

RCW, and dentists licensed under chapter 18.32 RCW who, in good faith, file charges or present evidence against another member of their profession based on the claimed incompetency or gross misconduct of such person before a regularly constituted review committee or board of a medical or dental society or hospital whose duty it is to evaluate the competency and qualifications of members of the profession, including limiting the extent of practice of such person in a hospital or similar institution, shall be immune from civil action for damages arising out of such activities. The written records of such committees or boards shall not be subject to subpoena or discovery proceedings in any civil action, except actions arising out of the recommendations of such committees.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 4.24 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Physicians licensed under chapter 18.71 RCW who, in good faith, file charges or present evidence against another member of their profession based on the claimed incompetency or gross misconduct of such person before the medical disciplinary board established under 18.72 RCW shall be immune from civil action for damages arising out of such activities.

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CHAPTER 145
[House Bill No. 364]

ELECTIONS--
CANDIDATE AND VOTER PAMPHLETS

AN ACT Relating to elections; providing for candidates' and voters' pamphlets; amending sections 29.80.020, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 78, chapter 81, Laws of 1971; amending sections 29.80.040, 29.80.050, 29.81.040, 29.81.100, 29.81.120 and 29.81.140, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.80.040, 29.80.050, 29.81.040, 29.81.100, 29.81.120 and 29.81.140; and adding a new section to chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and to chapter 29.81 RCW.

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

Section 1. Section 29.80.020, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 78, chapter 81, Laws of 1971 and RCW 29.80.020 are each amended to read as follows:

At a time to be determined by the secretary of state but in

any event, not later than forty-five days prior to the applicable state general election, each nominee for the office of United States senator, United States representative, governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state treasurer, state auditor, attorney general, superintendent of public instruction, commissioner of public lands, insurance commissioner, state senator, state representative, justice of the supreme court, judge of the court of appeals, and judge of the superior court may file with the secretary of state a ((typewritten)) written statement advocating his candidacy ((not to exceed three hundred fifty words per printed page)) accompanied by a photograph not more than five years old and of a size and quality which the secretary of state determines suitable for reproduction in the voters' pamphlet. The maximum number of words for such statements shall be determined according to the offices sought as follows: State representative, one hundred words; state senator, judge of the superior court, judge of the court of appeals, judge of the supreme court, and all state offices voted upon throughout the state, except that of governor, two hundred words; United States senator, United States representative and governor, three hundred words. No such statement or photograph shall be ((filed by)) printed in the candidates' pamphlet for any person who is the sole nominee for any nonpartisan or judicial office.

Sec. 2. Section 29.80.040, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.80.040 are each amended to read as follows:

Said nominees' statements and photographs as set forth in RCW 29.80.010 and 29.80.020 shall be published by the secretary of state as a candidates' pamphlet, the printing of which shall be completed ((no later than twenty days)) as soon as possible prior to the state general election concerned. The overall dimensions of such pamphlet shall be ((the same as the voters' pamphlet containing the text of state measures to be voted upon as set forth in RCW 29.84.420)) determined by the secretary of state as those which in his judgment best serve the voters and whenever possible the candidates' pamphlet shall be combined with the voters' pamphlet as a single publication. ((Whenever such consolidation is possible, the candidates' portion of the text shall follow the text relating to the state measures.));

Sec. 3. Section 29.80.050, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.80.050 are each amended to read as follows:

Nominees shall pay for ((one page of)) their prorated space in the candidates' pamphlet allocated according to the respective offices sought as follows:

(1) For United States senator, United States representative and ((all nominees for state offices voted upon throughout the state)) governor, each shall pay two hundred dollars. The nominees for each position shall equally share no less than two full pages.

(2) For all state offices voted upon throughout the state, except for that of governor, each shall pay one hundred dollars. The nominees for each position shall equally share no less than one full page.

(3) For state senator, judge of the court of appeals and ((state representative)) judge of the superior court, each ((seventy-five)) shall pay fifty dollars. The nominees for each position shall equally share no less than one full page.

(4) For state representative, each shall pay twenty-five dollars. The nominees for each position shall equally share no less than one-half page.

All such payments shall be made to the secretary of state when the statement is offered to him for filing and be transmitted by him to the ((state treasurer for deposit in the general fund)) public printer to be used as a credit offset to the cost of printing the candidates' and voters' pamphlet.

