
HOUSE BILL 2801

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1 AN ACT Relating to restrictions on mailings by state legislators;
2 and amending RCW 42.17.132.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 42.17.132 and 1993 c 2 s 25 (Initiative Measure No.
5 134) are each amended to read as follows:

6 During the twelve-month period preceding the expiration of a state
7 legislator's term in office, no incumbent to that office may mail to a
8 constituent at public expense a letter, newsletter, brochure, or other
9 piece of literature that is not in direct response to that
10 constituent's request for a response or for information. A
11 constituent's contact of a legislator shall be deemed to be a request
12 for a response from that legislator, including contact by verbal
13 communication, letter, sign language, telegram, hot-line message,
14 telephone, E-mail, other methods of electronic communication, and other
15 normal means of communication. However, one mailing mailed within
16 thirty days after the start of a regular legislative session and one
17 mailing mailed within sixty days after the end of a regular legislative
18 session of identical newsletters to constituents are permitted. A

1 violation of this section constitutes use of the facilities of a public
2 office for the purpose of assisting a campaign under RCW 42.17.130.

3 The house of representatives and senate shall specifically limit
4 expenditures per member for the total cost of mailings, including but
5 not limited to production costs, printing costs, and postage.

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