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By Senators Roach, Rivers, Angel, and Benton

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1 AN ACT Relating to the use of credit cards for campaign
2 expenditures; amending RCW 42.17A.240 and 42.17A.425; and reenacting
3 and amending RCW 42.17A.210.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 42.17A.210 and 2010 c 205 s 2 and 2010 c 204 s 403
6 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

7 (1) Each candidate, within two weeks after becoming a candidate,
8 and each political committee, at the time it is required to file a
9 statement of organization, shall designate and file with the
10 commission the name and address of one legally competent individual,
11 who may be the candidate, to serve as a treasurer.

12 (2) A candidate, a political committee, or a treasurer may
13 appoint as many deputy treasurers as is considered necessary and
14 shall file the names and addresses of the deputy treasurers with the
15 commission.

16 (3)(a) A candidate or political committee may at any time remove
17 a treasurer or deputy treasurer.

18 (b) In the event of the death, resignation, removal, or change of
19 a treasurer or deputy treasurer, the candidate or political committee
20 shall designate and file with the commission the name and address of
21 any successor.

1 (4) No treasurer or deputy treasurer may be deemed to be in
2 compliance with the provisions of this chapter until his or her name
3 and address is filed with the commission.

4 (5) On the day the treasurer is designated pursuant to subsection
5 (1) of this section, each candidate must declare whether he or she
6 will use a credit card for campaign expenditures.

7 **Sec. 2.** RCW 42.17A.240 and 2010 c 204 s 409 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 Each report required under RCW 42.17A.235 (1) and (2) must be
10 certified as correct by the treasurer and the candidate and shall
11 disclose the following:

12 (1) The funds on hand at the beginning of the period;

13 (2) The name and address of each person who has made one or more
14 contributions during the period, together with the money value and
15 date of each contribution and the aggregate value of all
16 contributions received from each person during the campaign, or in
17 the case of a continuing political committee, the current calendar
18 year, with the following exceptions:

19 (a) Pledges in the aggregate of less than one hundred dollars
20 from any one person need not be reported;

21 (b) Income that results from a fund-raising activity conducted in
22 accordance with RCW 42.17A.230 may be reported as one lump sum, with
23 the exception of that portion received from persons whose names and
24 addresses are required to be included in the report required by RCW
25 42.17A.230;

26 (c) Contributions of no more than twenty-five dollars in the
27 aggregate from any one person during the election campaign may be
28 reported as one lump sum if the treasurer maintains a separate and
29 private list of the name, address, and amount of each such
30 contributor; and

31 (d) The money value of contributions of postage shall be the face
32 value of the postage;

33 (3) Each loan, promissory note, or security instrument to be used
34 by or for the benefit of the candidate or political committee made by
35 any person, including the names and addresses of the lender and each
36 person liable directly, indirectly or contingently and the date and
37 amount of each such loan, promissory note, or security instrument;

38 (4) All other contributions not otherwise listed or exempted;

1 (5) The name and address of each candidate or political committee
2 to which any transfer of funds was made, including the amounts and
3 dates of the transfers;

4 (6) The name and address of each person to whom an expenditure
5 was made in the aggregate amount of more than fifty dollars during
6 the period covered by this report, the amount, date, and purpose of
7 each expenditure, whether a credit card was used to make each
8 expenditure, and the total sum of all expenditures;

9 (7) The name and address of each person directly compensated for
10 soliciting or procuring signatures on an initiative or referendum
11 petition, the amount of the compensation to each person, and the
12 total expenditures made for this purpose. Such expenditures shall be
13 reported under this subsection in addition to what is required to be
14 reported under subsection (6) of this section;

15 (8) The name and address of any person and the amount owed for
16 any debt, obligation, note, unpaid loan, or other liability in the
17 amount of more than two hundred fifty dollars or in the amount of
18 more than fifty dollars that has been outstanding for over thirty
19 days;

20 (9) The credit card balance for campaign expenditures paid during
21 the period and sources of funds used to pay the credit card balance,
22 which shall be reported under this subsection in addition to what is
23 required to be reported under subsection (8) of this section;

24 (10) The surplus or deficit of contributions over expenditures;

25 ~~((+10))~~ (11) The disposition made in accordance with RCW
26 42.17A.430 of any surplus funds; and

27 ~~((+11))~~ (12) Any other information required by the commission by
28 rule in conformance with the policies and purposes of this chapter.

29 **Sec. 3.** RCW 42.17A.425 and 2010 c 204 s 605 are each amended to
30 read as follows:

31 (1) No expenditures may be made or incurred by any candidate or
32 political committee unless authorized by the candidate or the person
33 or persons named on the candidate's or committee's registration form.
34 A record of all such expenditures shall be maintained by the
35 treasurer.

36 (2) No expenditure of more than fifty dollars may be made in
37 currency unless a receipt, signed by the recipient and by the
38 candidate or treasurer, is prepared and made a part of the campaign's
39 or political committee's financial records.

1 (3) No expenditures may be made by any candidate by credit card
2 unless the credit card balance for all campaign-related expenditures
3 is paid off in full within thirty days. Failure by a candidate or
4 committee to comply with this subsection is a violation of this
5 chapter.

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