

**Chapter 29B.25 RCW  
CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTING**

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**RCW 29B.25.010 Application of chapter—Exceptions. (Effective January 1, 2026.)** The provisions of this title relating to the financing of election campaigns shall apply in all election campaigns other than (1) for precinct committee officer; (2) for a federal elective office; and (3) for an office of a political subdivision of the state that does not encompass a whole county and that contains fewer than 5,000 registered voters as of the date of the most recent general election in the subdivision, unless required by RCW 29B.20.070 (2) through (5) and (7). [2024 c 164 s 418; 2010 c 204 s 401; 2006 c 240 s 1; 1987 c 295 s 18; 1986 c 12 s 1; 1985 c 367 s 2; 1977 ex.s. c 313 s 2; 1973 c 1 s 3 (Initiative Measure No. 276, approved November 7, 1972). Formerly RCW 42.17A.200, 42.17.030.]

**Intent—Construction—Rules remain valid—Effective date—2024 c 164:** See notes following RCW 29B.10.010.

**Effective date—2010 c 204 ss 101-504, 506-601, 603-702, and 801-1103:** See note following RCW 29B.15.010.

**Effective date—1977 ex.s. c 313:** "This 1977 amendatory act shall take effect on January 1, 1978." [1977 ex.s. c 313 s 9.]

**Effective date—Construction—1973 c 1:** See notes following RCW 29B.05.010.

*Cemetery district commissioners exempt from chapter: RCW 68.52.140, 68.52.220.*

**RCW 29B.25.020 Statement of organization by political committees. (Effective January 1, 2026.)** (1) Every political

committee shall file a statement of organization with the commission. The statement must be filed within two weeks after organization or within two weeks after the date the committee first has the expectation of receiving contributions or making expenditures in any election campaign, whichever is earlier. A political committee organized within the last three weeks before an election and having the expectation of receiving contributions or making expenditures during and for that election campaign shall file a statement of organization within three business days after its organization or when it first has the expectation of receiving contributions or making expenditures in the election campaign.

(2) The statement of organization shall include but not be limited to:

(a) The name, address, and electronic contact information of the committee;

(b) The names, addresses, and electronic contact information of all related or affiliated committees or other persons, and the nature of the relationship or affiliation;

(c) The names, addresses, and titles of its officers; or if it has no officers, the names, addresses, and titles of its responsible leaders;

(d) The name, address, and electronic contact information of its treasurer and depository;

(e) A statement whether the committee is a continuing one;

(f) The name, office sought, and party affiliation of each candidate whom the committee is supporting or opposing, and, if the committee is supporting the entire ticket of any party, the name of the party;

(g) The ballot proposition concerned, if any, and whether the committee is in favor of or opposed to such proposition;

(h) What distribution of surplus funds will be made, in accordance with RCW 29B.40.090, in the event of dissolution;

(i) Such other information as the commission may by rule prescribe, in keeping with the policies and purposes of this title;

(j) The name, address, and title of any person who authorizes expenditures or makes decisions on behalf of the candidate or committee; and

(k) The name, address, and title of any person who is paid by or is a volunteer for a candidate or political committee to perform ministerial functions and who performs ministerial functions on behalf of two or more candidates or committees.

(3) No two political committees may have the same name.

(4) Any material change in information previously submitted in a statement of organization shall be reported to the commission within the 10 days following the change.

(5) As used in this section, the "name" of a sponsored committee must include the name of the person who is the sponsor of the committee. If more than one person meets the definition of sponsor, the name of the committee must include the name of at least one sponsor, but may include the names of other sponsors. A person may sponsor only one political committee for the same elected office or same ballot proposition per election cycle. [2024 c 164 s 419; 2019 c 428 s 14; 2011 c 145 s 3. Prior: 2010 c 205 s 1; 2010 c 204 s 402; 2007 c 358 s 2; 1989 c 280 s 2; 1982 c 147 s 1; 1977 ex.s. c 336 s 1; 1975 1st ex.s. c 294 s 3; 1973 c 1 s 4 (Initiative Measure No. 276, approved November 7, 1972). Formerly RCW 42.17A.205, 42.17.040.]

**Intent—Construction—Rules remain valid—Effective date—2024 c 164:** See notes following RCW 29B.10.010.

**Finding—Effective date—2019 c 428:** See notes following RCW 29B.20.110.

**Findings—Intent—2011 c 145:** "The legislature finds that timely and full disclosure of election campaign funding and expenditures is essential to a well-functioning democracy in which Washington's voters can judge for themselves what is appropriate based on ideologies, programs, and policies. Long-term voter engagement and confidence depends on the public knowing who is funding the multiple and targeted messages distributed during election campaigns.

The legislature also finds that recent events have revealed the need for refining certain elements of our state's election campaign finance laws that have proven inadequate in preventing efforts to hide information from voters. The legislature intends, therefore, to promote greater transparency for the public by enhancing penalties for violations; regulating the formation of, and contributions between, political committees; and reducing the expenditure thresholds for purposes of mandatory electronic filing and disclosure." [2011 c 145 s 1.]

**Effective date—2011 c 145:** "This act takes effect January 1, 2012." [2011 c 145 s 8.]

**Effective date—2010 c 204 ss 101-504, 506-601, 603-702, and 801-1103:** See note following RCW 29B.15.010.

**Effective date—2007 c 358:** "This act takes effect January 1, 2008." [2007 c 358 s 4.]

**Effective date—1989 c 280:** "This act shall take effect January 1, 1990." [1989 c 280 s 14.]

**Severability—1977 ex.s. c 336:** "If any provision of this 1977 amendatory act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1977 ex.s. c 336 s 8.]

**Effective date—Construction—1973 c 1:** See notes following RCW 29B.05.010.

**RCW 29B.25.030 Statement of organization by incidental committees. (Effective January 1, 2026.)** (1) (a) An incidental committee must file a statement of organization with the commission within two weeks after the date the committee first:

(i) Has the expectation of making any expenditures aggregating at least twenty-five thousand dollars in a calendar year in any election campaign, or to a political committee; and

(ii) Is required to disclose a payment received under RCW 29B.25.100(2)(d).

(b) If an incidental committee first meets the criteria requiring filing a statement of organization as specified in (a) of this

subsection in the last three weeks before an election, then it must file the statement of organization within three business days.

