

1 11.05 (3) (c) In the case of a committee, a statement as to whether the
2 committee is a personal campaign committee, a political party committee, a
3 legislative campaign committee, a support committee or a special interest
4 committee, and a statement as to whether the committee is a sponsored entity under
5 s. 11.38 (1) (a) 4. or an independent disbursement committee.

6 **SECTION 48.** 11.05 (8) of the statutes is renumbered 11.05 (8) (intro.) and
7 amended to read:

8 11.05 (8) CERTAIN INTRA-REGISTRANT TRANSFERS EXEMPT. (intro.) If an
9 organization ~~which~~ that is not organized exclusively for political purposes makes a
10 contribution from its own property or funds to a committee or group, affiliated with
11 the organization, ~~which is~~ and organized exclusively for political purposes, and ~~the~~
12 all of the following apply, then no registration requirement applies to the
13 contributing organization:

14 (a) The contributing organization receives no contribution from a single source
15 in excess of ~~\$20~~ \$100 in the aggregate during any calendar year, ~~and it.~~

16 (b) The contributing organization makes no contributions or disbursements
17 and incurs no obligations other than to make the transactions specified in this
18 subsection, ~~then no registration requirement applies to the contributing~~
19 ~~organization.~~

20 **SECTION 49.** 11.05 (11g) of the statutes is created to read:

21 11.05 (11g) CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND OTHER ENTITIES. If a corporation,
22 association, or other entity makes no contributions or disbursements other than to
23 or on behalf of one or more independent disbursement committees and receives no
24 contributions or other income for the express purpose of making independent

1 disbursements, the corporation, association, or other entity is not subject to a
2 registration requirement under this section.

3 SECTION 50. 11.05 (12) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 11.05 (12) (b) Except as authorized under sub. (13), a committee, group or
5 individual that becomes subject to a registration requirement under sub. (1) or (2),
6 other than a candidate or agent of a candidate, shall comply with sub. (1) or (2) no
7 later than the 5th business day commencing after receipt of the first contribution by
8 the committee, group or individual exceeding the amount specified under sub. (1) or
9 (2) or s. 11.23 (1), and before making any disbursement exceeding that amount. No
10 committee or individual supporting or opposing the election or nomination of a
11 candidate at an election, other than a candidate or agent of a candidate, may accept
12 any contribution or contributions exceeding \$25 \$1,000, and no group or individual
13 subject to registration under s. 11.23 may accept any contribution or contributions
14 *John* exceeding ~~\$750~~ \$1,500 in the aggregate during a calendar year at any time when the
15 committee, group or individual is not registered under this section except within the
16 initial 5-day period authorized by this paragraph.

17 SECTION 51. 11.06 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 11.06 (1) CONTENTS OF REPORT. (intro.) Except as provided in subs. (1g), (2), (3)
19 and (3m) and ss. 11.05 (2r) and 11.19 (2), each registrant under s. 11.05 shall make
20 full reports, upon a form prescribed by the board and signed by the appropriate
21 individual under sub. (5), of all contributions received, contributions or
22 disbursements made, and obligations incurred. Each report shall contain the
23 following information, covering the period since the last date covered on the previous
24 report, unless otherwise provided:

25 SECTION 52. 11.06 (1) (j) of the statutes is amended to read:

1 11.06 (1) (j) In the case of a committee or individual filing an oath under sub.
 2 (7), a separate schedule showing for each independent disbursement ~~which is made~~
 3 ~~independently of a candidate~~, other than a contribution made to that candidate, the
 4 name of the candidate or candidates on whose behalf or in opposition to whom the
 5 disbursement is made, indicating whether the purpose is support or opposition.

6 **SECTION 53.** 11.06 (1g) of the statutes is created to read:

7 **11.06 (1g) SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS.** A corporation, association, or other
 8 entity sponsoring an individual or organization under s. 11.38 (1) (a) 4. need only
 9 include in its reports under sub. (1) those contributions received by the corporation,
 10 association, or other entity for the express purpose of making independent
 11 disbursements, those disbursements made from those contributions or other income,
 12 and those loans or other obligations that are incurred for the express purpose of
 13 making independent disbursements.

14 **SECTION 54.** 11.09 of the statutes is repealed.

