

SSB 5388 - H COMM AMD

By Committee on State Government & Tribal Relations

NOT CONSIDERED 12/23/2019

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 42.17A
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
6 specific purpose, by September 1, 2019, the commission must develop
7 and provide a training course for individuals acting as treasurers or
8 deputy treasurers for candidates pursuant to RCW 42.17A.210. The
9 course must provide, at a minimum, a comprehensive overview of:

- 10 (a) The responsibilities of treasurers and deputy treasurers;
11 (b) The reporting requirements necessary for candidate compliance
12 with this chapter, including triggers and deadlines for reporting;
13 (c) Candidate campaign contribution limits and restrictions under
14 this chapter;
15 (d) The use of the commission's electronic filing system;
16 (e) The consequences for violation of this chapter; and
17 (f) Any other subjects or topics the commission deems necessary
18 for encouraging effective compliance with this chapter.

19 (2) The commission must make the course available to all
20 interested individuals no later than September 1, 2019. The course
21 must be provided in a format able to be used both in person and
22 remotely via the internet.

23 (3) The commission must determine the requirements for course
24 completion. Those individuals who complete the training course shall
25 be deemed "certified" by the commission and such certification shall
26 last five years from the date issued. The commission must develop a
27 system to track individuals' certification status.

28 (4) Beginning May 1, 2020, no individual, other than a candidate
29 for that office, may serve as a treasurer or deputy treasurer unless
30 the individual has been deemed certified by the commission pursuant
31 to this section within the past five years, or otherwise meets an
32 exception under RCW 42.17A.210(4)(b).

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

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

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

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

14 (b) In the event of the death, resignation, removal, or change of
15 a treasurer or deputy treasurer, the candidate or political committee
16 shall designate and file with the commission the name and address of
17 any successor.

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

21 (b) After May 1, 2020, no treasurer or deputy treasurer, other
22 than a candidate, may be deemed to be in compliance with the
23 provisions of this chapter until he or she is trained and currently
24 certified by the commission pursuant to section 1 of this act,
25 unless:

26 (i) The candidate or political committee does not expect to
27 receive contributions or make expenditures of more than five thousand
28 dollars;

29 (ii) The treasurer or deputy treasurer will not receive more than
30 nominal compensation for serving as treasurer or deputy treasurer; or

31 (iii) The treasurer or deputy treasurer is an actively licensed
32 certified public accountant with the Washington state board of
33 accountancy."

34 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Aligns provisions in the bill to allow, as an alternative
to being certified by the Public Disclosure Commission, a person to
serve as a treasurer or deputy treasurer if any of the following
criteria are met:

The candidate or political committee does not expect to receive
contributions or make expenditures of more than \$5,000;

The treasurer or deputy treasurer will not receive more than nominal compensation for serving; or

The treasurer or deputy treasurer is an actively licensed certified public accountant.

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