



2005 ASSEMBLY BILL 998

February 7, 2006 – Introduced by Representatives FREESE, AINSWORTH, ALBERS, BIES, CULLEN, GUNDERSON, HAHN, KRAWCZYK, MONTGOMERY, MUSSEY, POCAN, PETTIS, PETROWSKI, TRAVIS and TURNER, cosponsored by Senators A. LASEE and OLSEN. Referred to Committee on Campaigns and Elections.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 11.25 (2) (b); and *to create* 11.65 of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 authorization for registrants under the campaign finance law to make
3 donations to charitable organizations or the common school fund from
4 campaign treasuries.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, with certain exceptions, a registrant under the campaign finance law is generally prohibited from making a disbursement (expenditure) from moneys solicited for political purposes for a purpose that is other than political. However, a registrant that receives a contribution from an unregistered nonresident, an unlawful corporate contribution, an anonymous contribution exceeding \$10, or a cash contribution exceeding \$50 may donate the contribution to a charitable organization or to the state common school fund. In addition, residual moneys in a campaign treasury when a registrant ceases financial activity may be treated likewise.

This bill provides that a registrant may make a donation from a campaign treasury to a charitable organization or to the common school fund at any time for any reason.

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