15 **SECTION 55.** 11.12 (1) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 11.12 (1) (d) Paragraph (a) does not apply to disbursements and obligations
 17 which are exempted from reporting under s. 11.06 (1g) or (2).

18 **SECTION 56.** 11.12 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 11.12 (3) All contributions, disbursements and incurred obligations exceeding
 20 \$10 ~~\$25~~ shall be recorded by the campaign or committee treasurer or the individual
 21 under s. 11.06 (7). He or she shall maintain such records in an organized and legible
 22 manner, for not less than 3 years after the date of an election in which the registrant
 23 participates. If a report is submitted under s. 11.19 (1), the records may be
 24 transferred to a continuing committee or to the appropriate filing officer for
 25 retention. Records shall include the information required under s. 11.06 (1).

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1 **SECTION 57.** 11.12 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 11.12 (4) Each registrant shall report contributions, disbursements and
3 incurred obligations in accordance with s. 11.20. Except as permitted under s. 11.06
4 (1g), (2), (3) and (3m), each report shall contain the information which is required
5 under s. 11.06 (1).

6 **SECTION 58.** 11.16 (1) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 11.16 (1) (d) This subsection does not apply to disbursements and obligations
8 which are exempted from reporting under s. 11.06 (1g) or (2).

9 **SECTION 59.** 11.19 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 11.19 (2) Notwithstanding sub. (1), any registrant who or which determines
11 that obligations will no longer be incurred, contributions will no longer be made or
12 received or disbursements made during a calendar year in an aggregate amount of
13 more than ~~\$1,000~~ \$2,000 may file a suspension report with the appropriate filing
14 officer. The report shall be filed and certified as were previous reports and shall
15 contain the information required under s. 11.06 (1). Upon receipt of a properly
16 executed report, the registrant shall be granted a suspension of the filing
17 requirement under s. 11.20 (9) by the appropriate filing officer. Such suspension is
18 effective only for the calendar year in which it is granted, unless the registrant alters
19 its status before the end of such year or files a termination report under sub. (1).

20 **SECTION 60.** 11.20 (4) of the statutes is renumbered 11.20 (4) (a) (intro.) and
21 amended to read:

22 11.20 (4) (a) (intro.) ~~Continuing reports under s. 11.06 (1) by committees~~
23 Committees or individuals supporting or opposing candidates for office, including
24 committees of a political party, and ~~by~~ individuals, groups, or corporations
25 supporting or opposing a referendum shall ~~be received by~~ submit continuing reports

1 required under s. 11.06 (1) to the appropriate filing officer no earlier than January
2 1 and no later than January 31; and no earlier than July 1 and no later than July 20.
3 Individuals, as follows:

4 (b) Individuals, committees, groups, and corporations to which s. 11.055 (1)
5 applies shall pay the fee imposed under that subsection with their continuing reports
6 filed in January of each year.

7 **SECTION 61.** 11.20 (4) (a) 1. of the statutes is created to read:

8 11.20 (4) (a) 1. In an election year, monthly on the 7th day preceding the last
9 day of the month.

10 **SECTION 62.** 11.20 (4) (a) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

11 11.20 (4) (a) 2. In a nonelection year, quarterly on January 24, April 23, July
12 24, and October 24.

13 **SECTION 63.** 11.21 (16) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 11.21 (16) Require each registrant for whom the board serves as filing officer
15 and who or which accepts contributions in a total amount or value of \$20,000 or more
16 during a campaign period to file each campaign finance report that is required to be
17 filed under this chapter in an electronic format, and accept from any other registrant
18 for whom the board serves as a filing officer any campaign finance report that is
19 required to be filed under this chapter in an electronic format. A registrant who or
20 which becomes subject to a requirement to file reports in an electronic format under
21 this subsection shall initially file the registrant's report in an electronic format for
22 the period which includes the date on which the registrant becomes subject to the
23 requirement. To facilitate implementation of this subsection, the board shall specify,
24 by rule, a type of software that is suitable for compliance with the electronic filing
25 requirement under this subsection. The software shall allow a registrant to provide

