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1 AN ACT Relating to clarification of restrictions on public
2 disclosure commission members' activities; and amending RCW 42.17.350.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 42.17.350 and 1984 c 287 s 74 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) There is hereby established a "public disclosure commission"
7 which shall be composed of five members who shall be appointed by the
8 governor, with the consent of the senate. All appointees shall be
9 persons of the highest integrity and qualifications. No more than
10 three members shall have an identification with the same political
11 party. ((The original members shall be appointed within sixty days
12 after January 1, 1973.))

13 (2) The term of each member shall be five years ((except that the
14 original five members shall serve initial terms of one, two, three,
15 four, and five years, respectively, as designated by the governor)).
16 No member is eligible for appointment to more than one full term. Any
17 member may be removed by the governor, but only upon grounds of neglect
18 of duty or misconduct in office.

1 (3) During his or her tenure, a member of the commission((-, during
2 his tenure, shall (1))) is prohibited from engaging in any of the
3 following activities, either within or outside the state of Washington:
4 (a) ((hold)) Holding or ((campaign)) campaigning for elective
5 office;

6 ((+2) be)) (b) Serving as an officer of any political party or
7 political committee;

8 ((+3) permit)) (c) Permitting his or her name to be used((, or
9 make)) in support of or in opposition to a candidate or proposition;

10 (d) Soliciting or making contributions((,)) to a candidate or in
11 support of or in opposition to any candidate or proposition;

12 ((+4) participate)) (e) Participating in any way in any election
13 campaign; or

14 ((+5) lobby or employ or assist)) (f) Lobbying, employing, or
15 assisting a lobbyist((: PROVIDED)), except that a member or the staff
16 of the commission may lobby to the limited extent permitted by RCW
17 42.17.190 on matters directly affecting this chapter. ((No member
18 shall be eligible for appointment to more than one full term.))

19 (4) A vacancy on the commission shall be filled within thirty days
20 of the vacancy by the governor, with the consent of the senate, and the
21 appointee shall serve for the remaining term of his or her predecessor.
22 A vacancy shall not impair the powers of the remaining members to
23 exercise all of the powers of the commission.

24 (5) Three members of the commission shall constitute a quorum. The
25 commission shall elect its own ((chairman)) chair and adopt its own
26 rules of procedure in the manner provided in chapter 34.05 RCW. ((Any
27 member of the commission may be removed by the governor, but only upon
28 grounds of neglect of duty or misconduct in office.))

29 (6) Members shall be compensated in accordance with RCW 43.03.250
30 and in addition shall be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred while
31 engaged in the business of the commission as provided in RCW 43.03.050
32 and 43.03.060. The compensation provided pursuant to this section
33 shall not be considered salary for purposes of the provisions of any
34 retirement system created pursuant to the general laws of this state.

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