

CHAPTER 150.

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 1.]

CODE OF ETHICS.

AN ACT relating to public officials and candidates for public office; defining terms; requiring certain disclosures; defining crimes; and prescribing penalties; amending section 29.18.140, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.18.140, and providing penalties.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

State officials, code of ethics for. Purpose.

SECTION 1. It is declared that high moral and ethical standards among public officials are essential to the conduct of free government; that a code of ethics for the guidance of public officials is necessary to prevent conflicts of interest in public office, improve standards of public service, and promote and strengthen the faith and confidence of the people of the state of Washington in their public officials.

Definitions.

SEC. 2. "Public official" means every person holding a position of public trust in or under an executive, legislative or judicial office of the state and includes judges of the superior and supreme courts, members of the legislature together with the secretary and sergeant at arms of the senate and the clerk and sergeant at arms of the house of representatives, elective and appointive state officials and such employees of the supreme court, of the legislature, and of the state offices as are engaged in supervisory, policy making or policy enforcing work.

"Candidate" means any individual who declares himself to be a candidate for an elective office and who if elected thereto would meet the definition of public official herein set forth.

"Regulatory agency" means any state board, commission, department or officer authorized by law to make rules or to adjudicate contested cases except those in the legislative or judicial branches.

SEC. 3. No public official shall use his position to secure special privileges or exemptions for himself, his spouse, child, parents or other persons standing in the first degree of relationship.

Position not to be used to secure special privileges or exemptions.

SEC. 4. No public official shall accept employment or engage in any business or professional activity which he might reasonably expect would require or induce him to disclose confidential information acquired by him by reason of his official position.

Utilizing confidential information acquired in office elsewhere, prohibited.

SEC. 5. No public official shall disclose confidential information gained by reason of his official position nor shall he otherwise use such information for his personal gain or benefit.

Disclosure of confidential information acquired in office, prohibited.

SEC. 6. Every public official shall on or before January 31st of each year, and every candidate shall within thirty days after filing a declaration of candidacy, file with the secretary of state, a written statement of:

Statements required of officials, candidates—Contents.

(1) The name of any corporation, firm or enterprise subject to the jurisdiction of a regulatory agency in which he has a direct financial interest of a value in excess of one thousand dollars: *Provided*, That policies of insurance issued to himself or his spouse are not to be considered financial interests;

(2) Every office or directorship held by him or his spouse in any corporation, firm or enterprise which is subject to the jurisdiction of a regulatory agency; and

(3) The name of any person, corporation, firm, partnership, or other business association from which he receives compensation in excess of one thousand five hundred dollars during the preceding twelve month period by virtue of his being an officer, director, employee, partner or member of any such person, corporation, firm, partnership or other business association.

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(4) As to attorneys or others practicing before regulatory agencies during the preceding twelve month period, the name of the agency or agencies and the name of the firm, partnership or association of which he is a member, partner or employee.

Report of
secretary of
state—Public
document.

SEC. 7. On or before February 15th of each year, the secretary of state shall prepare a report containing the statements required to be filed pursuant to section 6, which reports shall be open to public inspection.

Penalty.

SEC. 8. Any person wilfully, knowingly and intentionally violating any provision of this chapter shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

RCW 29.18.140
amended.

SEC. 9. Section 29.18.140, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.18.140 are each amended to read as follows:

Statement of
expense of
candidate—
Penalty.

Every candidate for nomination at a primary election, shall, within ten days after the day of holding the primary election at which he is a candidate, file an itemized statement in writing, duly sworn to as to its correctness, with the officer with whom his declaration of candidacy or other nomination paper is filed, setting forth each sum of money and thing of value, or any consideration whatever, contributed, paid or promised by him, or anyone for him, with his knowledge or acquiescence, for the purpose of securing or influencing, or in any way affecting his nomination to said office. The statement shall set forth the sums paid as personal expenses, stating fully the nature, kind and character of the expense for which the sums were expended separately, and the persons to whom the sums were paid and the purposes for which such payments were made. In this statement all sums or other considerations promised and not paid shall be included. The statement, when so filed shall immediately be subject to the inspection and examination of any

elector and shall be and become a part of the public records. Any violation of this section shall be a misdemeanor.

Passed the Senate March 21, 1965.

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Approved by the Governor April 30, 1965.

CHAPTER 151.

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 504.]

STATE CAPITOL BUILDINGS—PARKING FACILITIES—
BOND ISSUE AUTHORIZED.

AN ACT relating to state government; authorizing the state capitol committee to provide for the construction, remodeling and financing of state buildings and parking facilities; making an appropriation; and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. In addition to any authority previously granted, the state capitol committee is authorized and directed to issue coupon or registered bonds of the state in an amount not to exceed six million dollars. The bonds shall bear interest at a rate not to exceed five percent per annum, both principal and interest to be payable only from revenues hereafter received from leases and contracts of sale heretofore or hereafter made of lands, timber, and other products from the surface or beneath the surface of the lands granted to the state by the United States pursuant to the act of congress approved February 22, 1889, for capitol building purposes. For bonds issued for parking facilities principal and interest thereon shall be payable only from parking revenues.

State capitol buildings, parking facilities—Financing of. Bonds—Issuance of by committee—Authorized—Interest—Payment, source of.

SEC. 2. Such bonds may be sold in such manner and in such amounts, in such denominations and at

Bonds—Manner and time of sale.