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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5537**

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**State of Washington**

**62nd Legislature**

**2011 Regular Session**

**By** Senate Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections  
(originally sponsored by Senators White and Prentice)

READ FIRST TIME 02/18/11.

1 AN ACT Relating to soliciting or accepting campaign contributions;  
2 reenacting and amending RCW 42.17.710 and 42.17A.560; providing an  
3 effective date; and providing an expiration date.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 42.17.710 and 2006 c 348 s 5 and 2006 c 344 s 31 are  
6 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

7 (1) During the period beginning on the thirtieth day before the  
8 date a regular legislative session convenes and continuing through the  
9 date of final adjournment, and during the period beginning on the date  
10 a special legislative session convenes and continuing through the date  
11 that session adjourns, no state official or a person employed by or  
12 acting on behalf of a state official or state legislator may solicit or  
13 accept contributions to a public office fund, to a candidate or  
14 authorized committee, or to retire a campaign debt. Contributions  
15 received through the mail after the thirtieth day before a regular  
16 legislative session may be accepted if the contribution is postmarked  
17 prior to the thirtieth day before the session.

18 (2) The restrictions of this section also apply to any incumbent of

1 a local elected office who has filed for a state office, or persons  
2 employed by or acting on behalf of the incumbent of a local elected  
3 office.

4 (3) This section does not apply to activities authorized in RCW  
5 43.07.370.

6 **Sec. 2.** RCW 42.17A.560 and 2006 c 348 s 5 and 2006 c 344 s 31 are  
7 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

8 (1) During the period beginning on the thirtieth day before the  
9 date a regular legislative session convenes and continuing through the  
10 date of final adjournment, and during the period beginning on the date  
11 a special legislative session convenes and continuing through the date  
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15 authorized committee, or to retire a campaign debt. Contributions  
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20 a local elected office who has filed for a state office, or persons  
21 employed by or acting on behalf of the incumbent of a local elected  
22 office.

23 (3) This section does not apply to activities authorized in RCW  
24 43.07.370.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Section 1 of this act expires January 1,  
26 2012.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Section 2 of this act takes effect January  
28 1, 2012.

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