(2) The statement of organization must include but is not limited to:

(a) The name, address, and electronic contact information of the committee;

(b) The names and addresses of all related or affiliated political or incidental committees or other persons, and the nature of the relationship or affiliation;

(c) The names, addresses, and titles of its officers; or if it has no officers, the names, addresses, and titles of its responsible leaders and the name of the person designated as the treasurer of the incidental committee;

(d) The name, office sought, and party affiliation of each candidate whom the committee is supporting or opposing if the committee contributes directly to a candidate and, if donating to a political committee, the name and address of that political committee;

(e) The ballot proposition concerned, if any, and whether the committee is in favor of or opposed to such proposition; and

(f) Such other information as the commission may by rule prescribe, in keeping with the policies and purposes of this title.

(3) Any material change in information previously submitted in a statement of organization must be reported to the commission within the 10 days following the change. [2024 c 164 s 420; 2019 c 428 s 15; 2018 c 111 s 4. Formerly RCW 42.17A.207.]

**Intent—Construction—Rules remain valid—Effective date—2024 c 164:** See notes following RCW 29B.10.010.

**Finding—Effective date—2019 c 428:** See notes following RCW 29B.20.110.

**Effective date—2018 c 111:** "This act takes effect January 1, 2019." [2018 c 111 s 10.]

**Short title—2018 c 111:** "This act may be known and cited as the democracy is strengthened by casting light on spending in elections act of 2018 or the Washington state DISCLOSE act of 2018." [2018 c 111 s 1.]

**Findings—Intent—2018 c 111:** "The legislature finds that the public has the right to know who is contributing to election campaigns in Washington state and that campaign finance disclosure deters corruption, increases public confidence in Washington state elections, and strengthens representative democracy.

The legislature finds that campaign finance disclosure is overwhelmingly supported by the citizens of Washington state as evidenced by the two initiatives that largely established Washington's current campaign finance system. Both passed with over seventy-two percent of the popular vote, as well as winning margins in every county in the state.

The legislature finds that nonprofit organizations are increasingly engaging in campaign activities in Washington state and across the country, including taking a more active role in contributing to candidate and ballot proposition campaigns. In some

cases, these activities are occurring without adequate public disclosure due to loopholes in campaign finance regulations.

The legislature finds that many nonprofit organizations wish to use the provisions of current law to anonymously contribute to campaign activity, frustrating the purposes of public disclosure laws.

Therefore, the legislature intends to increase transparency and accountability, deter corruption, and strengthen confidence in the election process by closing campaign finance disclosure loopholes and requiring the disclosure of contributions and expenditures by nonprofit organizations that participate significantly in Washington state elections." [2018 c 111 s 2.]

**Implementation with existing funds—2018 c 111:** "The public disclosure commission shall implement the provisions of this act within existing funds." [2018 c 111 s 8.]

**RCW 29B.25.040 Treasurer. (Effective January 1, 2026.)** (1) Each candidate, within two weeks after becoming a candidate, and each political committee, at the time it is required to file a statement of organization, shall designate and file with the commission the name and address of one legally competent individual, who may be the candidate, to serve as a treasurer.

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

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

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

(4) No treasurer or deputy treasurer may be deemed to be in compliance with the provisions of this title until the treasurer's or deputy treasurer's name, address, and electronic contact information is filed with the commission. [2024 c 164 s 421; 2019 c 428 s 16. Prior: 2010 c 205 s 2; 2010 c 204 s 403; 1989 c 280 s 3; 1985 c 367 s 3; 1982 c 147 s 2; 1973 c 1 s 5 (Initiative Measure No. 276, approved November 7, 1972). Formerly RCW 42.17A.210, 42.17.050.]

**Intent—Construction—Rules remain valid—Effective date—2024 c 164:** See notes following RCW 29B.10.010.

**Finding—Effective date—2019 c 428:** See notes following RCW 29B.20.110.

**Effective date—2010 c 204 ss 101-504, 506-601, 603-702, and 801-1103:** See note following RCW 29B.15.010.

**Effective date—1989 c 280:** See note following RCW 29B.25.010.

**Effective date—Construction—1973 c 1:** See notes following RCW 29B.05.010.

**RCW 29B.25.050 Depositories. (Effective January 1, 2026.)** Each candidate and each political committee shall designate and file with the commission the name and address of not more than one depository for each county in which the campaign is conducted in which the candidate's or political committee's accounts are maintained and the name of the account or accounts maintained in that depository on behalf of the candidate or political committee. The candidate or political committee may at any time change the designated depository and shall file with the commission the same information for the successor depository as for the original depository. The candidate or political committee may not be deemed in compliance with the provisions of this title until the information required for the depository is filed with the commission. [2024 c 164 s 422; 2019 c 428 s 17; 2010 c 204 s 404. Formerly RCW 42.17A.215.]

**Intent—Construction—Rules remain valid—Effective date—2024 c 164:** See notes following RCW 29B.10.010.

**Finding—Effective date—2019 c 428:** See notes following RCW 29B.20.110.

**Effective date—2010 c 204 ss 101-504, 506-601, 603-702, and 801-1103:** See note following RCW 29B.15.010.

**RCW 29B.25.060 Deposit of contributions—Investment—Unidentified contributions. (Effective January 1, 2026.)** (1) All monetary contributions received by a candidate or political committee shall be deposited by candidates, political committee members, paid staff, or treasurers in a depository in an account established and designated for that purpose. Such deposits shall be made within five business days of receipt of the contribution. For online or credit card contributions, the contribution is considered received at the time the transfer is made from the merchant account to a candidate or political committee account, except that a contribution made to a candidate who is a state official or legislator outside the restriction period established in RCW 29B.45.020, but transferred to the candidate's account within the restricted period, is considered received outside of the restriction period.

(2) Political committees that support or oppose more than one candidate or ballot proposition, or exist for more than one purpose, may maintain multiple separate bank accounts within the same designated depository for such purpose only if:

(a) Each such account bears the same name;

(b) Each such account is followed by an appropriate designation that accurately identifies its separate purpose; and

(c) Transfers of funds that must be reported under RCW 29B.25.100(6) are not made from more than one such account.

(3) Nothing in this section prohibits a candidate or political committee from investing funds on hand in a depository in bonds, certificates, or tax-exempt securities, or in savings accounts or other similar instruments in financial institutions, or in mutual funds other than the depository but only if:

(a) The commission is notified in writing of the initiation and the termination of the investment; and

(b) The principal of such investment, when terminated together with all interest, dividends, and income derived from the investment, is deposited in the depository in the account from which the investment was made and properly reported to the commission before any further disposition or expenditure.

