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AN ORDINANCE proposing an amendment to Section 690 of the King County Charter, to specify that timely filing of a statement of campaign receipts and expenditures with the Washington state Public Disclosure Commission in accordance with chapter 42.17 RCW satisfies the filing obligations of Section 690 of the King County Charter; making technical corrections; and submitting the same to the voters of the county for their ratification or rejection at the November 2010 general election.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

1. Section 690 of the King County Charter is redundant with requirements in the RCW chapter 42.17 regarding the timely filing of statements of campaign receipts and expenditures with the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission.

2. The redundant filing of statements of campaign receipts and expenditures is inefficient and not in the public interest.

3. Technological advances make records universally accessible electronically, and it is more valuable and a better use of resources to have records available electronically than in duplicate hard-copy format.

4. The county and the state have been performing the same function in reporting campaign receipts and expenditures, but duplicating efforts is not the most efficient use of public finances.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. There shall be submitted to the voters of King County for their approval and ratification or rejection, at the next general election to be held in this county occurring more than forty-five days after the enactment of this ordinance, an amendment to Section 690 of the King County Charter as set forth herein:

Section 690 Statement of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures.

Every candidate for nomination or election to an elective county office shall, within ten days after the primary, general or special election as the case may be, file an itemized statement with the executive department responsible for conducting elections showing all campaign contributions and pledges of manpower and material made to ((~~him~~)) the candidate or on ((~~his~~)) the candidate's behalf and all campaign expenditures and obligations incurred by ((~~him~~)) the candidate or on ((~~his~~)) the candidate's behalf. Such statement when filed shall be a public record. The county council shall by ordinance prescribe the form of such statement. Timely filing of a statement of campaign receipts and expenditures with the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission in accordance with chapter 42.17 RCW satisfies the filing obligations of this section. A willful violation of this section shall disqualify the candidate from holding county elective office.

SECTION 2. The clerk of the council shall certify the proposition to the county elections director, in substantially the following form, with such additions, deletions or modifications as may be required by the prosecuting attorney:

Shall Section 690 of the King County Charter be amended to specify that timely filing of a statement of campaign receipts and expenditures with the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission in accordance with

chapter 42.17 RCW satisfies the filing obligations of Section 690 of the King County Charter?