1 an electronic signature, as defined in s. 137.11 (8), that is subject to a security
2 procedure, as defined in s. 137.11 (13). The board shall provide copies of the software
3 to registrants at a price fixed by the board that may not exceed cost. ~~Each registrant~~
4 ~~who or which files a report under this subsection in an electronic format shall also~~
5 ~~file a copy of the report with the board that is recorded on a medium specified by the~~
6 ~~board. The copy shall be signed by an authorized individual and filed with the board~~
7 ~~by each registrant no later than the time prescribed for filing of the report under this~~
8 ~~chapter.~~ The board shall provide complete instructions to any registrant who or
9 which files a report under this subsection. In this subsection, the “campaign period”
10 of a candidate, personal campaign committee or support committee begins and ends
11 with the “campaign” of the candidate whose candidacy is supported, as defined in s.
12 11.26 (17), and the “campaign period” of any other registrant begins on January 1 of
13 each odd-numbered year and ends on December 31 of the following year.

14 **SECTION 64.** 11.23 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 11.23 (1) Any group or individual may promote or oppose a particular vote at
16 any referendum in this state. Except as authorized in s. 11.05 (12) (b) and (13), before
17 a group makes or accepts contributions, makes disbursements, or incurs obligations
18 in excess of \$750 \$1,500 in the aggregate in a calendar year for such purposes, and
19 before an individual accepts contributions, makes disbursements, or incurs
20 obligations in excess of \$750 \$1,500 in the aggregate in a calendar year for such
21 purposes, the group or individual shall file a registration statement under s. 11.05
22 (1), (2) or (2r). In the case of a group the name and mailing address of each of its
23 officers shall be given in the statement. Every group and every individual under this
24 section shall designate a campaign depository account under s. 11.14. Every group
25 shall appoint a treasurer, who may delegate authority but is jointly responsible for

1 ~~the actions of his or her authorized designee~~ for purposes of civil liability under this
2 chapter. The appropriate filing officer shall be notified by a group of any change in
3 its treasurer within 10 days of the change under s. 11.05 (5). The treasurer of a group
4 shall certify the correctness of each statement or report submitted by it under this
5 chapter.

6 SECTION 65. 11.23 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 11.23 (3) All contributions, disbursements and incurred obligations exceeding
8 \$10 ~~(\$20)~~^{a \$25} shall be recorded by the group treasurer or the individual. He or she shall
9 maintain such records in an organized and legible manner, for not less than 3 years
10 after the date of a referendum in which the group or individual participates. If a
11 report is submitted under s. 11.19 (1), the records may be transferred to a continuing
12 group or to the appropriate filing officer for retention. Records shall include the
13 information required under s. 11.06 (1).

14 SECTION 66. 11.25 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

15 11.25 (4) No independent disbursement committee that accepts any
16 contribution from an entity specified in s. 11.38 (1) (a) 1. may make any contribution
17 that the entity is prohibited from making under s. 11.38 (1) (a) 1.

18 SECTION 67. 11.26 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 11.26 (1) (a) Candidates for governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state,
20 state treasurer, attorney general, state superintendent, or justice, \$10,000 in the
21 primary and \$10,000 in the election.

22 SECTION 68. 11.26 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 11.26 (1) (b) Candidates for state senator, \$1,000 in the primary and \$1,000 in
24 the election.

25 SECTION 69. 11.26 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

1 11.26 (1) (c) Candidates for representative to the assembly, \$500 in the primary
2 and \$500 in the election.

3 **SECTION 70.** 11.26 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 11.26 (2) (a) Candidates for governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state,
5 state treasurer, attorney general, state superintendent, or justice, 4 percent of the
6 value of the disbursement level specified in the schedule under s. 11.31 (1), subject
7 to s. 11.31 (2m).

8 **SECTION 71.** 11.26 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 11.26 (2) (b) Candidates for state senator, \$1,000 in the primary and \$1,000 in
10 the election.

11 **SECTION 72.** 11.26 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 11.26 (2) (c) Candidates for representative to the assembly, \$500 in the primary
13 and \$500 in the election.

14 **SECTION 73.** 11.26 (4) of the statutes is repealed.

15 **SECTION 74.** 11.26 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 11.26 (5) The contribution limits provided in ~~subs. sub.~~ sub. (1) ~~and (4)~~ do not apply
17 to a candidate who makes any contribution or contributions to his or her own
18 campaign for office from the candidate's personal funds or property or the personal
19 funds or property which are owned jointly or as marital property with the candidate's
20 spouse, with respect to any contribution or contributions made to that candidate's
21 campaign only. A candidate's personal contributions shall be deposited in his or her
22 campaign depository account and reported in the normal manner.

