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SENATE BILL 5524

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1 AN ACT Relating to reporting requirements for candidates, elected  
2 officials, and agencies in political subdivisions; and amending RCW  
3 42.17.405.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 42.17.405 and 1986 c 12 s 3 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 (1) Except as provided in subsections (2) and (3) of this section,  
8 the reporting provisions of this chapter do not apply to candidates,  
9 elected officials, and agencies in political subdivisions with less  
10 than (~~one thousand~~) two thousand five hundred registered voters as of  
11 the date of the most recent general election in the jurisdiction, to  
12 political committees formed to support or oppose candidates or ballot  
13 propositions in such political subdivisions, or to persons making  
14 independent expenditures in support of or opposition to such ballot  
15 propositions.

16 (2) The reporting provisions of this chapter apply in any exempt  
17 political subdivision from which a "petition for disclosure" containing  
18 the valid signatures of fifteen percent of the number of registered  
19 voters, as of the date of the most recent general election in the

1 political subdivision, is filed with the commission. The commission  
2 shall by rule prescribe the form of the petition. After the signatures  
3 are gathered, the petition shall be presented to the auditor or  
4 elections officer of the county, or counties, in which the political  
5 subdivision is located. The auditor or elections officer shall verify  
6 the signatures and certify to the commission that the petition contains  
7 no less than the required number of valid signatures. The commission,  
8 upon receipt of a valid petition, shall order every known affected  
9 person in the political subdivision to file the initially required  
10 statement and reports within fourteen days of the date of the order.

11 (3) The reporting provisions of this chapter apply in any exempt  
12 political subdivision that by ordinance, resolution, or other official  
13 action has petitioned the commission to make the provisions applicable  
14 to elected officials and candidates of the exempt political  
15 subdivision. A copy of the action shall be sent to the commission. If  
16 the commission finds the petition to be a valid action of the  
17 appropriate governing body or authority, the commission shall order  
18 every known affected person in the political subdivision to file the  
19 initially required statement and reports within fourteen days of the  
20 date of the order.

21 (4) The commission shall void any order issued by it pursuant to  
22 subsection (2) or (3) of this section when, at least four years after  
23 issuing the order, the commission is presented a petition or official  
24 action so requesting from the affected political subdivision. Such  
25 petition or official action shall meet the respective requirements of  
26 subsection (2) or (3) of this section.

27 (5) Any petition for disclosure, ordinance, resolution, or official  
28 action of an agency petitioning the commission to void the exemption in  
29 RCW 42.17.030(3) shall not be considered unless it has been filed with  
30 the commission:

31 (a) In the case of a ballot measure, at least sixty days before the  
32 date of any election in which campaign finance reporting is to be  
33 required;

34 (b) In the case of a candidate, at least sixty days before the  
35 first day on which a person may file a declaration of candidacy for any  
36 election in which campaign finance reporting is to be required.

1           (6) Any person exempted from reporting under this chapter may at  
2 his or her option file the statement and reports.

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