



2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 860

February 4, 2016 - Introduced by Representatives BERCEAU, BARCA, MASON, OHNSTAD, SARGENT, SUBECK, CONSIDINE, SPREITZER and BROSTOFF, cosponsored by Senators C. LARSON, VINEHOUT and HARRIS DODD. Referred to Committee on Campaigns and Elections.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 11.0304 (1) (a) (intro.), 11.0304 (1) (a) 1., 11.0304 (1) (a) 8.,
2 11.0404 (1) (a) (intro.), 11.0404 (1) (a) 1., 11.0404 (1) (a) 8., 11.0604 (1) (a) (intro.)
3 and 11.0804 (1) (a) (intro.) of the statutes; **relating to:** reporting of
4 contributions received by political parties, legislative campaign committees,
5 independent expenditure committees, and referendum committees from
6 corporations, cooperatives, and American Indian tribes.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill clarifies the reporting requirements made applicable to political parties and certain committees authorized to receive contributions from corporations, cooperatives, and American Indian tribes by 2015 Wisconsin Act 117.

Act 117 permits corporations, cooperatives, and American Indian Tribes to make contributions of up to \$12,000 a year to a segregated fund established and administered by a political party or a legislative campaign committee. Act 117 also permits corporations, cooperatives, and American Indian tribes to make unlimited contributions to independent expenditure committees and referendum committees. Act 117 requires each such political party and committee to prepare itemized reports of contributions received and disbursements made by the political party or committee.

This bill requires political parties and legislative campaign committees to separately itemize contributions made to a segregated fund by corporations,

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cooperatives, and American Indian tribes. The bill also requires independent expenditure committees and referendum committees to separately itemize contributions received by corporations, cooperatives, and American Indian tribes. Finally, the bill requires political parties and legislative campaign committees to separately itemize on their campaign finance reports disbursements made from their segregated funds.

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

1 **SECTION 1.** 11.0304 (1) (a) (intro.) of the statutes, as created by 2015 Wisconsin
2 Act 117, is amended to read:

3 11.0304 (1) (a) (intro.) Each political party shall make full reports, upon a form
4 prescribed by the board and certified as required under s. 11.0103 (3) (c), of all
5 contributions, received by the political party, including contributions permitted
6 under s. 11.1112 to a segregated fund established and administered by the political
7 party as described under s. 11.1104 (6), and of all disbursements, made and
8 obligations received, made, and incurred by the political party. The political party
9 shall include in each report the following information, covering the period since the
10 last date covered on the previous report:

11 **SECTION 2.** 11.0304 (1) (a) 1. of the statutes, as created by 2015 Wisconsin Act
12 117, is amended to read:

13 11.0304 (1) (a) 1. An itemized statement giving the date, full name, and street
14 address of each person who has made a contribution to the political party and of each
15 person who has made a contribution to a segregated fund established and
16 administered by the political party as described under s. 11.1104 (6), together with
17 the amount of the contribution.

18 **SECTION 3.** 11.0304 (1) (a) 8. of the statutes, as created by 2015 Wisconsin Act
19 117, is amended to read:

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1 11.0304 (1) (a) 8. An itemized statement of every disbursement exceeding \$20
2 in amount or value, including every such disbursement made from a segregated fund
3 established and administered by the political party as described under s. 11.1104 (6),
4 together with the name and address of the person to whom the disbursement was
5 made, and the date and specific purpose for which the disbursement was made.

6 **SECTION 4.** 11.0404 (1) (a) (intro.) of the statutes, as created by 2015 Wisconsin
7 Act 117, is amended to read:

8 11.0404 (1) (a) (intro.) Each legislative campaign committee shall make full
9 reports, upon a form prescribed by the board and certified as required under s.
10 11.0103 (3) (c), of all contributions, received by the legislative campaign committee,
11 including contributions permitted under s. 11.1112 to a segregated fund established
12 and administered by the legislative campaign committee as described under s.
13 11.1104 (6), and of all disbursements, made and obligations received, made, and
14 incurred by the committee. The legislative campaign committee shall include in each
15 report the following information, covering the period since the last date covered on
16 the previous report:

17 **SECTION 5.** 11.0404 (1) (a) 1. of the statutes, as created by 2015 Wisconsin Act
18 117, is amended to read:

19 11.0404 (1) (a) 1. An itemized statement giving the date, full name, and street
20 address of each person who has made a contribution to the legislative campaign
21 committee and of each person who has made a contribution to a segregated fund
22 established and administered by the legislative campaign committee as described
23 under s. 11.1104 (6), together with the amount of the contribution.

24 **SECTION 6.** 11.0404 (1) (a) 8. of the statutes, as created by 2015 Wisconsin Act
25 117, is amended to read:

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1 11.0404 (1) (a) 8. An itemized statement of every disbursement exceeding \$20
2 in amount or value, including every such disbursement made from a segregated fund
3 established and administered by the legislative campaign committee as described
4 under s. 11.1104 (6), together with the name and address of the person to whom the
5 disbursement was made, and the date and specific purpose for which the
6 disbursement was made.

7 **SECTION 7.** 11.0604 (1) (a) (intro.) of the statutes, as created by 2015 Wisconsin
8 Act 117, is amended to read:

9 11.0604 (1) (a) (intro.) Each independent expenditure committee shall make
10 full reports, upon a form prescribed by the board and certified as required under s.
11 11.0103 (3) (c), of all contributions, received by the independent expenditure
12 committee, including contributions permitted under s. 11.1112, and of all
13 disbursements, made and obligations ~~received, made, and~~ incurred by the
14 committee. The independent expenditure committee shall include in each report the
15 following information, covering the period since the last date covered on the previous
16 report:

17 **SECTION 8.** 11.0804 (1) (a) (intro.) of the statutes, as created by 2015 Wisconsin
18 Act 117, is amended to read:

19 11.0804 (1) (a) (intro.) Each referendum committee shall make full reports,
20 upon a form prescribed by the board and certified as required under s. 11.0103 (3)
21 (c), of all contributions, received by the referendum committee, including
22 contributions permitted under s. 11.1112, and of all disbursements, made and
23 obligations ~~received, made, or~~ incurred by the committee. The referendum

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1 committee shall include in each report the following information, covering the period
2 since the last date covered on the previous report:

3 (END)