(4) Accumulated unidentified contributions, other than those made by persons whose names must be maintained on a separate and private list by a political committee's treasurer pursuant to RCW 29B.25.100(2), in excess of one percent of the total accumulated contributions received in the current calendar year, or three hundred dollars, whichever is more, may not be deposited, used, or expended, but shall be returned to the donor if his or her identity can be ascertained. If the donor cannot be ascertained, the contribution shall escheat to the state and shall be paid to the state treasurer for deposit in the state general fund. [2024 c 164 s 423; 2018 c 304 s 5. Prior: 2010 c 205 s 3; 2010 c 204 s 405; 1989 c 280 s 4; 1987 c 268 s 1; 1985 c 367 s 4; 1982 c 147 s 3; 1977 ex.s. c 313 s 3; 1975 1st ex.s. c 294 s 4; 1973 c 1 s 6 (Initiative Measure No. 276, approved November 7, 1972). Formerly RCW 42.17A.220, 42.17.060.]

**Intent—Construction—Rules remain valid—Effective date—2024 c 164:** See notes following RCW 29B.10.010.

**Finding—Intent—2018 c 304:** See note following RCW 29B.25.090.

**Effective date—2010 c 204 ss 101-504, 506-601, 603-702, and 801-1103:** See note following RCW 29B.15.010.

**Effective date—1989 c 280:** See note following RCW 29B.25.020.

**Effective date—1977 ex.s. c 313:** See note following RCW 29B.25.010.

**Effective date—Construction—1973 c 1:** See notes following RCW 29B.05.010.

**RCW 29B.25.070 Filing and reporting by continuing political committee. (Effective January 1, 2026.)** (1) In addition to the provisions of this section, a continuing political committee shall file and report on the same conditions and at the same times as any other committee in accordance with the provisions of RCW 29B.25.020, 29B.25.040, and 29B.25.060.

(2) A continuing political committee shall file with the commission a report on the tenth day of each month detailing expenditures made and contributions received for the preceding calendar month. This report need only be filed if either the total contributions received or total expenditures made since the last such report exceed two hundred dollars. The report shall be on a form supplied by the commission and shall include the following information:

(a) The information required by RCW 29B.25.100;

(b) Each expenditure made to retire previously accumulated debts of the committee identified by recipient, amount, and date of payments;

(c) Other information the commission shall prescribe by rule.

(3) If a continuing political committee makes a contribution in support of or in opposition to a candidate or ballot proposition within 60 days before the date that the candidate or ballot proposition will be voted upon, the committee shall report pursuant to RCW 29B.25.090.

(4) (a) A continuing political committee shall file reports as required by this title until the committee has ceased to function and intends to dissolve, at which time, when there is no outstanding debt or obligation and the committee is concluded in all respects, a final report shall be filed. Upon submitting a final report, the continuing political committee so intending to dissolve must file notice of intent to dissolve with the commission and the commission must post the notice on its website.

(b) The continuing political committee may dissolve 60 days after it files its notice to dissolve, only if:

(i) The continuing political committee does not make any expenditures other than those related to the dissolution process or engage in any political activity or any other activities that generate additional reporting requirements under this title after filing such notice;

(ii) No complaint or court action, pursuant to this title, is pending against the continuing political committee; and

(iii) All penalties assessed by the commission or court order have been paid by the continuing political committee.

(c) The continuing political committee must continue to report regularly as required under this title until all the conditions under (b) of this subsection are resolved.

(d) Upon dissolution, the commission must issue an acknowledgment of dissolution, the duties of the treasurer shall cease, and there shall be no further obligations under this title. Dissolution does not absolve the candidate or board of the committee from responsibility for any future obligations resulting from the finding after dissolution of a violation committed prior to dissolution.

(5) The treasurer shall maintain books of account, current within five business days, that accurately reflect all contributions and expenditures. During the 10 calendar days immediately preceding the date of any election that the committee has received any contributions or made any expenditures, the books of account shall be kept current within one business day and shall be open for public inspection in the same manner as provided for candidates and other political committees in RCW 29B.25.090(6).

(6) All reports filed pursuant to this section shall be certified as correct by the treasurer.

(7) The treasurer shall preserve books of account, bills, receipts, and all other financial records of the campaign or political committee for not less than five calendar years following the year during which the transaction occurred. [2024 c 164 s 424; 2019 c 428 s 18; 2018 c 304 s 6; 2011 c 60 s 22. Prior: 2010 c 205 s 4; 2010 c 204 s 406; 2000 c 237 s 1; 1989 c 280 s 5; 1982 c 147 s 4; 1975 1st ex.s. c 294 s 5. Formerly RCW 42.17A.225, 42.17.065.]

**Intent—Construction—Rules remain valid—Effective date—2024 c 164:** See notes following RCW 29B.10.010.

**Finding—Effective date—2019 c 428:** See notes following RCW 29B.20.110.



**Finding—Intent—2018 c 304:** See note following RCW 29B.25.090.

**Effective date—2011 c 60:** See note following RCW 29B.20.030.

**Effective date—2010 c 204 ss 101-504, 506-601, 603-702, and 801-1103:** See note following RCW 29B.15.010.

**Effective date—1989 c 280:** See note following RCW 29B.25.020.

**RCW 29B.25.080 Fund-raising activities—Alternative reporting method. (Effective January 1, 2026.)** (1) Fund-raising activities meeting the standards of subsection (2) of this section may be reported in accordance with the provisions of this section in lieu of reporting in accordance with RCW 29B.25.090.

(2) Standards:

(a) The activity consists of one or more of the following:

(i) A sale of goods or services sold at a reasonable approximation of the fair market value of each item or service; or

(ii) A gambling operation that is licensed, conducted, or operated in accordance with the provisions of chapter 9.46 RCW; or

(iii) A gathering where food and beverages are purchased and the price of admission or the per person charge for the food and beverages is no more than twenty-five dollars; or

(iv) A concert, dance, theater performance, or similar entertainment event and the price of admission is no more than twenty-five dollars; or

(v) An auction or similar sale for which the total fair market value or cost of items donated by any person is no more than fifty dollars; and

(b) No person responsible for receiving money at the fund-raising activity knowingly accepts payments from a single person at or from such an activity to the candidate or committee aggregating more than fifty dollars unless the name and address of the person making the payment, together with the amount paid to the candidate or committee, are disclosed in the report filed pursuant to subsection (6) of this section; and

(c) Any other standards established by rule of the commission to prevent frustration of the purposes of this title.

