

Statutory History
of the
Political Activities of Public Entities Act
(Significant bills 1995 through 2006)

- 1995 SB 27 **Limits on Public Entities of Officials Advocacy** *(by Sen. Howard Stephenson)*
This bill established the "Political Activities of Public Entities Act" by enacting provisions prohibiting government entities from spending public funds to support or oppose candidates or ballot propositions. This bill specified certain information that a government entity may provide.
- 1996 SB 290 **Limits on Public Entities of Official Advocacy** *(by Sen. Al Mansell)*
This bill exempted from the "Political Activities of Public Entities Act" interlocal cooperation entities that receives its revenue from commercial operations such as the Intermountain Power Agency.
- 2004 SB 85 **Political Activities of Public Entities Amendments** *(by Sen. David Thomas)*
This bill clarified that public entities covered by the act includes local health departments. This bill also expanded the definition of public official to include, in addition to elected and appointed officials, those persons who have supervisory authority and approve expenditure of funds. This bill also provided that public officials who violate the act are guilty of a class B misdemeanor.