
SENATE BILL 6166

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1 AN ACT Relating to the use of credit cards for campaign
2 expenditures; amending RCW 42.17A.240 and 42.17A.425; and reenacting
3 and amending RCW 42.17A.210.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 42.17A.210 and 2010 c 205 s 2 and 2010 c 204 s 403 are
6 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

7 (1) Each candidate, within two weeks after becoming a candidate,
8 and each political committee, at the time it is required to file a
9 statement of organization, shall designate and file with the commission
10 the name and address of one legally competent individual, who may be
11 the candidate, to serve as a treasurer.

12 (2) A candidate, a political committee, or a treasurer may appoint
13 as many deputy treasurers as is considered necessary and shall file the
14 names and addresses of the deputy treasurers with the commission.

15 (3)(a) A candidate or political committee may at any time remove a
16 treasurer or deputy treasurer.

17 (b) In the event of the death, resignation, removal, or change of
18 a treasurer or deputy treasurer, the candidate or political committee

1 shall designate and file with the commission the name and address of
2 any successor.

3 (4) No treasurer or deputy treasurer may be deemed to be in
4 compliance with the provisions of this chapter until his or her name
5 and address is filed with the commission.

6 (5) On the day the treasurer is designated pursuant to subsection
7 (1) of this section, each candidate must declare whether he or she will
8 use a credit card for campaign expenditures.

9 **Sec. 2.** RCW 42.17A.240 and 2010 c 204 s 409 are each amended to
10 read as follows:

11 Each report required under RCW 42.17A.235 (1) and (2) must be
12 certified as correct by the treasurer and the candidate and shall
13 disclose the following:

14 (1) The funds on hand at the beginning of the period;

15 (2) The name and address of each person who has made one or more
16 contributions during the period, together with the money value and date
17 of each contribution and the aggregate value of all contributions
18 received from each person during the campaign, or in the case of a
19 continuing political committee, the current calendar year, with the
20 following exceptions:

21 (a) Pledges in the aggregate of less than one hundred dollars from
22 any one person need not be reported;

23 (b) Income that results from a fund-raising activity conducted in
24 accordance with RCW 42.17A.230 may be reported as one lump sum, with
25 the exception of that portion received from persons whose names and
26 addresses are required to be included in the report required by RCW
27 42.17A.230;

28 (c) Contributions of no more than twenty-five dollars in the
29 aggregate from any one person during the election campaign may be
30 reported as one lump sum if the treasurer maintains a separate and
31 private list of the name, address, and amount of each such contributor;
32 and

33 (d) The money value of contributions of postage shall be the face
34 value of the postage;

35 (3) Each loan, promissory note, or security instrument to be used
36 by or for the benefit of the candidate or political committee made by

1 any person, including the names and addresses of the lender and each
2 person liable directly, indirectly or contingently and the date and
3 amount of each such loan, promissory note, or security instrument;

4 (4) All other contributions not otherwise listed or exempted;

5 (5) The name and address of each candidate or political committee
6 to which any transfer of funds was made, including the amounts and
7 dates of the transfers;

8 (6) The name and address of each person to whom an expenditure was
9 made in the aggregate amount of more than fifty dollars during the
10 period covered by this report, the amount, date, and purpose of each
11 expenditure, whether a credit card was used to make each expenditure,
12 and the total sum of all expenditures;

13 (7) The name and address of each person directly compensated for
14 soliciting or procuring signatures on an initiative or referendum
15 petition, the amount of the compensation to each person, and the total
16 expenditures made for this purpose. Such expenditures shall be
17 reported under this subsection in addition to what is required to be
18 reported under subsection (6) of this section;

19 (8) The name and address of any person and the amount owed for any
20 debt, obligation, note, unpaid loan, or other liability in the amount
21 of more than two hundred fifty dollars or in the amount of more than
22 fifty dollars that has been outstanding for over thirty days;

23 (9) The credit card balance for campaign expenditures paid during
24 the period and sources of funds used to pay the credit card balance,
25 which shall be reported under this subsection in addition to what is
26 required to be reported under subsection (8) of this section;

27 (10) The surplus or deficit of contributions over expenditures;

28 ~~((+10))~~ (11) The disposition made in accordance with RCW
29 42.17A.430 of any surplus funds; and

30 ~~((+11))~~ (12) Any other information required by the commission by
31 rule in conformance with the policies and purposes of this chapter.

32 **Sec. 3.** RCW 42.17A.425 and 2010 c 204 s 605 are each amended to
33 read as follows:

34 (1) No expenditures may be made or incurred by any candidate or
35 political committee unless authorized by the candidate or the person or
36 persons named on the candidate's or committee's registration form. A
37 record of all such expenditures shall be maintained by the treasurer.

1 (2) No expenditure of more than fifty dollars may be made in
2 currency unless a receipt, signed by the recipient and by the candidate
3 or treasurer, is prepared and made a part of the campaign's or
4 political committee's financial records.

5 (3) No expenditures may be made by any candidate by credit card
6 unless the credit card balance for all campaign-related expenditures is
7 paid off in full within thirty days. Failure by a candidate or
8 committee to comply with this subsection is a violation of this
9 chapter.

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