(3) All funds received from a fund-raising activity that conforms with subsection (2) of this section must be deposited in the depository within five business days of receipt by the treasurer or deputy treasurer.

(4) At the time reports are required under RCW 29B.25.090, the treasurer or deputy treasurer making the deposit shall file with the commission a report of the fund-raising activity which must contain the following information:

(a) The date of the activity;

(b) A precise description of the fund-raising methods used in the activity; and

(c) The total amount of cash receipts from persons, each of whom paid no more than fifty dollars.

(5) The treasurer or deputy treasurer shall certify the report is correct.

(6) The treasurer shall report pursuant to RCW 29B.25.090 and 29B.25.100:

(a) The name and address and the amount contributed by each person contributing goods or services with a fair market value of more than fifty dollars to a fund-raising activity reported under subsection (4) of this section; and

(b) The name and address and the amount paid by each person whose identity can be ascertained, who made a contribution to the candidate or committee aggregating more than fifty dollars at or from such a fund-raising activity. [2024 c 164 s 425; 2019 c 428 s 19. Prior: 2010 c 205 s 5; 2010 c 204 s 407; 1989 c 280 s 6; 1982 c 147 s 5; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 112 s 9. Formerly RCW 42.17A.230, 42.17.067.]

**Intent—Construction—Rules remain valid—Effective date—2024 c 164:** See notes following RCW 29B.10.010.

**Finding—Effective date—2019 c 428:** See notes following RCW 29B.20.110.

**Effective date—2010 c 204 ss 101-504, 506-601, 603-702, and 801-1103:** See note following RCW 29B.15.010.

**Effective date—1989 c 280:** See note following RCW 29B.25.020.

**Construction—1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 112:** See note following RCW 29B.60.020.

**RCW 29B.25.090 Reporting of contributions and expenditures—Public inspection of accounts. (Effective January 1, 2026.)** (1)(a) In addition to the information required under RCW 29B.25.020 and 29B.25.040, each candidate or political committee must file with the commission a report of all contributions received and expenditures made as a political committee on the next reporting date pursuant to the timeline established in this section.

(b) In addition to the information required under RCW 29B.25.030 and 29B.25.040, on the day an incidental committee files a statement of organization with the commission, each incidental committee must file with the commission a report of any election campaign expenditures under RCW 29B.25.100(7), as well as the source of the 10 largest cumulative payments of ten thousand dollars or greater it received in the current calendar year from a single person, including any persons tied as the 10th largest source of payments it received, if any.

(2) Each treasurer of a candidate or political committee, or an incidental committee, required to file a statement of organization under this title, shall file with the commission a report, for each election in which a candidate, political committee, or incidental committee is participating, containing the information required by RCW 29B.25.100 at the following intervals:

(a) On the 21st day and the seventh day immediately preceding the date on which the election is held; and

(b) On the 10th day of the first full month after the election.

(3)(a) Each treasurer of a candidate or political committee shall file with the commission a report on the 10th day of each month during which the candidate or political committee is not participating in an election campaign, only if the committee has received a contribution or made an expenditure in the preceding calendar month and either the

total contributions received or total expenditures made since the last such report exceed two hundred dollars.

(b) Each incidental committee shall file with the commission a report on the 10th day of each month during which the incidental committee is not otherwise required to report under this section only if the committee has:

(i) Received a payment that would change the information required under RCW 29B.25.100(2)(d) as included in its last report; or

(ii) Made any election campaign expenditure reportable under RCW 29B.25.100(7) since its last report, and the total election campaign expenditures made since the last report exceed two hundred dollars.

(4) The report filed 21 days before the election shall report all contributions received and expenditures made as of the end of one business day before the date of the report. The report filed seven days before the election shall report all contributions received and expenditures made as of the end of one business day before the date of the report. Reports filed on the 10th day of the month shall report all contributions received and expenditures made from the closing date of the last report filed through the last day of the month preceding the date of the current report.

(5) For the period beginning the first day of the fourth month preceding the date of the special election, or for the period beginning the first day of the fifth month before the date of the general election, and ending on the date of that special or general election, each Monday the treasurer for a candidate or a political committee shall file with the commission a report of each bank deposit made during the previous seven calendar days. The report shall contain the name of each person contributing the funds and the amount contributed by each person. However, persons who contribute no more than twenty-five dollars in the aggregate are not required to be identified in the report. A copy of the report shall be retained by the treasurer for the treasurer's records. In the event of deposits made by candidates, political committee members, or paid staff other than the treasurer, the copy shall be immediately provided to the treasurer for the treasurer's records. Each report shall be certified as correct by the treasurer.

(6) (a) The treasurer for a candidate or a political committee shall maintain books of account accurately reflecting all contributions and expenditures on a current basis within five business days of receipt or expenditure. During the 10 calendar days immediately preceding the date of the election the books of account shall be kept current within one business day. As specified in the political committee's statement of organization filed under RCW 29B.25.020, the books of account must be open for public inspection by appointment at a place agreed upon by both the treasurer and the requestor, for inspections between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on any day from the 10th calendar day immediately before the election through the day immediately before the election, other than Saturday, Sunday, or a legal holiday. It is a violation of this title for a candidate or political committee to refuse to allow and keep an appointment for an inspection to be conducted during these authorized times and days. The appointment must be allowed at an authorized time and day for such inspections that is within 48 hours of the time and day that is requested for the inspection. The treasurer may provide digital access or copies of the books of account in lieu of scheduling an appointment at a designated place for inspection. If the treasurer and requestor are unable to agree on a location and the treasurer has not provided

digital access to the books of account, the default location for an appointment shall be a place of public accommodation selected by the treasurer within a reasonable distance from the treasurer's office.

(b) At the time of making the appointment, a person wishing to inspect the books of account must provide the treasurer the name and telephone number of the person wishing to inspect the books of account. The person inspecting the books of account must show photo identification before the inspection begins.

(c) A treasurer may refuse to show the books of account to any person who does not make an appointment or provide the required identification. The commission may issue limited rules to modify the requirements set forth in this section in consideration of other technology and best practices.

(7) Copies of all reports filed pursuant to this section shall be readily available for public inspection by appointment, pursuant to subsection (6) of this section.

(8) The treasurer or candidate shall preserve books of account, bills, receipts, and all other financial records of the campaign or political committee for not less than five calendar years following the year during which the transaction occurred or for any longer period as otherwise required by law.