23 **SECTION 75.** 11.26 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 11.26 (6) When a candidate adopts a preexisting support committee as his or
25 her personal campaign committee, the support committee is deemed to have been the

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1 same committee as the candidate's personal campaign committee for purposes of the
2 application of subs. (1), and (2) and (9). The limitations prescribed in ~~subs.~~ sub. (2)
3 ~~and (9)~~ do not apply to the transfer of contributions which is made at the time of such
4 adoption, but do apply to the contributions which have been made by any other
5 committee to the support committee at the time of adoption.

6 **SECTION 76.** 11.26 (8) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 11.26 (8) (a) No political party as defined in s. 5.02 (13) may receive more than
8 a total of ~~\$150,000~~ \$300,000 in value of its contributions in any biennium from all
9 other committees, excluding contributions from legislative campaign committees
10 and transfers between party committees of the party. In this paragraph, a biennium
11 commences with January 1 of each odd-numbered year and ends with December 31
12 of each even-numbered year.

13 **SECTION 77.** 11.26 (8) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 11.26 (8) (b) No such political party may receive more than a total of ~~\$6,000~~
15 \$12,000 in value of its contributions in any calendar year from any specific committee
16 or its subunits or affiliates, excluding legislative campaign and political party
17 committees.

18 **SECTION 78.** 11.26 (8) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 11.26 (8) (c) No committee, other than a political party or legislative campaign
20 committee, may make any contribution or contributions, directly or indirectly, to a
21 political party under s. 5.02 (13) in a calendar year exceeding a total value of ~~\$6,000~~
22 \$12,000.

23 **SECTION 79.** 11.26 (9) of the statutes is repealed.

24 **SECTION 80.** 11.26 (17) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 11.26 (17) (a) For purposes of application of the limitations imposed in subs.
2 (1), and (2), and (9), the "campaign" of a candidate begins and ends at the times
3 specified in this subsection.

4 **SECTION 81.** 11.26 (18) of the statutes is created to read:

5 11.26 (18) Beginning on July 1, 2015, and every 2 years thereafter, the board
6 shall modify the dollar amounts under subs. (1) (a), (b), and (c), (2) (b) and (c), and
7 (8), rounded to the nearest multiple of \$25, to adjust for the change in the consumer
8 price index, all items, U.S. city average, published by the U.S. department of labor
9 for the preceding 2-year period ending on December 31.

10 **SECTION 82.** 11.29 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 11.29 (1) ~~Nothing in this chapter restricts any~~ A corporation, cooperative,
12 unincorporated cooperative association, or voluntary association, other than a
13 political party or personal campaign committee ~~from making disbursements, may~~
14 make a disbursement for the purpose of communicating only with its members,
15 shareholders, or subscribers, to the exclusion of all other persons, with respect to
16 ~~endorsements of candidates, positions~~ the endorsement of a candidate, taking a
17 position on a referendum ~~or explanation of,~~ explaining its views or interests, or
18 providing information about how to make a contribution to a candidate endorsed by
19 the corporation, cooperative, or association without reporting such activity. No such
20 corporation, cooperative, or association may solicit contributions from persons who
21 are not members, shareholders, or subscribers to be used for such purposes activity.

22 **SECTION 83.** 11.31 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 11.31 (1) (a) Candidates for governor, \$1,078,200 in the primary and
24 \$1,078,200 in the election.

25 **SECTION 84.** 11.31 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 11.31 (1) (b) Candidates for lieutenant governor, \$323,475 in the primary and
2 \$323,475 in the election.

3 **SECTION 85.** 11.31 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 11.31 (1) (c) Candidates for attorney general, \$539,000 in the primary and
5 \$539,000 in the election.

6 **SECTION 86.** 11.31 (1) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 11.31 (1) (d) Candidates for secretary of state, state treasurer, state
8 superintendent, or justice, \$215,625 in the primary and \$215,625 in the election.

9 **SECTION 87.** 11.31 (1) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 11.31 (1) (e) Candidates for state senator, \$34,500 total in the primary and
11 \$34,500 in the election, with disbursements not exceeding \$21,575 for either the
12 primary or the election.

