
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5388

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By Senate Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Becker, Bailey, Cleveland, Hunt, Short, O'Ban, King, Keiser, Walsh, Wilson, L., Darneille, Warnick, Honeyford, Brown, Billig, Hasegawa, Van De Wege, Wagoner, and Kuderer)

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a training course for campaign
2 treasurers; reenacting and amending RCW 42.17A.210; and adding a new
3 section to chapter 42.17A RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 42.17A
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
8 specific purpose, by September 1, 2019, the commission must develop
9 and provide a training course for individuals acting as treasurers or
10 deputy treasurers for candidates pursuant to RCW 42.17A.210. The
11 course must provide, at a minimum, a comprehensive overview of:

- 12 (a) The responsibilities of treasurers and deputy treasurers;
13 (b) The reporting requirements necessary for candidate compliance
14 with this chapter, including triggers and deadlines for reporting;
15 (c) Candidate campaign contribution limits and restrictions under
16 this chapter;
17 (d) The use of the commission's electronic filing system;
18 (e) The consequences for violation of this chapter; and
19 (f) Any other subjects or topics the commission deems necessary
20 for encouraging effective compliance with this chapter.

1 (2) The commission must make the course available to all
2 interested individuals no later than September 1, 2019. The course
3 must be provided in a format able to be used both in person and
4 remotely via the internet.

5 (3) The commission must determine the requirements for course
6 completion. Those individuals who complete the training course shall
7 be deemed "certified" by the commission and such certification shall
8 last five years from the date issued. The commission must develop a
9 system to track individuals' certification status.

10 (4) Beginning May 1, 2020, no individual, other than a candidate
11 for that office, may serve as a treasurer or deputy treasurer unless
12 the individual has been deemed certified by the commission pursuant
13 to this section within the past five years.

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

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

21 (2) A candidate, a political committee, or a treasurer may
22 appoint as many deputy treasurers as is considered necessary and
23 shall file the names and addresses of the deputy treasurers with the
24 commission.

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

27 (b) In the event of the death, resignation, removal, or change of
28 a treasurer or deputy treasurer, the candidate or political committee
29 shall designate and file with the commission the name and address of
30 any successor.

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

34 (b) After May 1, 2020, no treasurer or deputy treasurer, other
35 than a candidate, may be deemed to be in compliance with the
36 provisions of this chapter until he or she is trained and currently
37 certified by the commission pursuant to section 1 of this act,
38 unless:

1 (i) The candidate or political committee does not expect to
2 receive contributions or make expenditures of more than five thousand
3 dollars;

4 (ii) The treasurer or deputy treasurer will not receive more than
5 nominal compensation for serving as treasurer or deputy treasurer; or

6 (iii) The treasurer or deputy treasurer is an actively licensed
7 certified public accountant with the Washington state board of
8 accountancy.

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