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5 On page 13, after line 31, insert the following:

6 "Sec. 8. RCW 42.52.185 and 1997 c 320 s 1 are each amended to read
7 as follows:

8 (1) During the twelve-month period beginning on December 1st of the
9 year before a general election for a state legislator's election to
10 office and continuing through November 30th immediately after the
11 general election, the legislator may not mail, either by regular mail
12 or electronic mail, to a constituent at public expense a letter,
13 newsletter, brochure, or other piece of literature, except as follows:

14 (a) The legislator may mail two mailings of newsletters to
15 constituents. All newsletters within each mailing of newsletters must
16 be identical as to their content but not as to the constituent name or
17 address. One such mailing may be mailed no later than thirty days
18 after the start of a regular legislative session, except that a
19 legislator appointed during a regular legislative session to fill a
20 vacant seat may have up to thirty days from the date of appointment to
21 send out the first mailing. The other mailing may be mailed no later
22 than sixty days after the end of a regular legislative session.

23 (b) The legislator may mail an individual letter to (i) an
24 individual constituent who has contacted the legislator regarding the
25 subject matter of the letter during the legislator's current term of
26 office; (ii) an individual constituent who holds a governmental office
27 with jurisdiction over the subject matter of the letter; ~~((or))~~ (iii)
28 an individual constituent who has achieved an uncommon personal
29 milestone that is sufficiently infrequent to be noteworthy to a
30 reasonable person, including, but not limited to: (A) A fiftieth
31 wedding anniversary; and (B) a seventy-fifth birthday; (iv) an
32 individual constituent who has suffered the loss of an immediate family
33 member or who has become a new parent; or (v) an individual constituent
34 who has ~~((received))~~ achieved an award or honor of ~~((extraordinary))~~
35 uncommon distinction of a type that is sufficiently infrequent to be
36 noteworthy to a reasonable person, including, but not limited to: (A)

1 ((An international or national award such as the Nobel prize or the
2 Pulitzer prize)) Making a school honor roll; and (B) ((a state award
3 such as Washington scholar; (C) an Eagle Scout award; and (D) a Medal
4 of Honor)) winning a state sports championship.

5 (2) For purposes of subsection (1) of this section, "legislator"
6 means a legislator who is a "candidate," as defined by RCW 42.17.020,
7 for any public office.

8 (3) A violation of this section constitutes use of the facilities
9 of a public office for the purpose of assisting a campaign under RCW
10 42.52.180.

11 (4) The house of representatives and senate shall specifically
12 limit expenditures per member for the total cost of mailings. Those
13 costs include, but are not limited to, production costs, printing
14 costs, and postage costs. The limits imposed under this subsection
15 apply only to the total expenditures on mailings per member and not to
16 any categorical cost within the total.

17 (5) For purposes of this section, persons residing outside the
18 legislative district represented by the legislator are not considered
19 to be constituents, but students, military personnel, or others
20 temporarily employed outside of the district who normally reside in the
21 district are considered to be constituents."

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25 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "42.52.120," strike "and
26 42.52.010" and insert "42.52.010, and 42.52.185"

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