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1 AN ACT Relating to making an appointment to inspect the books of
2 account of a political committee or a candidate committee; and
3 amending RCW 42.17A.235.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 42.17A.235 and 2011 c 60 s 23 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

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

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

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

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

18 (c) On the tenth day of each month in which no other reports are
19 required to be filed under this section only if the committee has
20 received a contribution or made an expenditure in the preceding
21 calendar month and either the total contributions received or total

1 expenditures made since the last such report exceed two hundred
2 dollars.

3 The report filed twenty-one days before the election shall report
4 all contributions received and expenditures made as of the end of one
5 business day before the date of the report. The report filed seven
6 days before the election shall report all contributions received and
7 expenditures made as of the end of one business day before the date
8 of the report. Reports filed on the tenth day of the month shall
9 report all contributions received and expenditures made from the
10 closing date of the last report filed through the last day of the
11 month preceding the date of the current report.

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

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

1 must be allowed at an authorized time and day for such inspections
2 that is within twenty-four hours of the time and day that is
3 requested for the inspection.

4 (b) At the time of making the appointment, a person wishing to
5 inspect the books of account must provide the treasurer the name and
6 telephone number of the person wishing to inspect the books of
7 account. The person inspecting the books of account must show photo
8 identification before the inspection begins.

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

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

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

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

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

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