

WAC 390-17-301 Eligibility to receive primary election contributions. (1) Candidates for state and certain local offices are subject to the contribution limits in RCW 29B.40.020. Judicial candidates are subject to the contribution limits in RCW 29B.40.030. Only candidates who appear on the primary election ballot or as write-in candidates in the primary election may receive primary election contributions.

(2) Once the appropriate elections official determines that no primary election for a particular office will be held, a declared candidate for that office must refund any contributions received in excess of the general election contribution limit. The candidate or the candidate's authorized committee must make the refunds within two weeks of the election's official's determination, and must disclose the refunds on the appropriate report.

(3) Failure by a candidate or a candidate's authorized committee to make refunds as required by subsection (2) of this section is a violation of RCW 29B.40.020 or 29B.40.030 by the candidate, but not by the contributors who made primary election contributions before a determination was made that no primary election would be held.

(4) WAC 390-17-303 sets out additional eligibility criteria for superior court candidates.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110 and 2024 c 164. WSR 26-01-209, s 390-17-301, filed 12/24/25, effective 1/1/26. Statutory Authority: RCW 42.17A.110(1). WSR 14-12-013, § 390-17-301, filed 5/22/14, effective 6/22/14.]