Nominees for president and vice president of each political party certified by the secretary of state shall ((each)) together be entitled to one page without charge ((and each political party nominating a presidential candidate shall be entitled to one page without charge. Said nominees and political parties may each purchase additional pages at the rate of one hundred dollars per page not to exceed three additional pages)). Each such page so allocated shall not contain more than five hundred words in addition to the pictures of the nominees concerned.

Sec. 4. Section 29.81.040, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.81.040 are each amended to read as follows:

Arguments advocating voters' rejection of any proposed constitutional amendment or referendum bill passed by the legislature and referred to the people for final decision shall be composed and submitted for printing by a committee created as follows: The presiding officer of the state senate shall appoint one state senator and the presiding officer of the house of representatives shall appoint one state representative. Whenever possible, the two persons so appointed shall be known to have opposed the measure and they shall appoint a third member to the committee who may or may not be a member of the legislature. If no member of the legislature can be enlisted to serve on such committee, then a committee composed of the secretary of state, the presiding officer of the house and the presiding officer of the senate shall be empowered to appoint any persons who are, in their judgment, qualified to serve in such capacity.

Sec. 5. Section 29.81.100, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.81.100 are each amended to read as follows:

((At least sixty days)) As soon as possible prior to any

election at which any initiative or referendum measure is to be submitted to the people, the secretary of state shall cause to be printed in pamphlet form a true copy of the serial designation and number, the ballot title, the legislative title, the full text of and the arguments for and arguments against each such measure (including amendments to the Constitution proposed by the legislature) to be submitted to the people, and such other information pertaining to elections as may be required by law or in the judgment of the secretary of state is deemed informative to the voters.

Sec. 6. Section 29.81.120, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.81.120 are each amended to read as follows:

All measures and arguments shall be printed and bound in a single pamphlet according to the following specifications:

(1) ~~((The pages of the pamphlet shall be not larger than eight and one-half by eleven inches in size;~~

~~{2} The outside measurement of the printed matter of each page shall be not less than six by nine inches, including running head;~~

~~{3}) It shall be printed in clear readable type;~~

~~((4))~~ (2) The pamphlet shall be of such size and be printed on a quality and weight of paper which in the judgment of the secretary of state best serves the voters.

It shall be the duty of the secretary of state to publish in such pamphlets a table of contents and a brief alphabetical index of subjects.

Sec. 7. Section 29.81.140, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.81.140 are each amended to read as follows:

~~((Not less than fifty five days))~~ As soon as possible before any election at which initiative or referendum measures, referendum bills, proposed constitutional amendments, or any other state measures are to be submitted to the people, the secretary of state shall transmit, by mail with postage fully prepaid, one copy of the pamphlet to ~~((every voter in the state whose address he can with reasonable diligence ascertain; one copy of the pamphlet))~~ each individual place of residence in the state and shall make such additional distribution as he shall deem necessary to reasonably assure that each voter will have an opportunity to study the measures prior to election.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. If any provision of this 1971 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.

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CHAPTER 146
[Engrossed House Bill No. 567]
WATER AND SEWER DISTRICTS--
MERGERS

AN ACT Relating to water and sewer districts; providing for the merger of sewer districts into water districts and water districts into sewer districts; amending section 3, chapter 148, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 56.36.030; and adding new sections to chapter 57.40 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 57.40 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Any sewer district, acting alone or in conjunction with any other sewer district or districts similarly situated as hereafter described, the territory of which lies wholly or partly within, or which is adjoining or in proximity to, and in the same county with, a water district, may merge into the water district, and the water district will survive under its original name. The term "in proximity to" as used herein shall mean within one mile of each other, measured in a straight line between the closest points of approach of the territorial boundaries of the respective districts.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 57.40 RCW a new section to read as follows:

A merger of one or more sewer districts into a water district may be initiated in any one of the following ways:

(1) Whenever the board of commissioners of the water district, on the one hand, and the board of commissioners of the sewer district or of the respective sewer districts seeking to merge into the water district, on the other hand, each determine by resolution that the merger of such sewer district or sewer districts into the water district shall be conducive to the public health, welfare and convenience and to be of special benefit to the lands of such district so desiring to merge.

(2) Whenever ten percent of the qualified electors residing within each of the water districts and the sewer district or districts involved petition the board of commissioners of their respective districts for a merger of such district into the water district.