

No. 516), Laws of 1967 [extraordinary session], shall be used only in primaries and elections, general or special, in counties of the second class as defined by RCW 36.13.010.

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Voting devices  
—Application  
—Second class  
counties.

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## CHAPTER 131.

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 122.]

### LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING.

AN ACT relating to legislative lobbying; providing for the registration and regulation of lobbyists; and providing penalties.

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

Section 1. When used in this act:

(1) The term "contribution" includes a gift, subscription, loan, advance or deposit of money or anything of value and includes a contract, promise or agreement, whether or not legally enforceable, to make a contribution, given with the intent of influencing the passage or defeat of any pending or proposed legislation;

(2) The term "expenditure" includes a payment, distribution, loan, advance, deposit, or gift of money or anything of value, and includes a contract, promise or agreement, whether or not legally enforceable, to make an expenditure.

(3) The term "person" includes an individual, partnership, committee, association, corporation, and any other organization or group of persons. The term does not include a member or member-elect of either house of the state legislature;

(4) The term "legislation" means bills, resolu-

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tions, amendments, nominations, and other matters pending or proposed in either house of the legislature.

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Sec. 2. (1) Any person who shall be engaged for pay or for any consideration for the purpose of attempting to influence the passage or defeat of any legislation by the legislature of the state of Washington or the approval or veto of any legislation by the governor of the state of Washington shall register with the president of the senate and the speaker of the house before doing anything in furtherance of such object and shall give to such officers in writing and under oath a statement showing:

- (a) Name and business address;
- (b) Name and address of the person or persons by whom he is employed and in whose interest he appears or works and by whom he is compensated;
- (c) The duration of such employment;
- (d) Whether he is paid on a permanent basis with a lobbying assignment as a partial, temporary or incidental part of his duties, or whether his compensated employment is solely for lobbying purposes;
- (e) A written authorization from each person by whom he is so employed;
- (f) The general area or areas of his legislative interest.

(2) In addition, any person as described in subsection (1) above shall similarly file not later than sixty days after the adjournment of each regular and extraordinary session of the legislature a statement which shall contain the total of all contributions and expenditures made, incurred, or expended for the purposes described in this section exclusive of personal living and travel expenses: *Provided, however,* That when an extraordinary session follows immediately after a regular session such state-

ment shall be filed not later than sixty days after the adjournment of the extraordinary session.

(3) Each statement required by this section shall be made on forms agreed upon by the president of the senate and the speaker of the house, a duplicate copy of which shall be filed with and preserved by the secretary of state for a period of three years as a public record open to public inspection.

Sec. 3. The following activities shall not be deemed to require compliance with section 2 of this act:

Exempted activities.

(1) The activities or appearance of a person promoting or opposing the passage of any legislation or its approval or veto by the governor, in his own behalf and not as a representative, agent or employee of another person;

(2) Providing professional services in the drafting of legislative measures or in advising clients and rendering opinions as to the construction and effect of proposed or pending legislation, or in communicating with members of the legislature or the governor in connection therewith;

(3) Appearing or testifying before a committee of the legislature in support of or in opposition to any legislation;

(4) Giving testimony at committee hearings upon the request of the legislature or a committee or a member thereof;

(5) Giving testimony or contacting legislators by government employees as a part of their official duties; or

(6) News or feature reporting activities by working members of the press, radio, or television.

Sec. 4. No agreement to accomplish any purpose set forth in section 2 of this act shall be enforceable and no action shall be brought thereon where payment of all or any part of the compensation under

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said agreement depends in any manner upon the passage or defeat or executive approval or veto of any legislation, or upon any other contingency in connection with legislation: *Provided*, That this section shall not apply to those agreements made between attorney and client in connection with claims against the state of Washington.

Violations—  
Penalty.

Sec. 5. (1) Any person who:

- (a) Fails to file a statement required by section 2 of this act;
- (b) Fails to comply with any other provision of this act; or
- (c) Files a statement required by this act containing false information;

Shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not more than five thousand dollars or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than twelve months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

(2) Any person who wilfully files a false statement with knowledge of its falsity shall be guilty of a felony.

Any person convicted of a violation of this act shall be prohibited for a period of ten years from the date of such conviction from being registered as a lobbyist in either the senate or the house of representatives; and in addition thereto, shall be liable for damage caused by such violation to any person or persons adversely affected thereby including members and members-elect of the Washington state legislature.

Enforcement.

Sec. 6. The attorney general shall enforce the provisions of this act and shall prosecute, or may delegate to the appropriate prosecuting attorney the prosecution of all violations of this act: *Provided*,

That this section shall not preclude actions for the recovery of damages.

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## CHAPTER 132.

[Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 468.]

### PROPERTY TAX—SENIOR CITIZEN EXEMPTION.

AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; providing a limited exemption from the property tax for certain senior citizens; adding new sections to chapter 84.36 RCW; repealing section 2, chapter 168, Laws of 1965 extraordinary session and RCW 84.36.126; and providing penalties.

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

Section 1. There is added to chapter 84.36 RCW a New section. new section to read as follows:

A person shall be exempt from any legal obligation to pay the first fifty dollars of real property taxes due and payable in any one year if the following conditions are met:

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Qualifications.

(1) The property taxes must have been imposed upon a residence which has been regularly occupied by the person claiming the exemption during the five calendar years preceding the year for which the exemption is claimed; or the property taxes must have been imposed upon a residence which has been regularly occupied by the person claiming the exemption during the preceding calendar year and the person claiming the exemption must also have been a resident of the state of Washington for the last ten calendar years preceding the year for which the exemption is claimed.

(2) The person claiming the exemption must have owned, at the time of filing, in fee, by contract