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By House State Government & Tribal Relations (originally sponsored by Representatives Marshall, Barkis, Dufault, and Pollet)

1 AN ACT Relating to amending the timeline for reporting campaign
2 contributions and expenditures; amending RCW 42.17A.235, 29B.25.090,
3 42.17A.255, and 29B.25.120; providing an effective date; and
4 providing an expiration date.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 42.17A.235 and 2019 c 428 s 20 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (1)(a) In addition to the information required under RCW
9 42.17A.205 and 42.17A.210, each candidate or political committee must
10 file with the commission a report of all contributions received and
11 expenditures made as a political committee on the next reporting date
12 pursuant to the timeline established in this section.

13 (b) In addition to the information required under RCW 42.17A.207
14 and 42.17A.210, on the day an incidental committee files a statement
15 of organization with the commission, each incidental committee must
16 file with the commission a report of any election campaign
17 expenditures under RCW 42.17A.240(~~((+6))~~) (7), as well as the source
18 of the ten largest cumulative payments of ten thousand dollars or
19 greater it received in the current calendar year from a single
20 person, including any persons tied as the tenth largest source of
21 payments it received, if any.

1 (2) Each treasurer of a candidate or political committee, or an
2 incidental committee, required to file a statement of organization
3 under this chapter, shall file with the commission a report, for each
4 election in which a candidate, political committee, or incidental
5 committee is participating, containing the information required by
6 RCW 42.17A.240 at the following intervals:

7 (a) On the ((~~twenty-first~~)) 20th day and the ((~~seventh~~)) sixth
8 day immediately preceding the date on which the election is held; and

9 (b) On the tenth day of the first full month after the election.

10 (3)(a) Each treasurer of a candidate or political committee shall
11 file with the commission a report on the tenth day of each month
12 during which the candidate or political committee is not
13 participating in an election campaign, only if the committee has
14 received a contribution or made an expenditure in the preceding
15 calendar month and either the total contributions received or total
16 expenditures made since the last such report exceed two hundred
17 dollars.

18 (b) Each incidental committee shall file with the commission a
19 report on the tenth day of each month during which the incidental
20 committee is not otherwise required to report under this section only
21 if the committee has:

22 (i) Received a payment that would change the information required
23 under RCW 42.17A.240(2)(d) as included in its last report; or

24 (ii) Made any election campaign expenditure reportable under RCW
25 42.17A.240((~~6~~)) (7) since its last report, and the total election
26 campaign expenditures made since the last report exceed two hundred
27 dollars.

28 (4) The report filed ((~~twenty-one~~)) 20 days before the election
29 shall report all contributions received and expenditures made as of
30 the end of ((~~one~~)) two business days before the date of the report.
31 The report filed ((~~seven~~)) six days before the election shall report
32 all contributions received and expenditures made as of the end of
33 ((~~one~~)) two business days before the date of the report. Reports
34 filed on the tenth day of the month shall report all contributions
35 received and expenditures made from the closing date of the last
36 report filed through the last day of the month preceding the date of
37 the current report.

38 (5) For the period beginning the first day of the fourth month
39 preceding the date of the special election, or for the period
40 beginning the first day of the fifth month before the date of the

1 general election, and ending on the date of that special or general
2 election, each Monday the treasurer for a candidate or a political
3 committee shall file with the commission a report of each bank
4 deposit made during the previous seven calendar days. The report
5 shall contain the name of each person contributing the funds and the
6 amount contributed by each person. However, persons who contribute no
7 more than twenty-five dollars in the aggregate are not required to be
8 identified in the report. A copy of the report shall be retained by
9 the treasurer for the treasurer's records. In the event of deposits
10 made by candidates, political committee members, or paid staff other
11 than the treasurer, the copy shall be immediately provided to the
12 treasurer for the treasurer's records. Each report shall be certified
13 as correct by the treasurer.

