



2005 SENATE BILL 44

February 2, 2005 - Introduced by Senators HARSDORF, COWLES, A. LASEE and ROESSLER, cosponsored by Representatives FREESE, BIES, BLACK, HAHN, HINES, JESKEWITZ, LEHMAN, POCAN and TOWNSEND. Referred to Committee on Campaign Finance Reform and Ethics.

- 1 **AN ACT** *to repeal and recreate* 11.24 (4); and *to create* 11.60 (3p) of the statutes;
2 **relating to:** acceptance of certain political contributions by certain elective
3 state officials and committees.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

The bill prohibits any incumbent partisan elective state official or his or her personal campaign or authorized support committee from accepting any political contribution for the purpose of promoting his or her nomination or reelection to the office held by the official during the period from the first Monday in January of each odd-numbered year through the date of enactment of the biennial budget act. The prohibition does not apply to contributions accepted by an incumbent official who is subject to a recall election or by the official's personal campaign or authorized support committee from the date on which the petition for a recall election is filed until the date of the recall election.

Violators are subject to a forfeiture (civil penalty) of treble the amount or value of any unlawful contribution. Intentional violators are guilty of a misdemeanor and may be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than six months or both.

Because this bill creates a new crime or revises a penalty for an existing crime, the Joint Review Committee on Criminal Penalties may be requested to prepare a

