



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2005 Assembly Bill 996

Assembly Amendments 1 and 2

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Assembly Bill 996 relates to political fundraising by certain executives and state officials. **Assembly Amendment 1** prohibits the solicitation of a political contribution on behalf of a legislative campaign committee. The amendment also revises the language prohibiting the solicitation to reflect the addition of legislative campaign committees. A legislative campaign committee is defined in the amendment to be the same as the definition in s. 11.01 (12) (s).

That statute defines the term to mean a committee which does not file an oath under s. 11.06 (7) organizing either house of the Legislature to support candidates of a political party for legislative office. The bill also includes a provision recommended by the Legislative Reference Bureau to deal with the potential legal uncertainty of the status of 2001 Wisconsin Act 109.

Assembly Amendment 2 makes the bill's provisions applicable to local officeholders. A local office is defined as any elective office *other than* a state or national office, consistent with a definition in s. 5.02 (9), Stats.

Legislative History

The Assembly Committee on Campaigns and Elections held a public hearing on the bill on February 22, 2006. At an executive session on the same day the committee adopted Assembly Amendments 1 and 2 on a vote of Ayes, 6; Noes, 0. The committee recommended the bill for passage, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 1.

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