14 (6)(a) The treasurer for a candidate or a political committee
15 shall maintain books of account accurately reflecting all
16 contributions and expenditures on a current basis within five
17 business days of receipt or expenditure. During the ten calendar days
18 immediately preceding the date of the election the books of account
19 shall be kept current within one business day. As specified in the
20 political committee's statement of organization filed under RCW
21 42.17A.205, the books of account must be open for public inspection
22 by appointment at a place agreed upon by both the treasurer and the
23 requestor, for inspections between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on any day
24 from the tenth calendar day immediately before the election through
25 the day immediately before the election, other than Saturday, Sunday,
26 or a legal holiday. It is a violation of this chapter for a candidate
27 or political committee to refuse to allow and keep an appointment for
28 an inspection to be conducted during these authorized times and days.
29 The appointment must be allowed at an authorized time and day for
30 such inspections that is within forty-eight hours of the time and day
31 that is requested for the inspection. The treasurer may provide
32 digital access or copies of the books of account in lieu of
33 scheduling an appointment at a designated place for inspection. If
34 the treasurer and requestor are unable to agree on a location and the
35 treasurer has not provided digital access to the books of account,
36 the default location for an appointment shall be a place of public
37 accommodation selected by the treasurer within a reasonable distance
38 from the treasurer's office.

39 (b) At the time of making the appointment, a person wishing to
40 inspect the books of account must provide the treasurer the name and

1 telephone number of the person wishing to inspect the books of
2 account. The person inspecting the books of account must show photo
3 identification before the inspection begins.

4 (c) A treasurer may refuse to show the books of account to any
5 person who does not make an appointment or provide the required
6 identification. The commission may issue limited rules to modify the
7 requirements set forth in this section in consideration of other
8 technology and best practices.

9 (7) Copies of all reports filed pursuant to this section shall be
10 readily available for public inspection by appointment, pursuant to
11 subsection (6) of this section.

12 (8) The treasurer or candidate shall preserve books of account,
13 bills, receipts, and all other financial records of the campaign or
14 political committee for not less than five calendar years following
15 the year during which the transaction occurred or for any longer
16 period as otherwise required by law.

17 (9) All reports filed pursuant to subsection (1) or (2) of this
18 section shall be certified as correct by the candidate and the
19 treasurer.

20 (10) Where there is not a pending complaint concerning a report,
21 it is not evidence of a violation of this section to submit an
22 amended report within twenty-one days of filing an initial report if:

23 (a) The report is accurately amended;

24 (b) The amended report is filed more than thirty days before an
25 election;

26 (c) The total aggregate dollar amount of the adjustment for the
27 amended report is within three times the contribution limit per
28 election or two hundred dollars, whichever is greater; and

29 (d) The committee reported all information that was available to
30 it at the time of filing, or made a good faith effort to do so, or if
31 a refund of a contribution or expenditure is being reported.

32 (11)(a) When there is no outstanding debt or obligation, the
33 campaign fund is closed, the campaign is concluded in all respects,
34 and the political committee has ceased to function and intends to
35 dissolve, the treasurer shall file a final report. Upon submitting a
36 final report, the political committee so intending to dissolve must
37 file notice of intent to dissolve with the commission and the
38 commission must post the notice on its website.

39 (b) Any political committee may dissolve sixty days after it
40 files its notice to dissolve, only if:

1 (i) The political committee does not make any expenditures other
2 than those related to the dissolution process or engage in any
3 political activity or any other activities that generate additional
4 reporting requirements under this chapter after filing such notice;

5 (ii) No complaint or court action under this chapter is pending
6 against the political committee; and

7 (iii) All penalties assessed by the commission or court order
8 have been paid by the political committee.

9 (c) The political committee must continue to report regularly as
10 required under this chapter until all the conditions under (b) of
11 this subsection are resolved.

12 (d) Upon dissolution, the commission must issue an acknowledgment
13 of dissolution, the duties of the treasurer shall cease, and there
14 shall be no further obligations under this chapter. Dissolution does
15 not absolve the candidate or board of the committee from
16 responsibility for any future obligations resulting from the finding
17 after dissolution of a violation committed prior to dissolution.

18 (12) The commission must adopt rules for the dissolution of
19 incidental committees.

20 **Sec. 2.** RCW 29B.25.090 and 2024 c 164 s 426 are each amended to
21 read as follows:

22 (1)(a) In addition to the information required under RCW
23 29B.25.020 and 29B.25.040, each candidate or political committee must
24 file with the commission a report of all contributions received and
25 expenditures made as a political committee on the next reporting date
26 pursuant to the timeline established in this section.

27 (b) In addition to the information required under RCW 29B.25.030
28 and 29B.25.040, on the day an incidental committee files a statement
29 of organization with the commission, each incidental committee must
30 file with the commission a report of any election campaign
31 expenditures under RCW 29B.25.100(7), as well as the source of the 10
32 largest cumulative payments of ten thousand dollars or greater it
33 received in the current calendar year from a single person, including
34 any persons tied as the 10th largest source of payments it received,
35 if any.

