

## Highlights of Campaign Finance Changes - 2019 Legislative Session

Bills below are effective May 14, 2019.

### **H.B. 129 - Campaign Amendments - 1st Substitute - Rep. Craig Hall**

- Allows a candidate or officeholder to pay for childcare while they are engaging in campaign activity or officeholder duties using campaign funds.

### **H.B. 131 - Political Committees Amendments - Rep. Brad M. Daw**

- Requires a PAC to file a report 7 days before a county convention if the PAC donates money to a candidate at that county convention.
  - This will likely require PACs to file multiple Convention Reports
- Requires PICs to report their contributions within 3-business days of receipt, during the 30 days prior to the due date of initiative signatures.
  - Imposes a fine against PICs that fail to report a contribution within this time frame (10-20% of the amount of the contribution, depending on how late it is reported).

### **H.B. 319 - Political Advertising Amendments - Rep. Cory A. Maloy**

- Requires a person, including parties, PACs, PICs, and labor organizations to clearly state if they paid for or authorized an advertisement advocating for or against a ballot proposition.

### **H.B. 326 - Campaign Finance Changes - Rep. Norman K. Thurston**

- Adds the definition of "loan" to include:
  - An expenditure made using any form of payment
  - Money or funds received by the filing entity
  - The provision of a good or service with an agreement or understanding that the payment or reimbursement will be delayed
  - Use of any line of credit
    - Meaning, the moment you swipe a personal credit card to pay for a campaign expense, you have loaned yourself money.

### **S.B. 62 - Campaign Finance Revisions - 2nd Substitute - Sen. Jani Iwamoto**

- Requires municipal, county, and local school board candidates to file campaign finance reports within 30 days after the day they are disqualified.
- Clarifies that public service assistance relates only to officeholders.
- Allows the Lieutenant Governor's Office to waive a fine for a candidate and instead issue a warning to the candidate, if a candidate reports a contribution from his/herself past its respective due date, and the candidate has not previously reported a contribution from his/herself after the deadline.
- Requires state office and legislative candidates seeking appointment for a midterm vacancy, to file financial disclosure reports with the Lieutenant Governor's Office:
  - 2 days before the candidate's political party meets to declare a nominee for the governor to appoint.
- Requires legislative office candidates seeking appointment for a midterm vacancy to file an additional financial disclosure report with the Lieutenant Governor's Office:
  - 7 days before the state office candidate's political party meets to declare a nominee for the governor to appoint AND

- 2 days before the state office candidate's political party meets to declare a nominee for the governor to appoint
- Requires PACs to identify independent expenditures on their financial reports.
- Clarifies that an officeholder or former officeholder is required to file reports (including contributions or PSAs received) until they close their financial disclosures account. An officeholder or former officeholder is subject to fines.
- Clarifies how a county party fine is calculated if the county party files a report late (based on a percent of its contributions and expenditures in that reporting period).
- Exempts corporations from reporting political expenditures made to county candidates, or municipal candidates (corporations are currently exempted from reporting political expenditures made to state candidates and political action committees).

**S.B. 89 - Conflict Disclosure Amendments - 1st Substitute - Sen. Jani Iwamoto**

- Requires conflict of interest forms to be submitted online beginning January 1, 2020.
- Requires state constitutional officers, legislative officers, and state board of education members to submit conflict of interest forms:
  - No sooner than January 1 of each year and no later than 11:59pm on January 10 of each year.
  - Each time the state constitutional officer, legislative officer or state board of education member changes employment.
- Requires a legislative officeholder, state constitutional officeholder, or state board of education member that takes office after January 10 of any year, to file a conflict of interest form within 10 days after they take office and each time they change employment.

**S.B. 169 - Political Action Committee Amendments - 1st Substitute - Sen. Karen Mayne**

- Requires a PAC's statement of organization to include:
  - The full name of the PAC, a second name, if any, and an acronym, if any.
  - In addition to current required officers, the statement of organization will also need to include all other officers, advisory board members, governing board members, and each individual or entity represented by or affiliated with the PAC where applicable.
- Prohibits PACs from having names or acronyms that are similar to existing entities.
  - States that failure to cease and desist when instructed by the Lieutenant Governor's Office can result in a \$100 fine.
- Requires PACs to use the names or acronyms that are within their latest statement of organization.
  - States that failure to cease and desist when instructed by the Lieutenant Governor's Office can result in a \$100 fine.

**S.B. 216 Political Committee Amendments - Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher**

- Allows PACs to give money to PICs; prohibits PICs from giving money to PACs.
- Requires that an individual must be designated as one of the two officers for that PIC, to exercise primary decision-making authority.

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