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1 AN ACT Relating to special reports for campaign contributions;
2 amending RCW 42.17.105 and 42.17.175; and prescribing penalties.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 42.17.105 and 1989 c 280 s 11 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Campaign treasurers shall prepare and deliver to the commission
7 a special report regarding any contribution or aggregate of
8 contributions which: ~~((a))~~ Exceeds five hundred dollars; ~~((b))~~ is
9 from a single person or entity; ~~((c))~~ and is received ~~((before a~~
10 ~~primary or general election; and~~

11 ~~(d) Is received: (i) After the period covered by the last report~~
12 ~~required by RCW 42.17.080 and 42.17.090 to be filed before that~~
13 ~~primary; or (ii) within twenty-one days preceding that general~~
14 ~~election)) during a special reporting period.~~

1 ~~((2))~~ Any political committee making a contribution or an
2 aggregate of contributions to a single entity which exceeds five
3 hundred dollars shall also prepare and deliver to the commission the
4 special report if the contribution or aggregate of contributions is
5 made ~~((before a primary or general election and:—(a)))~~ during a
6 special reporting period.

7 For the purposes of subsections (1) through (7) of this section:

8 (a) Each of the following intervals is a special reporting period:

9 (i) The interval beginning after the period covered by the last report
10 required by RCW 42.17.080 and 42.17.090 to be filed before ~~((that))~~ a
11 primary and concluding on the end of the day before that primary; ~~((or~~
12 ~~(b) within))~~ and (ii) the interval composed of the twenty-one days
13 preceding ~~((that))~~ a general election; and

14 (b) An aggregate of contributions includes only those contributions
15 received from a single entity during any one special reporting period
16 or made by the contributing political committee to a single entity
17 during any one special reporting period.

18 (2) If a campaign treasurer files a special report under this
19 section for one or more contributions received from a single entity
20 during a special reporting period, the treasurer shall also file a
21 special report under this section for each subsequent contribution of
22 any size which is received from that entity during the special
23 reporting period. If a political committee files a special report
24 under this section for a contribution or contributions made to a single
25 entity during a special reporting period, the political committee shall
26 also file a special report for each subsequent contribution of any size
27 which is made to that entity during the special reporting period.

28 (3) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, the
29 special report required by this section shall be delivered in written
30 form, including but not limited to mailgram, telegram, or nightletter.

1 The special report required of a contribution recipient by subsection
2 (1) of this section shall be delivered to the commission within forty-
3 eight hours of the time, or on the first working day after(~~(7)~~): The
4 contribution exceeding five hundred dollars is received by the
5 candidate or (~~(campaign)~~) treasurer; the aggregate received by the
6 candidate or treasurer first exceeds five hundred dollars; or the
7 subsequent contribution that must be reported under subsection (2) of
8 this section is received by the candidate or treasurer. The special
9 report required of a contributor by subsection (~~(+2)~~) (1) of this
10 section (~~(and)~~) or RCW 42.17.175 shall be delivered to the commission,
11 and the candidate or political committee to whom the contribution
12 (~~(is)~~) or contributions are made, within twenty-four hours of the time,
13 or on the first working day after(~~(7)~~): The contribution is made; the
14 aggregate of contributions made first exceeds five hundred dollars; or
15 the subsequent contribution that must be reported under subsection (2)
16 of this section is made.

17 (4) The special report may be transmitted orally by telephone to
18 the commission to satisfy the delivery period required by subsection
19 (3) of this section if the written form of the report is also mailed to
20 the commission and postmarked within the delivery period established in
21 subsection (3) of this section.

22 (5) The special report shall include at least:

23 (a) The amount of the contribution or contributions;

24 (b) The date or dates of receipt;

25 (c) The name and address of the donor;

26 (d) The name and address of the recipient; and

27 (e) Any other information the commission may by rule require.

28 (6) Contributions reported under this section shall also be
29 reported as required by other provisions of this chapter.

1 (7) The commission shall publish daily a summary of the special
2 reports made under this section and RCW 42.17.175.

3 (8) It is a violation of this chapter for any person to make, or
4 for any candidate or political committee to accept from any one person,
5 contributions reportable under RCW 42.17.090 in the aggregate exceeding
6 fifty thousand dollars for any campaign for state-wide office or
7 exceeding five thousand dollars for any other campaign subject to the
8 provisions of this chapter within twenty-one days of a general
9 election. This subsection does not apply to contributions made by, or
10 accepted from, a major Washington state political party as defined in
11 RCW 29.01.090.

12 (9) Contributions governed by this section include, but are not
13 limited to, contributions made or received indirectly through a third
14 party or entity whether the contributions are or are not reported to
15 the commission as earmarked contributions under RCW 42.17.135.

16 **Sec. 2.** RCW 42.17.175 and 1985 c 359 s 2 are each amended to read
17 as follows:

18 Any lobbyist registered under RCW 42.17.150, any person who
19 lobbies, and any lobbyist's employer making a contribution or an
20 aggregate of contributions to a single entity that exceeds five hundred
21 dollars during a special reporting period before a primary or general
22 election, as such period is specified in RCW 42.17.105(1), shall file
23 ((a)) one or more special reports for the contribution or aggregate of
24 contributions and for subsequent contributions made during that period
25 under the same circumstances and to the same extent that a contributing
26 political committee must file such a report or reports under RCW
27 42.17.105. Such a special report shall be filed in the same manner
28 provided under RCW 42.17.105 ((if the contribution is made before a
29 primary or general election and: (1) After the period covered by the

1 ~~last report required by RCW 42.17.080 and 42.17.090 to be filed before~~
2 ~~that primary; or (2) within twenty one days preceding that general~~
3 ~~election)) for a special report of a contributing political committee.~~