36 (2) Each treasurer of a candidate or political committee, or an
37 incidental committee, required to file a statement of organization
38 under this title, shall file with the commission a report, for each
39 election in which a candidate, political committee, or incidental

committee is participating, containing the information required by RCW 29B.25.100 at the following intervals:

(a) On the (~~(21st)~~) 20th day and the (~~(seventh)~~) sixth day immediately preceding the date on which the election is held; and

(b) On the 10th day of the first full month after the election.

(3)(a) Each treasurer of a candidate or political committee shall file with the commission a report on the 10th day of each month during which the candidate or political committee is not participating in an election campaign, only if the committee has received a contribution or made an expenditure in the preceding calendar month and either the total contributions received or total expenditures made since the last such report exceed two hundred dollars.

(b) Each incidental committee shall file with the commission a report on the 10th day of each month during which the incidental committee is not otherwise required to report under this section only if the committee has:

(i) Received a payment that would change the information required under RCW 29B.25.100(2)(d) as included in its last report; or

(ii) Made any election campaign expenditure reportable under RCW 29B.25.100(7) since its last report, and the total election campaign expenditures made since the last report exceed two hundred dollars.

(4) The report filed (~~(21)~~) 20 days before the election shall report all contributions received and expenditures made as of the end of (~~(one)~~) two business days before the date of the report. The report filed (~~(seven)~~) six days before the election shall report all contributions received and expenditures made as of the end of (~~(one)~~) two business days before the date of the report. Reports filed on the 10th day of the month shall report all contributions received and expenditures made from the closing date of the last report filed through the last day of the month preceding the date of the current report.

(5) For the period beginning the first day of the fourth month preceding the date of the special election, or for the period beginning the first day of the fifth month before the date of the general election, and ending on the date of that special or general election, each Monday the treasurer for a candidate or a political committee shall file with the commission a report of each bank deposit made during the previous seven calendar days. The report shall contain the name of each person contributing the funds and the

1 amount contributed by each person. However, persons who contribute no
2 more than twenty-five dollars in the aggregate are not required to be
3 identified in the report. A copy of the report shall be retained by
4 the treasurer for the treasurer's records. In the event of deposits
5 made by candidates, political committee members, or paid staff other
6 than the treasurer, the copy shall be immediately provided to the
7 treasurer for the treasurer's records. Each report shall be certified
8 as correct by the treasurer.

9 (6)(a) The treasurer for a candidate or a political committee
10 shall maintain books of account accurately reflecting all
11 contributions and expenditures on a current basis within five
12 business days of receipt or expenditure. During the 10 calendar days
13 immediately preceding the date of the election the books of account
14 shall be kept current within one business day. As specified in the
15 political committee's statement of organization filed under RCW
16 29B.25.020, the books of account must be open for public inspection
17 by appointment at a place agreed upon by both the treasurer and the
18 requestor, for inspections between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on any day
19 from the 10th calendar day immediately before the election through
20 the day immediately before the election, other than Saturday, Sunday,
21 or a legal holiday. It is a violation of this title for a candidate
22 or political committee to refuse to allow and keep an appointment for
23 an inspection to be conducted during these authorized times and days.
24 The appointment must be allowed at an authorized time and day for
25 such inspections that is within 48 hours of the time and day that is
26 requested for the inspection. The treasurer may provide digital
27 access or copies of the books of account in lieu of scheduling an
28 appointment at a designated place for inspection. If the treasurer
29 and requestor are unable to agree on a location and the treasurer has
30 not provided digital access to the books of account, the default
31 location for an appointment shall be a place of public accommodation
32 selected by the treasurer within a reasonable distance from the
33 treasurer's office.

34 (b) At the time of making the appointment, a person wishing to
35 inspect the books of account must provide the treasurer the name and
36 telephone number of the person wishing to inspect the books of
37 account. The person inspecting the books of account must show photo
38 identification before the inspection begins.

39 (c) A treasurer may refuse to show the books of account to any
40 person who does not make an appointment or provide the required

1 identification. The commission may issue limited rules to modify the
2 requirements set forth in this section in consideration of other
3 technology and best practices.

4 (7) Copies of all reports filed pursuant to this section shall be
5 readily available for public inspection by appointment, pursuant to
6 subsection (6) of this section.

7 (8) The treasurer or candidate shall preserve books of account,
8 bills, receipts, and all other financial records of the campaign or
9 political committee for not less than five calendar years following
10 the year during which the transaction occurred or for any longer
11 period as otherwise required by law.

