the applicable election cycle.

18 (2) A person other than a bona fide political party may not make
19 contributions to a person serving in a county elected position against
20 whom recall charges have been filed, or to a political committee having
21 the expectation of making expenditures in support of the recall of the
22 official, during a recall campaign and for a period of up to thirty
23 days after the recall election that in the aggregate exceed seven
24 hundred fifty dollars.

25 (3) Notwithstanding subsections (1) and (2) of this section, the
26 combined contributions from a bona fide political party or county
27 central committee to a candidate for such a county elected position,
28 person serving in such a county elected position against whom recall
29 charges have been filed, or political committee having the expectation
30 of making expenditures in support of the recall of the official, during
31 an election cycle or during a recall campaign and for a period of up to
32 thirty days after the recall election, may not in the aggregate exceed
33 forty cents multiplied by the number of eligible registered voters at
34 the last state general election in the jurisdiction from which the
35 candidate or official is elected.

36 (4) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, a
37 corporation or business entity not doing business in Washington state,
38 a labor union with fewer than ten members who reside in Washington

1 state, or a political committee that has not received contributions of
2 ten dollars or more from at least ten persons registered to vote in
3 Washington state during the preceding one hundred eighty days, may not
4 make contributions to a candidate for such a county elected position,
5 person serving in such a county elected position against whom recall
6 charges have been filed, or political committee having the expectation
7 of making expenditures in support of the recall of the official. This
8 subsection does not apply to loans made in the ordinary course of
9 business.

10 (5) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, a county
11 central committee may not make contributions to a candidate for such a
12 county elected position, person serving in such a county elected
13 position against whom recall charges have been filed, or political
14 committee having the expectation of making expenditures in support of
15 the recall of the official, if the county central committee is outside
16 the jurisdiction entitled to elect the candidate or official.

17 (6) For the purposes of the limitations in this section, a
18 contribution to the authorized committee of a candidate for such a
19 county elected position, or person serving in such a county elected
20 position against whom recall charges have been filed, is a contribution
21 to the candidate or official.

22 (7) A person may not accept contributions that exceed the
23 contribution limitations of this section.

24 (8) As used in this section, "county elected position" means a
25 county executive or member of a county legislative authority in a
26 county with a population from five hundred thousand to less than one
27 million.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND MEMBER OF A COUNTY
29 LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY IN A COUNTY WITH A POPULATION LESS THAN FIVE
30 HUNDRED THOUSAND. A new section is added to chapter 42.17 RCW to read
31 as follows:

32 (1) A person other than a bona fide political party may not make
33 contributions to a candidate for a county elected position that in the
34 aggregate exceed five hundred dollars for each primary or general
35 election in which the candidate is on the ballot or appears as a
36 write-in candidate. Contributions made with respect to a primary may
37 not be made after the date of the primary. Contributions made with

1 respect to a general election may not be made after the final day of
2 the applicable election cycle.

3 (2) A person other than a bona fide political party may not make
4 contributions to a person serving in a county elected position against
5 whom recall charges have been filed, or to a political committee having
6 the expectation of making expenditures in support of the recall of the
7 official, during a recall campaign and for a period of up to thirty
8 days after the recall election that in the aggregate exceed five
9 hundred dollars.

10 (3) Notwithstanding subsections (1) and (2) of this section, the
11 combined contributions from a bona fide political party or county
12 central committee to a candidate for such a county elected position,
13 person serving in such a county elected position against whom recall
14 charges have been filed, or political committee having the expectation
15 of making expenditures in support of the recall of the official, during
16 an election cycle or during a recall campaign and for a period of up to
17 thirty days after the recall election, may not in the aggregate exceed
18 thirty cents multiplied by the number of eligible registered voters at
19 the last state general election in the jurisdiction from which the
20 candidate or official is elected.

21 (4) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, a
22 corporation or business entity not doing business in Washington state,
23 a labor union with fewer than ten members who reside in Washington
24 state, or a political committee that has not received contributions of
25 ten dollars or more from at least ten persons registered to vote in
26 Washington state during the preceding one hundred eighty days, may not
27 make contributions to a candidate for such a county elected position,
28 person serving in such a county elected position against whom recall
29 charges have been filed, or political committee having the expectation
30 of making expenditures in support of the recall of the official. This
31 subsection does not apply to loans made in the ordinary course of
32 business.

33 (5) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, a county
34 central committee may not make contributions to a candidate for such a
35 county elected position, person serving in such a county elected
36 position against whom recall charges have been filed, or political
37 committee having the expectation of making expenditures in support of
38 the recall of the official, if the county central committee is outside
39 the jurisdiction entitled to elect the candidate or official.

1 (6) For the purposes of the limitations in this section, a
2 contribution to the authorized committee of a candidate for such a
3 county elected position, or person serving in such a county elected
4 position against whom recall charges have been filed, is a contribution
5 to the candidate or official.

6 (7) A person may not accept contributions that exceed the
7 contribution limitations of this section.

8 (8) As used in this section, "county elected position" means a
9 county executive or member of a county legislative authority in a
10 county with a population less than five hundred thousand.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS OF A CITY WITH A
12 POPULATION OF FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND OR MORE. A new section is added to
13 chapter 42.17 RCW to read as follows:

14 (1) A person may not make contributions to a candidate for a city
15 elected position that in the aggregate exceed seven hundred fifty
16 dollars for each primary or general election in which the candidate is
17 on the ballot or appears as a write-in candidate. Contributions made
18 with respect to a primary may not be made after the date of the
19 primary. Contributions made with respect to a general election may not
20 be made after the final day of the applicable election cycle.