(9) All reports filed pursuant to subsection (1) or (2) of this section shall be certified as correct by the candidate and the treasurer.

(10) Where there is not a pending complaint concerning a report, it is not evidence of a violation of this section to submit an amended report within 21 days of filing an initial report if:

(a) The report is accurately amended;

(b) The amended report is filed more than 30 days before an election;

(c) The total aggregate dollar amount of the adjustment for the amended report is within three times the contribution limit per election or two hundred dollars, whichever is greater; and

(d) The committee reported all information that was available to it at the time of filing, or made a good faith effort to do so, or if a refund of a contribution or expenditure is being reported.

(11)(a) When there is no outstanding debt or obligation, the campaign fund is closed, the campaign is concluded in all respects, and the political committee has ceased to function and intends to dissolve, the treasurer shall file a final report. Upon submitting a final report, the political committee so intending to dissolve must file notice of intent to dissolve with the commission and the commission must post the notice on its website.

(b) Any political committee may dissolve 60 days after it files its notice to dissolve, only if:

(i) The political committee does not make any expenditures other than those related to the dissolution process or engage in any political activity or any other activities that generate additional reporting requirements under this title after filing such notice;

(ii) No complaint or court action under this title is pending against the political committee; and

(iii) All penalties assessed by the commission or court order have been paid by the political committee.

(c) The political committee must continue to report regularly as required under this title until all the conditions under (b) of this subsection are resolved.

(d) Upon dissolution, the commission must issue an acknowledgment of dissolution, the duties of the treasurer shall cease, and there shall be no further obligations under this title. Dissolution does not absolve the candidate or board of the committee from responsibility for any future obligations resulting from the finding after dissolution of a violation committed prior to dissolution.

(12) The commission must adopt rules for the dissolution of incidental committees. [2024 c 164 s 426; 2019 c 428 s 20. Prior: 2018 c 304 s 7; 2018 c 111 s 5; 2015 c 54 s 1; 2011 c 60 s 23; prior: 2010 c 205 s 6; 2010 c 204 s 408; 2008 c 73 s 1; 2006 c 344 s 30; 2005 c 184 s 1; 2002 c 75 s 2; 2000 c 237 s 2; 1999 c 401 s 13; 1995 c 397 s 2; 1989 c 280 s 8; 1986 c 28 s 1; 1982 c 147 s 6; 1975 1st ex.s. c 294 s 6; 1973 c 1 s 8 (Initiative Measure No. 276, approved November 7, 1972). Formerly RCW 42.17A.235, 42.17.080.]

**Intent—Construction—Rules remain valid—Effective date—2024 c 164:** See notes following RCW 29B.10.010.

**Finding—Effective date—2019 c 428:** See notes following RCW 29B.20.110.

**Finding—Intent—2018 c 304:** "The legislature finds that state campaign finance laws are intended to provide maximum transparency to the public and voters so they may know who is funding political campaigns and how those campaigns spend their money. Additionally, our campaign finance laws should not be so complex and complicated that volunteers and newcomers to the political process cannot understand the rules or have difficulty following them. The legislature believes that our campaign finance laws should not be a barrier to participating in the political process, but instead encourage people to participate in the process by ensuring a level playing field and a predictable enforcement mechanism. The legislature intends to simplify the political reporting and enforcement process without sacrificing transparency and the public's right to know who funds political campaigns. The legislature also intends to expedite the public disclosure commission's enforcement procedures so that remedial campaign finance violations can be dealt with administratively."

The intent of the law is not to trap or embarrass people when they make honest remediable errors. A majority of smaller campaigns are volunteer-driven and most treasurers are not professional accountants. The public disclosure commission should be guided to review and address major violations, intentional violations, and violations that could change the outcome of an election or materially affect the public interest." [2018 c 304 s 1.]

**Effective date—Short title—Findings—Intent—Implementation with existing funds—2018 c 111:** See notes following RCW 29B.25.030.

**Effective date—2011 c 60:** See note following RCW 29B.20.030.

**Effective date—2010 c 204 ss 101-504, 506-601, 603-702, and 801-1103:** See note following RCW 29B.15.010.

**Effective date—2006 c 344 ss 1-16 and 18-40:** See note following RCW 29A.04.311.

**Effective date—1995 c 397:** See note following RCW 29B.40.020.

**Effective date—1989 c 280:** See note following RCW 29B.25.020.

**Effective date—Construction—1973 c 1:** See notes following RCW 29B.05.010.

**RCW 29B.25.100 Contents of report. (Effective January 1, 2026.)**

Each report required under RCW 29B.25.090 (1) through (4) must be certified as correct by the treasurer and the candidate and shall disclose the following, except an incidental committee only must disclose and certify as correct the information required under subsections (2)(d) and (7) of this section:

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

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

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

(b) Income that results from a fund-raising activity conducted in accordance with RCW 29B.25.080 may be reported as one lump sum, with the exception of that portion received from persons whose names and addresses are required to be included in the report required by RCW 29B.25.080;

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

(d) Payments received by an incidental committee from any one person need not be reported unless the person is one of the committee's 10 largest sources of payments received, including any persons tied as the 10th largest source of payments received, during the current calendar year, and the value of the cumulative payments received from that person during the current calendar year is ten thousand dollars or greater. For payments to incidental committees from multiple persons received in aggregated form, any payment of more than ten thousand dollars from any single person must be reported, but the aggregated payment itself may not be reported. The commission may suspend or modify reporting requirements for payments received by an incidental committee in cases of manifestly unreasonable hardship under this title;

(e) Payments from private foundations organized under section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code to an incidental committee do not have to be reported if:

(i) The private foundation is contracting with the incidental committee for a specific purpose other than election campaign purposes;

(ii) Use of the funds for election campaign purposes is explicitly prohibited by contract; and

(iii) Funding from the private foundation represents less than 25 percent of the incidental committee's total budget;

(f) Commentary or analysis on a ballot proposition by an incidental committee is not considered a contribution if it does not advocate specifically to vote for or against the ballot proposition; and

(g) The money value of contributions of postage is the face value of the postage;

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

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

(5) A statement that the candidate or political committee has received a certification from any partnership, association, corporation, organization, or other combination of persons making a contribution to the candidate or political committee that:

(a) The contribution is not financed in any part by a foreign national; and

(b) Foreign nationals are not involved in making decisions regarding the contribution in any way;

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

(7) The name and address of each person to whom an expenditure was made in the aggregate amount of more than fifty dollars during the period covered by this report, the amount, date, and purpose of each expenditure, and the total sum of all expenditures. An incidental committee only must report on expenditures, made and reportable as contributions as defined in RCW 29B.10.160, to election campaigns. For purposes of this subsection, commentary or analysis on a ballot proposition by an incidental committee is not considered an expenditure if it does not advocate specifically to vote for or against the ballot proposition;

(8) The name, address, and electronic contact information of each person to whom an expenditure was made for soliciting or procuring signatures on an initiative or referendum petition, the amount of the compensation to each person, and the total expenditures made for this purpose. Such expenditures shall be reported under this subsection in addition to what is required to be reported under subsection (7) of this section;

(9) (a) The name and address of any person and the amount owed for any debt with a value of more than seven hundred fifty dollars that has not been paid for any invoices submitted, goods received, or services performed, within five business days during the period within 30 days before an election, or within 10 business days during any other period.

