
HOUSE BILL 2174

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By Representatives Finn, Ladenburg, and Hunt

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1 AN ACT Relating to incumbents appearing in public service
2 announcements while campaigning for office; and amending RCW
3 42.17A.575.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 42.17A.575 and 2010 c 204 s 703 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 No state-elected official or municipal officer may speak or appear
8 in a public service announcement that is broadcast, shown, or
9 distributed in any form whatsoever during the period beginning
10 ((January 1st)) at the time the official or officer files a statement
11 of organization under RCW 42.17A.205 and continuing through the general
12 election if that official or officer is a candidate. If the official
13 or officer does not control the broadcast, showing, or distribution of
14 a public service announcement in which he or she speaks or appears,
15 then the official or officer shall contractually limit the use of the
16 public service announcement to be consistent with this section prior to
17 participating in the public service announcement. This section does
18 not apply to public service announcements that are part of the regular

1 duties of the office that only mention or visually display the office
2 or office seal or logo and do not mention or visually display the name
3 of the official or officer in the announcement.

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