
HOUSE BILL 2136

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By Representatives Hinkle, Blake, Ross, Kretz, and Haler

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1 AN ACT Relating to applying state campaign finance restrictions to
2 elected federal officials campaigning for state office; reenacting and
3 amending RCW 42.17.710 and 42.17A.560; creating a new section; and
4 declaring an emergency.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** This act may be known and cited as the
7 campaign financing fairness act.

8 **Sec. 2.** RCW 42.17.710 and 2006 c 348 s 5 and 2006 c 344 s 31 are
9 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

10 (1) During the period beginning on the thirtieth day before the
11 date a regular legislative session convenes and continuing through the
12 date of final adjournment, and during the period beginning on the date
13 a special legislative session convenes and continuing through the date
14 that session adjourns, no state official, elected federal official who
15 is a candidate for state office, or a person employed by or acting on
16 behalf of a state official or such federal official or state legislator
17 may solicit or accept contributions to a public office fund, to a
18 candidate or authorized committee, or to retire a campaign debt.

1 Contributions received through the mail after the thirtieth day before
2 a regular legislative session may be accepted if the contribution is
3 postmarked prior to the thirtieth day before the session.

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

6 **Sec. 3.** 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
12 that session adjourns, no state official, elected federal official who
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14 behalf of a state official or such federal official or state legislator
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16 candidate or authorized committee, or to retire a campaign debt.
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18 a regular legislative session may be accepted if the contribution is
19 postmarked prior to the thirtieth day before the session.

20 (2) This section does not apply to activities authorized in RCW
21 43.07.370.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate
23 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
24 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
25 immediately.

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