(b) For purposes of this subsection, debt does not include regularly recurring expenditures of the same amount that have already been reported at least once and that are not late or outstanding;

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

(11) The disposition made in accordance with RCW 29B.40.090 of any surplus funds; and

(12) Any other information required by the commission by rule in conformance with the policies and purposes of this title. [2024 c 164 s 427; 2020 c 152 s 3; 2019 c 428 s 21. Prior: 2018 c 304 s 8; 2018 c 111 s 6; 2010 c 204 s 409; 2003 c 123 s 1; 1993 c 256 s 6; 1989 c 280 s 9; prior: 1986 c 228 s 1; 1986 c 12 s 2; 1983 c 96 s 1; 1982 c 147 s

7; 1977 ex.s. c 336 s 2; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 112 s 3; 1975 1st ex.s. c 294 s 7; 1973 c 1 s 9 (Initiative Measure No. 276, approved November 7, 1972). Formerly RCW 42.17A.240, 42.17.090.]

**Intent—Construction—Rules remain valid—Effective date—2024 c 164:** See notes following RCW 29B.10.010.

**Findings—Local regulations not preempted—2020 c 152:** See notes following RCW 29B.40.050.

**Finding—Effective date—2019 c 428:** See notes following RCW 29B.20.110.

**Finding—Intent—2018 c 304:** See note following RCW 29B.25.090.

**Effective date—Short title—Findings—Intent—Implementation with existing funds—2018 c 111:** See notes following RCW 29B.25.030.

**Effective date—2010 c 204 ss 101-504, 506-601, 603-702, and 801-1103:** See note following RCW 29B.15.010.

**Severability—Effective date—1993 c 256:** See notes following RCW 29A.84.280.

**Effective date—1989 c 280:** See note following RCW 29B.25.020.

**Severability—1977 ex.s. c 336:** See note following RCW 29B.25.020.

**Construction—1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 112:** See note following RCW 29B.60.020.

**Effective date—Construction—1973 c 1:** See notes following RCW 29B.05.010.

*Appearance of fairness doctrine—Application to candidates for public office—Campaign contributions: RCW 42.36.040, 42.36.050.*

**RCW 29B.25.110 Out-of-state political committees—Reports. (Effective January 1, 2026.)** (1) An out-of-state political committee organized for the purpose of supporting or opposing candidates or ballot propositions in another state that is not otherwise required to report under RCW 29B.25.020 through 29B.25.100 shall report as required in this section when it makes an expenditure supporting or opposing a Washington state candidate or political committee. The committee shall file with the commission a statement disclosing:

- (a) Its name and address;
- (b) The purposes of the out-of-state committee;
- (c) The names, addresses, and titles of its officers or, if it has no officers, the names, addresses, and the titles of its responsible leaders;
- (d) The name, office sought, and party affiliation of each candidate in the state of Washington whom the out-of-state committee



is supporting or opposing and, if the committee is supporting or opposing the entire ticket of any party, the name of the party;

(e) The ballot proposition supported or opposed in the state of Washington, if any, and whether the committee is in favor of or opposed to that proposition;

(f) The name and address of each person residing in the state of Washington or corporation that has a place of business in the state of Washington who has made one or more contributions in the aggregate of more than \*twenty-five dollars to the out-of-state committee during the current calendar year, together with the money value and date of the contributions;

(g) The name, address, and employer of each person or corporation residing outside the state of Washington who has made one or more contributions in the aggregate of more than \*two thousand five hundred fifty dollars to the out-of-state committee during the current calendar year, together with the money value and date of the contributions. Annually, the commission must modify the \*two thousand five hundred fifty dollar limit in this subsection based on percentage change in the implicit price deflator for personal consumption expenditures for the United States as published for the most recent 12-month period by the bureau of economic analysis of the federal department of commerce;

(h) The name and address of each person in the state of Washington to whom an expenditure was made by the out-of-state committee with respect to a candidate or political committee in the aggregate amount of more than \*fifty dollars, the amount, date, and purpose of the expenditure, and the total sum of the expenditures;

(i) A statement that the out-of-state committee has received a certification from any partnership, association, corporation, organization, or other combination of persons making a contribution reportable under this section that:

(i) The contribution is not financed in any part by a foreign national; and

(ii) Foreign nationals are not involved in making decisions regarding the contribution in any way; and

(j) Any other information as the commission may prescribe by rule in keeping with the policies and purposes of this title.

(2) Each statement shall be filed no later than the 10th day of the month following any month in which a contribution or other expenditure reportable under subsection (1) of this section is made. An out-of-state committee incurring an obligation to file additional statements in a calendar year may satisfy the obligation by timely filing reports that supplement previously filed information. [2024 c 164 s 428; 2020 c 152 s 4; 2010 c 204 s 411; 2006 c 348 s 6; 2003 c 123 s 2. Formerly RCW 42.17A.250, 42.17.093.]

**\*Reviser's note:** The dollar amounts in this section may have been adjusted for inflation by rule of the commission adopted under the authority of RCW 29B.20.050. For current dollar amounts, see WAC 390-05-400.

