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By Senators Fairley, Roach, Swecker, Oemig, Kline, Shin, and  
McDermott; by request of Public Disclosure Commission

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Operations & Elections.

1            AN ACT Relating to the time frame covered by the twenty-one day  
2 preelection campaign finance reports; and amending RCW 42.17.080.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 42.17.080 and 2006 c 344 s 30 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            (1) On the day the treasurer is designated, each candidate or  
7 political committee shall file with the commission and the county  
8 auditor or elections officer of the county in which the candidate  
9 resides, or in the case of a political committee, the county in which  
10 the treasurer resides, in addition to any statement of organization  
11 required under RCW 42.17.040 or 42.17.050, a report of all  
12 contributions received and expenditures made prior to that date, if  
13 any.

14            (2) At the following intervals each treasurer shall file with the  
15 commission and the county auditor or elections officer of the county in  
16 which the candidate resides, or in the case of a political committee,  
17 the county in which the committee maintains its office or headquarters,  
18 and if there is no office or headquarters then in the county in which

1 the treasurer resides, a report containing the information required by  
2 RCW 42.17.090:

3 (a) On the twenty-first day and the seventh day immediately  
4 preceding the date on which the election is held; and

5 (b) On the tenth day of the first month after the election; and

6 (c) On the tenth day of each month in which no other reports are  
7 required to be filed under this section: PROVIDED, That such report  
8 shall only be filed if the committee has received a contribution or  
9 made an expenditure in the preceding calendar month and either the  
10 total contributions received or total expenditures made since the last  
11 such report exceed two hundred dollars.

12 When there is no outstanding debt or obligation, and the campaign  
13 fund is closed, and the campaign is concluded in all respects, and in  
14 the case of a political committee, the committee has ceased to function  
15 and has dissolved, the treasurer shall file a final report. Upon  
16 submitting a final report, the duties of the treasurer shall cease and  
17 there shall be no obligation to make any further reports.

18 The report filed twenty-one days before the election shall report  
19 all contributions received and expenditures made as of the end of the  
20 (~~five~~) one business day before the date of the report. The report  
21 filed seven days before the election shall report all contributions  
22 received and expenditures made as of the end of the one business day  
23 before the date of the report. Reports filed on the tenth day of the  
24 month shall report all contributions received and expenditures made  
25 from the closing date of the last report filed through the last day of  
26 the month preceding the date of the current report.

27 (3) For the period beginning the first day of the fourth month  
28 preceding the date on which the special election is held, or for the  
29 period beginning the first day of the fifth month before the date on  
30 which the general election is held, and ending on the date of that  
31 special or general election, each Monday the treasurer shall file with  
32 the commission and the appropriate county elections officer a report of  
33 each bank deposit made during the previous seven calendar days. The  
34 report shall contain the name of each person contributing the funds so  
35 deposited and the amount contributed by each person. However,  
36 contributions of no more than twenty-five dollars in the aggregate from  
37 any one person may be deposited without identifying the contributor.  
38 A copy of the report shall be retained by the treasurer for his or her

1 records. In the event of deposits made by a deputy treasurer, the copy  
2 shall be forwarded to the treasurer for his or her records. Each  
3 report shall be certified as correct by the treasurer or deputy  
4 treasurer making the deposit.

5 (4) If a city requires that candidates or committees for city  
6 offices file reports with a city agency, the candidate or treasurer so  
7 filing need not also file the report with the county auditor or  
8 elections officer.

9 (5) The treasurer or candidate shall maintain books of account  
10 accurately reflecting all contributions and expenditures on a current  
11 basis within five business days of receipt or expenditure. During the  
12 eight days immediately preceding the date of the election the books of  
13 account shall be kept current within one business day. As specified in  
14 the committee's statement of organization filed under RCW 42.17.040,  
15 the books of account must be open for public inspection by appointment  
16 at the designated place for inspections between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.  
17 on any day from the eighth day immediately before the election through  
18 the day immediately before the election, other than Saturday, Sunday,  
19 or a legal holiday. It is a violation of this chapter for a candidate  
20 or political committee to refuse to allow and keep an appointment for  
21 an inspection to be conducted during these authorized times and days.  
22 The appointment must be allowed at an authorized time and day for such  
23 inspections that is within twenty-four hours of the time and day that  
24 is requested for the inspection.

25 (6) The treasurer or candidate shall preserve books of account,  
26 bills, receipts, and all other financial records of the campaign or  
27 political committee for not less than five calendar years following the  
28 year during which the transaction occurred.

29 (7) All reports filed pursuant to subsection (1) or (2) of this  
30 section shall be certified as correct by the candidate and the  
31 treasurer.

32 (8) Copies of all reports filed pursuant to this section shall be  
33 readily available for public inspection for at least two consecutive  
34 hours Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays, between 8:00  
35 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., as specified in the committee's statement of  
36 organization filed pursuant to RCW 42.17.040, at the principal  
37 headquarters or, if there is no headquarters, at the address of the  
38 treasurer or such other place as may be authorized by the commission.

1           (9) After January 1, 2002, a report that is filed with the  
2 commission electronically need not also be filed with the county  
3 auditor or elections officer.

4           (10) The commission shall adopt administrative rules establishing  
5 requirements for filer participation in any system designed and  
6 implemented by the commission for the electronic filing of reports.

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