13 **SECTION 88.** 11.31 (1) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 11.31 (1) (f) Candidates for representative to the assembly, \$17,250 total in the
15 primary and \$17,250 in the election, with disbursements not exceeding \$10,775 for
16 either the primary or the election.

17 **SECTION 89.** 11.31 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:

18 11.31 (2m) CONSUMER PRICE INDEX ADJUSTMENTS. Beginning on July 1, 2015, and
19 every 2 years thereafter, the board shall modify the dollar amounts under sub. (1) (a)
20 to (d), (e), and (f), rounded to the nearest multiple of \$25, to adjust for the change in
21 the consumer price index, all items, U.S. city average, published by the U.S.
22 department of labor for the preceding 2-year period ending on December 31.

23 **SECTION 90.** 11.33 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:

24 11.33 (2m) This section does not apply to the cost of materials or distribution
25 of a communication made by a member of the legislature to an address located within

1 the legislative district represented by that member during the 45-day period
2 following declaration of a state of emergency by the governor under s. 323.10
3 affecting any county in which the district is located if the communication relates
4 solely to the subject of the emergency.

5 **SECTION 91.** 11.38 (title) and (1) (a) 1. of the statutes are amended to read:

6 **11.38 (title) Contributions and disbursements by corporations and**
7 **cooperatives, certain associations, and other entities.** (1) (a) 1. No foreign or
8 domestic corporation, or association organized under ch. 185 or 193, may make any
9 contribution ~~or disbursement~~, directly or indirectly, ~~either independently or through~~
10 ~~any political party, committee, group, candidate or individual for any purpose other~~
11 ~~than to promote or defeat a referendum~~ except to an independent disbursement
12 committee or a sponsored individual or committee under subd. 4.

13 **SECTION 92.** 11.38 (1) (a) 3. of the statutes is repealed.

14 **SECTION 93.** 11.38 (1) (a) 4. of the statutes is created to read:

15 11.38 (1) (a) 4. Any foreign or domestic corporation, association organized
16 under ch. 185 or 193, or other entity that is not primarily organized for political
17 purposes may sponsor a separate individual or committee that is not organized
18 exclusively for political purposes and may make contributions and solicit
19 contributions from other individuals or organizations to the sponsored entity to be
20 utilized by the sponsored entity for the purpose of making independent
21 disbursements in support of or in opposition to one or more candidates for state or
22 local office. The individual or committee shall appoint a treasurer and register as
23 a political committee under s. 11.05. A parent corporation, association, or other
24 entity engaging solely in this activity is not subject to registration under s. 11.05, but
25 shall register and file special reports on forms prescribed by the board disclosing its

1 administrative and solicitation expenses on behalf of the sponsored entity and any
2 contributions made by the corporation or association to the sponsored entity. The
3 corporation or association shall file an oath making the affirmation required under
4 s. 11.06 (7), shall file the reports with the filing officer for the sponsored entity
5 specified in s. 11.02 in the manner in which reports of contributions and other
6 reportable information are filed under ss. 11.12 (6) and 11.20 (4) and (8) and shall
7 include an attribution on all communications in the same manner and to the same
8 extent that attributions on political communications are required under s. 11.30 (2).

9 **SECTION 94.** 11.38 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 11.38 (1) (b) No political party, committee, group, candidate or individual may
11 accept any contribution ~~or disbursement~~ made to or on behalf of such individual or
12 entity which is prohibited by this section.

13 **SECTION 95.** 11.38 (2) (c) of the statutes is repealed.

14 **SECTION 96.** 13.025 of the statutes is created to read:

15 **13.025 Ethics training for members.** Before the oath of office may be
16 administered to any member of the legislature, the member shall complete ethics
17 training administered by the government accountability board under s. 19.48 (9).