**Intent—Construction—Rules remain valid—Effective date—2024 c 164:** See notes following RCW 29B.10.010.

**Findings—Local regulations not preempted—2020 c 152:** See notes following RCW 29B.40.050.

**Effective date—2010 c 204 ss 101-504, 506-601, 603-702, and 801-1103:** See note following RCW 29B.15.010.

**RCW 29B.25.120 Special reports—Independent expenditures.**

**(Effective January 1, 2026.)** (1) For the purposes of this section the term "independent expenditure" means any expenditure that is made in support of or in opposition to any candidate or ballot proposition and is not otherwise required to be reported pursuant to RCW 29B.25.070, 29B.25.090, and 29B.25.100. "Independent expenditure" does not include: An internal political communication primarily limited to the contributors to a political party organization or political action committee, or the officers, management staff, and stockholders of a corporation or similar enterprise, or the members of a labor organization or other membership organization; or the rendering of personal services of the sort commonly performed by volunteer campaign workers, or incidental expenses personally incurred by volunteer campaign workers not in excess of fifty dollars personally paid for by the worker. "Volunteer services," for the purposes of this section, means services or labor for which the individual is not compensated by any person.

(2) Within five days after the date of making an independent expenditure that by itself or when added to all other such independent expenditures made during the same election campaign by the same person equals one hundred dollars or more, or within five days after the date of making an independent expenditure for which no reasonable estimate of monetary value is practicable, whichever occurs first, the person who made the independent expenditure shall file with the commission an initial report of all independent expenditures made during the campaign prior to and including such date.

(3) At the following intervals each person who is required to file an initial report pursuant to subsection (2) of this section shall file with the commission a further report of the independent expenditures made since the date of the last report:

(a) On the 21st day and the seventh day preceding the date on which the election is held; and

(b) On the 10th day of the first month after the election; and

(c) On the 10th day of each month in which no other reports are required to be filed pursuant to this section. However, the further reports required by this subsection (3) shall only be filed if the reporting person has made an independent expenditure since the date of the last previous report filed.

The report filed pursuant to (a) of this subsection (3) shall be the final report, and upon submitting such final report the duties of the reporting person shall cease, and there shall be no obligation to make any further reports.

(4) All reports filed pursuant to this section shall be certified as correct by the reporting person.

(5) Each report required by subsections (2) and (3) of this section shall disclose for the period beginning at the end of the period for the last previous report filed or, in the case of an initial report, beginning at the time of the first independent expenditure, and ending not more than one business day before the date the report is due:

(a) The name, address, and electronic contact information of the person filing the report;

(b) The name and address of each person to whom an independent expenditure was made in the aggregate amount of more than fifty dollars, and the amount, date, and purpose of each such expenditure. If no reasonable estimate of the monetary value of a particular independent expenditure is practicable, it is sufficient to report instead a precise description of services, property, or rights furnished through the expenditure and where appropriate to attach a copy of the item produced or distributed by the expenditure;

(c) The total sum of all independent expenditures made during the campaign to date;

(d) A statement from the person making an independent expenditure that:

(i) The expenditure is not financed in any part by a foreign national; and

(ii) Foreign nationals are not involved in making decisions regarding the expenditure in any way; and

(e) Such other information as shall be required by the commission by rule in conformance with the policies and purposes of this title. [2024 c 164 s 429; 2020 c 152 s 5; 2019 c 428 s 22; 2011 c 60 s 24; 2010 c 205 s 7; 1995 c 397 s 28; 1989 c 280 s 10; 1985 c 367 s 6; 1982 c 147 s 9; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 112 s 4; 1973 c 1 s 10 (Initiative Measure No. 276, approved November 7, 1972). Formerly RCW 42.17A.255, 42.17.100.]

**Intent—Construction—Rules remain valid—Effective date—2024 c 164:** See notes following RCW 29B.10.010.

**Findings—Local regulations not preempted—2020 c 152:** See notes following RCW 29B.40.050.

**Finding—Effective date—2019 c 428:** See notes following RCW 29B.20.110.

**Effective date—2011 c 60:** See note following RCW 29B.20.030.

**Effective date—1995 c 397:** See note following RCW 29B.40.020.

**Effective date—1989 c 280:** See note following RCW 29B.25.020.

**Construction—1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 112:** See note following RCW 29B.60.020.

**Effective date—Construction—1973 c 1:** See notes following RCW 29B.05.010.

**RCW 29B.25.130 Special reports—Political advertising. (Effective January 1, 2026.)** (1) The sponsor of political advertising shall file a special report to the commission within 24 hours of, or on the first working day after, the date the political advertising is first published, mailed, or otherwise presented to the public, if the political advertising:

(a) Is published, mailed, or otherwise presented to the public within 21 days of an election; and

(b) Either:

(i) Qualifies as an independent expenditure with a fair market value or actual cost of one thousand dollars or more, for political advertising supporting or opposing a candidate; or

(ii) Has a fair market value or actual cost of one thousand dollars or more, for political advertising supporting or opposing a ballot proposition.

(2) If a sponsor is required to file a special report under this section, the sponsor shall also deliver to the commission within the delivery period established in subsection (1) of this section a special report for each subsequent independent expenditure of any size supporting or opposing the same candidate who was the subject of the previous independent expenditure, supporting or opposing that candidate's opponent, or, in the case of a subsequent expenditure of any size made in support of or in opposition to a ballot proposition not otherwise required to be reported pursuant to RCW 29B.25.070, 29B.25.090, or 29B.25.100, supporting or opposing the same ballot proposition that was the subject of the previous expenditure.

(3) The special report must include:

(a) The name and address of the person making the expenditure;

(b) The name and address of the person to whom the expenditure was made;

(c) A detailed description of the expenditure;

(d) The date the expenditure was made and the date the political advertising was first published or otherwise presented to the public;

(e) The amount of the expenditure;

(f) The name of the candidate supported or opposed by the expenditure, the office being sought by the candidate, and whether the expenditure supports or opposes the candidate; or the name of the ballot proposition supported or opposed by the expenditure and whether the expenditure supports or opposes the ballot proposition;

(g) A statement from the sponsor that:

(i) The political advertising is not financed in any part by a foreign national; and

(ii) Foreign nationals are not involved in making decisions regarding the political advertising in any way; and

(h) Any other information the commission may require by rule.

(4) All persons required to report under RCW 29B.25.070, 29B.25.090, 29B.25.100, 29B.25.120, and 29B.30.020 are subject to the requirements of this section. The commission may determine that reports filed pursuant to this section also satisfy the requirements of RCW 29B.25.120.

(5) The sponsor of independent expenditures supporting a candidate or opposing that candidate's opponent required to report under this section shall file with each required report an affidavit or declaration of the person responsible for making the independent expenditure that the expenditure was not made in cooperation, consultation, or concert with, or at the request or suggestion of, the candidate, the candidate's authorized committee, or the candidate's agent, or with the encouragement or approval of the candidate, the candidate's authorized committee, or the candidate's agent. [2024 c 164 s 430; 2020 c 152 s 6; 2019 c 428 s 23; 2010 c 204 s 413; 2005 c 445 s 7; 2001 c 54 s 1. Formerly RCW 42.17A.260, 42.17.103.]

