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**GOVERNOR**  
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TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE:

I have approved Senate Bill 40 as 2009 Wisconsin Act 89 and have deposited it in the Office of the Secretary of State. While I applaud the bill's efforts to reform campaign financing for Supreme Court Justice elections, I have exercised the partial veto to ensure that the legislation as amended meets the original intent of the authors.

Senate Bill 40 establishes public financing for the election of Justice of the Supreme Court by creating the financing option and two supplemental grants for the participating candidate. One supplemental grant relates to disbursements by a nonparticipating candidate and the other relates to independent disbursements made by other entities. Under the independent disbursement section, the bill as amended deducts the base grant amount from the supplemental grant, reducing funding available to a participating candidate.

I am partially vetoing section 17 [as it affects s. 11.513(2)] to ensure that, if independent disbursements exceed the threshold established in the bill, a participating candidate will receive a supplemental grant equal to the first independent disbursement dollar expended or obligated to be expended, without a reduction equal to the base grant amount.

I believe the partial veto I made to SB 40 brings the effect of the bill in alignment with the bill's original intent and helps to ensure the integrity of Wisconsin's Supreme Court.

Respectfully submitted,

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Governor