12 (9) All reports filed pursuant to subsection (1) or (2) of this
13 section shall be certified as correct by the candidate and the
14 treasurer.

15 (10) Where there is not a pending complaint concerning a report,
16 it is not evidence of a violation of this section to submit an
17 amended report within 21 days of filing an initial report if:

18 (a) The report is accurately amended;

19 (b) The amended report is filed more than 30 days before an
20 election;

21 (c) The total aggregate dollar amount of the adjustment for the
22 amended report is within three times the contribution limit per
23 election or two hundred dollars, whichever is greater; and

24 (d) The committee reported all information that was available to
25 it at the time of filing, or made a good faith effort to do so, or if
26 a refund of a contribution or expenditure is being reported.

27 (11)(a) When there is no outstanding debt or obligation, the
28 campaign fund is closed, the campaign is concluded in all respects,
29 and the political committee has ceased to function and intends to
30 dissolve, the treasurer shall file a final report. Upon submitting a
31 final report, the political committee so intending to dissolve must
32 file notice of intent to dissolve with the commission and the
33 commission must post the notice on its website.

34 (b) Any political committee may dissolve 60 days after it files
35 its notice to dissolve, only if:

36 (i) The political committee does not make any expenditures other
37 than those related to the dissolution process or engage in any
38 political activity or any other activities that generate additional
39 reporting requirements under this title after filing such notice;

1 (ii) No complaint or court action under this title is pending
2 against the political committee; and

3 (iii) All penalties assessed by the commission or court order
4 have been paid by the political committee.

5 (c) The political committee must continue to report regularly as
6 required under this title until all the conditions under (b) of this
7 subsection are resolved.

8 (d) Upon dissolution, the commission must issue an acknowledgment
9 of dissolution, the duties of the treasurer shall cease, and there
10 shall be no further obligations under this title. Dissolution does
11 not absolve the candidate or board of the committee from
12 responsibility for any future obligations resulting from the finding
13 after dissolution of a violation committed prior to dissolution.

14 (12) The commission must adopt rules for the dissolution of
15 incidental committees.

16 **Sec. 3.** RCW 42.17A.255 and 2020 c 152 s 5 are each amended to
17 read as follows:

18 (1) For the purposes of this section the term "independent
19 expenditure" means any expenditure that is made in support of or in
20 opposition to any candidate or ballot proposition and is not
21 otherwise required to be reported pursuant to RCW 42.17A.225,
22 42.17A.235, and 42.17A.240. "Independent expenditure" does not
23 include: An internal political communication primarily limited to the
24 contributors to a political party organization or political action
25 committee, or the officers, management staff, and stockholders of a
26 corporation or similar enterprise, or the members of a labor
27 organization or other membership organization; or the rendering of
28 personal services of the sort commonly performed by volunteer
29 campaign workers, or incidental expenses personally incurred by
30 volunteer campaign workers not in excess of fifty dollars personally
31 paid for by the worker. "Volunteer services," for the purposes of
32 this section, means services or labor for which the individual is not
33 compensated by any person.

34 (2) Within five days after the date of making an independent
35 expenditure that by itself or when added to all other such
36 independent expenditures made during the same election campaign by
37 the same person equals one hundred dollars or more, or within five
38 days after the date of making an independent expenditure for which no
39 reasonable estimate of monetary value is practicable, whichever

1 occurs first, the person who made the independent expenditure shall
2 file with the commission an initial report of all independent
3 expenditures made during the campaign prior to and including such
4 date.

5 (3) At the following intervals each person who is required to
6 file an initial report pursuant to subsection (2) of this section
7 shall file with the commission a further report of the independent
8 expenditures made since the date of the last report:

9 (a) On the ((~~twenty-first~~)) 20th day and the ((~~seventh~~)) sixth
10 day preceding the date on which the election is held; and

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

12 (c) On the tenth day of each month in which no other reports are
13 required to be filed pursuant to this section. However, the further
14 reports required by this subsection (3) shall only be filed if the
15 reporting person has made an independent expenditure since the date
16 of the last previous report filed.

17 The report filed pursuant to (a) of this subsection (3) shall be
18 the final report, and upon submitting such final report the duties of
19 the reporting person shall cease, and there shall be no obligation to
20 make any further reports.

21 (4) All reports filed pursuant to this section shall be certified
22 as correct by the reporting person.

