



1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 508

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1 **AN ACT to amend** 11.50 (2) (b) 5. of the statutes; **relating to:** qualification for
2 a grant from the Wisconsin election campaign fund.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, candidates for any partisan state office, except the office of district attorney, and candidates for justice of the supreme court and superintendent of public instruction may, upon meeting certain qualifications, receive state grants derived from general purpose revenues to be used for certain campaign expenses. One of the qualifications that a candidate for legislative office must meet is to raise at least 5% of the total amount of the candidate's expenditure limitation in contributions of money, other than loans, received from individuals in aggregate amounts of \$100 or less.

This bill requires, in addition, that in order to qualify for a grant, a candidate for legislative office must raise at least 50% of his or her qualifying contributions from individuals who are residents of the district in which the candidate seeks office.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 11.50 (2) (b) 5. of the statutes is amended to read:
4 11.50 (2) (b) 5. The financial reports filed by or on behalf of the candidate as
5 of the date of the spring or September primary, or the date that the special primary

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1 is or would be held, if required, indicate that the candidate has received at least the
2 amount provided in this subdivision, from contributions of money, other than loans,
3 made by individuals, which have been received during the period ending on the date
4 of the spring primary and July 1 preceding such date in the case of candidates at the
5 spring election, or the date of the September primary and January 1 preceding such
6 date in the case of candidates at the general election, or the date that a special
7 primary will or would be held, if required, and 90 days preceding such date or the
8 date a special election is ordered, whichever is earlier, in the case of special election
9 candidates, which contributions are in the aggregate amount of \$100 or less, and
10 which are fully identified and itemized as to the exact source thereof. In the case of
11 a candidate for legislative office, at least 50% of the contributions shall be received
12 from individuals who are residents of the district in which the candidate seeks office.

13 A contribution received from a conduit which is identified by the conduit as
14 originating from an individual shall be considered a contribution made by the
15 individual. Only the first \$100 of an aggregate contribution of more than \$100 may
16 be counted toward the required percentage. For a candidate at the spring or general
17 election for an office identified in s. 11.26 (1) (a) or a candidate at a special election,
18 the required amount to qualify for a grant is 5% of the candidate's authorized
19 disbursement limitation under s. 11.31. For any other candidate at the general
20 election, the required amount to qualify for a grant is 10% of the candidate's
21 authorized disbursement limitation under s. 11.31.

SECTION 2. Initial applicability.

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23 (1) This act first applies to qualifications for grants to be distributed for the
24 1998 general election campaign period.

25 (END)