

HOUSE BILL 1247

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By Representatives Prince, Ferguson, Wynne, Jacobsen and Basich.

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1 AN ACT Relating to advance notice of political advertising; and
2 adding a new section to chapter 42.17 RCW.

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

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

6 A candidate for public office shall notify an opponent who will be
7 mentioned by name or inference in any campaign literature, media
8 advertising, letter, or press release, three days in advance of
9 publication. At least twenty-four hours before public distribution,
10 the candidate shall give the opponent written copies of the printed
11 materials or television and radio scripts.

12 An opponent, so notified, need not provide copies of his or her
13 response to the candidate unless he or she refers to the candidate in
14 the response. In that event, the responder shall include the following
15 statement in the response:

1 "This is a response to my opponent's comments in the
2 (flyer, brochure, letter, press release, or media
3 advertisement) regarding my (record, activities, or
4 beliefs)."