21 (2) A person may not make contributions to a person serving in a
22 city elected position against whom recall charges have been filed, or
23 to a political committee having the expectation of making expenditures
24 in support of the recall of the official, during a recall campaign and
25 for a period of up to thirty days after the recall election that in the
26 aggregate exceed seven hundred fifty dollars.

27 (3) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, a
28 corporation or business entity not doing business in Washington state,
29 a labor union with fewer than ten members who reside in Washington
30 state, or a political committee that has not received contributions of
31 ten dollars or more from at least ten persons registered to vote in
32 Washington state during the preceding one hundred eighty days, may not
33 make contributions to a candidate for such a city elected position,
34 person serving in such a city elected position against whom recall
35 charges have been filed, or political committee having the expectation
36 of making expenditures in support of the recall of the official. This
37 subsection does not apply to loans made in the ordinary course of
38 business.

1 (4) For the purposes of the limitations in this section, a
2 contribution to the authorized committee of a candidate for such a city
3 elected position, or person serving in such a city elected position
4 against whom recall charges have been filed, is a contribution to the
5 candidate or official.

6 (5) A person may not accept contributions that exceed the
7 contribution limitations of this section.

8 (6) As used in this section, "city elected position" means a mayor
9 or member of a city council in a city with a population of five hundred
10 thousand or more.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS OF A CITY WITH A
12 POPULATION LESS THAN FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND. A new section is added to
13 chapter 42.17 RCW to read as follows:

14 (1) A person may not make contributions to a candidate for a city
15 elected position that in the aggregate exceed five hundred dollars for
16 each primary or general election in which the candidate is on the
17 ballot or appears as a write-in candidate. Contributions made with
18 respect to a primary may not be made after the date of the primary.
19 Contributions made with respect to a general election may not be made
20 after the final day of the applicable election cycle.

21 (2) A person may not make contributions to a person serving in a
22 city elected position against whom recall charges have been filed, or
23 to a political committee having the expectation of making expenditures
24 in support of the recall of the official, during a recall campaign and
25 for a period of up to thirty days after the recall election that in the
26 aggregate exceed five hundred dollars.

27 (3) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, a
28 corporation or business entity not doing business in Washington state,
29 a labor union with fewer than ten members who reside in Washington
30 state, or a political committee that has not received contributions of
31 ten dollars or more from at least ten persons registered to vote in
32 Washington state during the preceding one hundred eighty days, may not
33 make contributions to a candidate for such a city elected position,
34 person serving in such a city elected position against whom recall
35 charges have been filed, or political committee having the expectation
36 of making expenditures in support of the recall of the official. This
37 subsection does not apply to loans made in the ordinary course of
38 business.

1 (4) For the purposes of the limitations in this section, a
2 contribution to the authorized committee of a candidate for such a city
3 elected position, or person serving in such a city elected position
4 against whom recall charges have been filed, is a contribution to the
5 candidate or official.

6 (5) A person may not accept contributions that exceed the
7 contribution limitations of this section.

8 (6) As used in this section, "city elected position" means a mayor
9 or member of a city council in a city with a population less than five
10 hundred thousand.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** PUBLIC UTILITY AND PORT DISTRICT
12 COMMISSIONERS. A new section is added to chapter 42.17 RCW to read as
13 follows:

14 (1) A person may not make contributions to a candidate for a public
15 utility or port district commissioner that in the aggregate exceed two
16 hundred fifty dollars for each primary or general election in which the
17 candidate is on the ballot or appears as a write-in candidate.
18 Contributions made with respect to a primary may not be made after the
19 date of the primary. Contributions made with respect to a general
20 election may not be made after the final day of the applicable election
21 cycle.

22 (2) A person may not make contributions to a person serving as a
23 public utility or port district commissioner against whom recall
24 charges have been filed, or to a political committee having the
25 expectation of making expenditures in support of the recall of the
26 commissioner, during a recall campaign and for a period of up to thirty
27 days after the recall election that in the aggregate exceed two hundred
28 fifty dollars.

29 (3) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, a
30 corporation or business entity not doing business in Washington state,
31 a labor union with fewer than ten members who reside in Washington
32 state, or a political committee that has not received contributions of
33 ten dollars or more from at least ten persons registered to vote in
34 Washington state during the preceding one hundred eighty days, may not
35 make contributions to a candidate for a public utility or port district
36 commissioner, person serving as a public utility or port district
37 commissioner against whom recall charges have been filed, or political
38 committee having the expectation of making expenditures in support of

1 the recall of the commissioner. This subsection does not apply to
2 loans made in the ordinary course of business.

3 (4) For the purposes of the limitations in this section, a
4 contribution to the authorized committee of a candidate for public
5 utility or port district commissioner, or person serving as a public
6 utility or port district commissioner against whom recall charges have
7 been filed, is a contribution to the candidate or commissioner.

8 (5) A person may not accept contributions that exceed the
9 contribution limitations of this section.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** Section captions used in this act are not
11 part of the law, and may be revised in codification.

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