

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**HOUSE BILL 2575**

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55th Legislature  
1998 Regular Session

PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION--CLARIFICATION OF MEMBER RESTRICTIONS

EFFECTIVE DATE: 6/11/98

Passed by the House February 11, 1998  
Yeas 93 Nays 4

CLYDE BALLARD  
**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate March 2, 1998  
Yeas 27 Nays 20

IRV NEWHOUSE  
**President of the Senate**

Approved March 12, 1998

GARY LOCKE  
**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Timothy A. Martin, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 2575** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

TIMOTHY A. MARTIN  
**Chief Clerk**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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By Representatives Pennington, D. Schmidt, Lisk, Skinner, Honeyford,  
Carlson, Kessler and Mulliken

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Administration.

1            AN ACT Relating to clarification of restrictions on public  
2 disclosure commission members' activities; and amending RCW 42.17.350.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 42.17.350 and 1984 c 287 s 74 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            (1) There is hereby established a "public disclosure commission"  
7 which shall be composed of five members who shall be appointed by the  
8 governor, with the consent of the senate. All appointees shall be  
9 persons of the highest integrity and qualifications. No more than  
10 three members shall have an identification with the same political  
11 party. (~~The original members shall be appointed within sixty days  
12 after January 1, 1973.~~)

13            (2) The term of each member shall be five years (~~except that the  
14 original five members shall serve initial terms of one, two, three,  
15 four, and five years, respectively, as designated by the governor~~).  
16 No member is eligible for appointment to more than one full term. Any  
17 member may be removed by the governor, but only upon grounds of neglect  
18 of duty or misconduct in office.

1        (3) During his or her tenure, a member of the commission~~((, during~~  
2 ~~his tenure, shall (1)))~~ is prohibited from engaging in any of the  
3 following activities, either within or outside the state of Washington:

4        (a) ((hold)) Holding or ((campaign)) campaigning for elective  
5 office;

6        ~~((2) be))~~ (b) Serving as an officer of any political party or  
7 political committee;

8        ~~((3) permit))~~ (c) Permitting his or her name to be used~~((, or~~  
9 ~~make))~~ in support of or in opposition to a candidate or proposition;

10       (d) Soliciting or making contributions~~((,))~~ to a candidate or in  
11 support of or in opposition to any candidate or proposition;

12       ~~((4) participate))~~ (e) Participating in any way in any election  
13 campaign; or

14       ~~((5) lobby or employ or assist))~~ (f) Lobbying, employing, or  
15 assisting a lobbyist~~((: PROVIDED))~~, except that a member or the staff  
16 of the commission may lobby to the limited extent permitted by RCW  
17 42.17.190 on matters directly affecting this chapter. ((No member  
18 shall be eligible for appointment to more than one full term.))

19       (4) A vacancy on the commission shall be filled within thirty days  
20 of the vacancy by the governor, with the consent of the senate, and the  
21 appointee shall serve for the remaining term of his or her predecessor.  
22 A vacancy shall not impair the powers of the remaining members to  
23 exercise all of the powers of the commission.

24       (5) Three members of the commission shall constitute a quorum. The  
25 commission shall elect its own ~~((chairman))~~ chair and adopt its own  
26 rules of procedure in the manner provided in chapter 34.05 RCW. ((Any  
27 member of the commission may be removed by the governor, but only upon  
28 grounds of neglect of duty or misconduct in office.))

29       (6) Members shall be compensated in accordance with RCW 43.03.250  
30 and in addition shall be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred while  
31 engaged in the business of the commission as provided in RCW 43.03.050  
32 and 43.03.060. The compensation provided pursuant to this section  
33 shall not be considered salary for purposes of the provisions of any  
34 retirement system created pursuant to the general laws of this state.

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