**Intent—Construction—Rules remain valid—Effective date—2024 c 164:** See notes following RCW 29B.10.010.

**Findings—Local regulations not preempted—2020 c 152:** See notes following RCW 29B.40.050.

**Finding—Effective date—2019 c 428:** See notes following RCW 29B.20.110.

**Effective date—2010 c 204 ss 101-504, 506-601, 603-702, and 801-1103:** See note following RCW 29B.15.010.

**Effective dates—2005 c 445:** See note following RCW 29B.30.010.

**Effective date—2001 c 54:** "This act takes effect January 1, 2002." [2001 c 54 s 4.]

**RCW 29B.25.140 Special reports—Late contributions or large totals—Certain late contributions prohibited. (Effective January 1, 2026.)** (1) Treasurers shall prepare and deliver to the commission a special report when a contribution or aggregate of contributions totals one thousand dollars or more, is from a single person or entity, and is received during a special reporting period.

(2) A political committee shall prepare and deliver to the commission a special report when it makes a contribution or an aggregate of contributions to a single entity that totals one thousand dollars or more during a special reporting period.

(3) An aggregate of contributions includes only those contributions made to or received from a single entity during any one special reporting period. Any subsequent contribution of any size made to or received from the same person or entity during the special reporting period must also be reported.

(4) Special reporting periods, for purposes of this section, include:

(a) The period beginning on the day after the last report required by RCW 29B.25.090 and 29B.25.100 to be filed before a primary and concluding on the end of the day before that primary;

(b) The period 21 days preceding a general election; and

(c) An aggregate of contributions includes only those contributions received from a single entity during any one special reporting period or made by the contributing political committee to a single entity during any one special reporting period.

(5) If a campaign treasurer files a special report under this section for one or more contributions received from a single entity during a special reporting period, the treasurer shall also file a special report under this section for each subsequent contribution of any size which is received from that entity during the special reporting period. If a political committee files a special report under this section for a contribution or contributions made to a single entity during a special reporting period, the political committee shall also file a special report for each subsequent contribution of any size which is made to that entity during the special reporting period.

(6) Special reports required by this section shall be delivered electronically, or in written form if an electronic alternative is not available.

(a) The special report required of a contribution recipient under subsection (1) of this section shall be delivered to the commission

within 48 hours of the time, or on the first working day after: The contribution of one thousand dollars or more is received by the candidate or treasurer; the aggregate received by the candidate or treasurer first equals one thousand dollars or more; or any subsequent contribution from the same source is received by the candidate or treasurer.

(b) The special report required of a contributor under subsection (2) of this section or RCW 29B.50.070 shall be delivered to the commission, and the candidate or political committee to whom the contribution or contributions are made, within 24 hours of the time, or on the first working day after: The contribution is made; the aggregate of contributions made first equals one thousand dollars or more; or any subsequent contribution to the same person or entity is made.

(7) The special report shall include:

(a) The amount of the contribution or contributions;

(b) The date or dates of receipt;

(c) The name and address of the donor;

(d) The name and address of the recipient;

(e) A statement that the candidate or political committee has received a certification from any partnership, association, corporation, organization, or other combination of persons making a contribution reportable under this section that:

(i) The contribution is not financed in any part by a foreign national; and

(ii) Foreign nationals are not involved in making decisions regarding the contribution in any way; and

(f) Any other information the commission may by rule require.

(8) Contributions reported under this section shall also be reported as required by other provisions of this title.

(9) The commission shall prepare daily a summary of the special reports made under this section and RCW 29B.50.070.

(10) Contributions governed by this section include, but are not limited to, contributions made or received indirectly through a third party or entity whether the contributions are or are not reported to the commission as earmarked contributions under RCW 29B.25.150. [2024 c 164 s 431; 2020 c 152 s 7; 2019 c 428 s 24; 2010 c 204 s 414; 2001 c 54 s 2; 1995 c 397 s 4; 1991 c 157 s 1; 1989 c 280 s 11; 1986 c 228 s 2; 1985 c 359 s 1; 1983 c 176 s 1. Formerly RCW 42.17A.265, 42.17.105.]

**Intent—Construction—Rules remain valid—Effective date—2024 c 164:** See notes following RCW 29B.10.010.

**Findings—Local regulations not preempted—2020 c 152:** See notes following RCW 29B.40.050.

**Finding—Effective date—2019 c 428:** See notes following RCW 29B.20.110.

**Effective date—2010 c 204 ss 101-504, 506-601, 603-702, and 801-1103:** See note following RCW 29B.15.010.

**Effective date—2001 c 54:** See note following RCW 29B.25.130.

**Effective date—1995 c 397:** See note following RCW 29B.40.020.

**Effective date—1989 c 280:** See note following RCW 29B.25.020.

**RCW 29B.25.150 Earmarked contributions. (Effective January 1, 2026.)** [(1)] A political committee receiving a contribution earmarked for the benefit of a candidate or another political committee shall:

(1) [(a)] Report the contribution as required in RCW 29B.25.090 and 29B.25.100;

(2) [(b)] Complete a report, entitled "Earmarked contributions," on a form prescribed by the commission that identifies the name and address of the person who made the contribution, the candidate or political committee for whose benefit the contribution is earmarked, the amount of the contribution, and the date that the contribution was received; and

(3) [(c)] Mail or deliver to the commission and the candidate or political committee benefiting from the contribution a copy of the "Earmarked contributions" report within two working days of receipt of the contribution.

(4) [(2)] A candidate or political committee receiving notification of an earmarked contribution under subsection (3) [(1)(c)] of this section shall report the contribution, once notification of the contribution is received by the candidate or committee, in the same manner as any other contribution, as required by RCW 29B.25.090 and 29B.25.100. [2024 c 164 s 432; 2010 c 204 s 416; 1989 c 280 s 13; 1986 c 228 s 3. Formerly RCW 42.17A.270, 42.17.135.]

**Intent—Construction—Rules remain valid—Effective date—2024 c 164:** See notes following RCW 29B.10.010.

**Effective date—2010 c 204 ss 101-504, 506-601, 603-702, and 801-1103:** See note following RCW 29B.15.010.

**Effective date—1989 c 280:** See note following RCW 29B.25.020.