23 (5) Each report required by subsections (2) and (3) of this
24 section shall disclose for the period beginning at the end of the
25 period for the last previous report filed or, in the case of an
26 initial report, beginning at the time of the first independent
27 expenditure, and ending not more than ((~~one~~)) two business ((~~day~~))
28 days before the date the report is due:

29 (a) The name, address, and electronic contact information of the
30 person filing the report;

31 (b) The name and address of each person to whom an independent
32 expenditure was made in the aggregate amount of more than fifty
33 dollars, and the amount, date, and purpose of each such expenditure.
34 If no reasonable estimate of the monetary value of a particular
35 independent expenditure is practicable, it is sufficient to report
36 instead a precise description of services, property, or rights
37 furnished through the expenditure and where appropriate to attach a
38 copy of the item produced or distributed by the expenditure;

39 (c) The total sum of all independent expenditures made during the
40 campaign to date;

(d) A statement from the person making an independent expenditure that:

(i) The expenditure is not financed in any part by a foreign national; and

(ii) Foreign nationals are not involved in making decisions regarding the expenditure in any way; and

(e) Such other information as shall be required by the commission by rule in conformance with the policies and purposes of this chapter.

Sec. 4. RCW 29B.25.120 and 2024 c 164 s 429 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) For the purposes of this section the term "independent expenditure" means any expenditure that is made in support of or in opposition to any candidate or ballot proposition and is not otherwise required to be reported pursuant to RCW 29B.25.070, 29B.25.090, and 29B.25.100. "Independent expenditure" does not include: An internal political communication primarily limited to the contributors to a political party organization or political action committee, or the officers, management staff, and stockholders of a corporation or similar enterprise, or the members of a labor organization or other membership organization; or the rendering of personal services of the sort commonly performed by volunteer campaign workers, or incidental expenses personally incurred by volunteer campaign workers not in excess of fifty dollars personally paid for by the worker. "Volunteer services," for the purposes of this section, means services or labor for which the individual is not compensated by any person.

(2) Within five days after the date of making an independent expenditure that by itself or when added to all other such independent expenditures made during the same election campaign by the same person equals one hundred dollars or more, or within five days after the date of making an independent expenditure for which no reasonable estimate of monetary value is practicable, whichever occurs first, the person who made the independent expenditure shall file with the commission an initial report of all independent expenditures made during the campaign prior to and including such date.

(3) At the following intervals each person who is required to file an initial report pursuant to subsection (2) of this section

1 shall file with the commission a further report of the independent
2 expenditures made since the date of the last report:

3 (a) On the (~~(21st)~~) 20th day and the (~~(seventh)~~) sixth day
4 preceding the date on which the election is held; and

5 (b) On the 10th day of the first month after the election; and

6 (c) On the 10th day of each month in which no other reports are
7 required to be filed pursuant to this section. However, the further
8 reports required by this subsection (3) shall only be filed if the
9 reporting person has made an independent expenditure since the date
10 of the last previous report filed.

11 The report filed pursuant to (a) of this subsection (3) shall be
12 the final report, and upon submitting such final report the duties of
13 the reporting person shall cease, and there shall be no obligation to
14 make any further reports.

15 (4) All reports filed pursuant to this section shall be certified
16 as correct by the reporting person.

17 (5) Each report required by subsections (2) and (3) of this
18 section shall disclose for the period beginning at the end of the
19 period for the last previous report filed or, in the case of an
20 initial report, beginning at the time of the first independent
21 expenditure, and ending not more than (~~(one)~~) two business (~~(day)~~)
22 days before the date the report is due:

23 (a) The name, address, and electronic contact information of the
24 person filing the report;

25 (b) The name and address of each person to whom an independent
26 expenditure was made in the aggregate amount of more than fifty
27 dollars, and the amount, date, and purpose of each such expenditure.
28 If no reasonable estimate of the monetary value of a particular
29 independent expenditure is practicable, it is sufficient to report
30 instead a precise description of services, property, or rights
31 furnished through the expenditure and where appropriate to attach a
32 copy of the item produced or distributed by the expenditure;

33 (c) The total sum of all independent expenditures made during the
34 campaign to date;

35 (d) A statement from the person making an independent expenditure
36 that:

37 (i) The expenditure is not financed in any part by a foreign
38 national; and

39 (ii) Foreign nationals are not involved in making decisions
40 regarding the expenditure in any way; and

1 (e) Such other information as shall be required by the commission
2 by rule in conformance with the policies and purposes of this title.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Sections 1 and 3 of this act expire
4 January 1, 2026.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Sections 2 and 4 of this act take effect
6 January 1, 2026.

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