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Jen Waldref  
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Dear Ms. Waldref:

The Board has requested that I provide you with the following information.

On September 5, 2024, you requested an advisory opinion in which you requested that the Board review RCW 42.52.180(2)(c)(ii) to determine whether administrative changes could be allowed during the election season despite the language in the statute which states "the official legislative websites of legislators seeking reelection or election to any office shall not be altered."

The Board is of the opinion that the language in the statute is absolute. As such, the Board voted to deny your request for an advisory opinion. The Board believes to permit some changes to the websites during the election season would violate the Act. The solution would be a change to the statute.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jennifer A. Strus  
Board Counsel