18 **SECTION 97.** 13.625 (1) (c) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 13.625 (1) (c) (intro.) Except as permitted in this subsection, make a campaign
20 contribution, as defined in s. 11.01 (6), to a partisan elective state official for the
21 purpose of promoting the official's election to any national, state, or local office; or
22 to a candidate for a partisan elective state office to be filled at the general election
23 or a special election; or to the official's or candidate's personal campaign committee.
24 A lobbyist may make a campaign contribution to a partisan elective state official or
25 candidate for partisan elective state office ~~of his or her~~ to the personal campaign

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1 committee ~~may be made~~ of the official or candidate in the year of ~~the~~ the official's or
2 candidate's election between June 1 April 15 and the day of the general election,
3 except that:

4 SECTION 98. 13.63 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 13.63 (1) (a) An ~~application~~ applicant for a license to act as a lobbyist may be
6 ~~obtained~~ obtain an application from and ~~filed~~ file the application with the board.
7 Except as authorized under par. (am), an applicant shall include his or her social
8 security number on the application. ~~The application~~ applicant shall be signed, under
9 the penalty for making false statements under s. 13.69 (6m), ~~by the lobbyist~~ sign the
10 application. The applicant shall submit with the application the applicable fee under
11 s. 13.75 (1) or (1m) and evidence that the applicant has completed 4 hours of ethics
12 training administered by the board under s. 19.48 (9) within the preceding 24
13 months. Upon approval of the application and payment of the applicable license fee
14 under s. 13.75 (1) or (1m) to by the board, the board shall issue a license ~~which~~ to the
15 applicant. A license issued under this paragraph entitles the licensee to practice
16 lobbying on behalf of each registered principal ~~who or which has filed~~ for whom or
17 which an authorization for that lobbyist, as required under s. 13.65 ~~for that lobbyist,~~
18 has been filed and paid for whom or which the authorization fee required under s.
19 13.75 (4) has been paid. The A license issued under this paragraph shall expire on
20 December 31 of each even-numbered year.

21 SECTION 99. 13.695 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 13.695 (1) (a) The name of the agency filing the statement;

23 SECTION 100. 13.695 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 13.695 (1) (b) The name, title, and salary, which is paid by the state, of each
25 officer or employee engaged in such legislative activity, ~~the~~

1 (c) The proportionate amount of time spent on legislative activity and the
2 general area of legislative action by each such officer or employee.

3 (d) The number of each introduced bill on or about which the officer or employee
4 has attempted to influence legislative action.

5 **SECTION 101.** 17.02 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 17.02 (1) SENATORS AND MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. Of the resignation of a United
7 States senator or member of congress from this state, by the senator or member of
8 congress to the secretary of state. Upon receipt of notice of the resignation, the
9 secretary of state shall give immediate notice to the governor of the resignation
10 including the effective date thereof.

11 **SECTION 102.** 17.18 of the statutes is amended to read:

12 **17.18 Vacancies, U.S. senator and representative in congress; how**
13 **filled.** Vacancies in the office of U.S. senator or representative in congress from this
14 state shall be filled by election, as provided in s. 8.50 (4) (b), for the residue of the
15 unexpired term. In addition, an anticipated vacancy in the office of U.S. senator or
16 representative in congress may be filled as provided in s. 8.50 (4) (bm).

17 **SECTION 103.** 120.13 (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 **120.13 School board powers.** (intro.) The Subject to the prohibitions on
19 publishing or disseminating information related to or promoting a referendum under
20 s. 121.91 (3) (a), the school board of a common or union high school district may do
21 all things reasonable to promote the cause of education, including establishing,
22 providing, and improving school district programs, functions, and activities for the
23 benefit of pupils, and including all of the following:

24 **SECTION 104.** 121.91 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

1 121.91 (3) (a) If a school board wishes to exceed the limit under sub. (2m)
2 otherwise applicable to the school district in any school year, it shall promptly adopt
3 a resolution supporting inclusion in the final school district budget of an amount
4 equal to the proposed excess revenue. The resolution shall specify whether the
5 proposed excess revenue is for a recurring or nonrecurring purpose, or, if the
6 proposed excess revenue is for both recurring and nonrecurring purposes, the
7 amount of the proposed excess revenue for each purpose. The resolution shall be filed
8 as provided in s. 8.37. Within 10 days after adopting the resolution, the school board
9 shall notify the department of the scheduled date of the referendum and submit a
10 copy of the resolution to the department. The school board shall call a special
11 referendum for the purpose of submitting the resolution to the electors of the school
12 district for approval or rejection. In lieu of a special referendum, the school board
13 may specify that the referendum be held at the next succeeding spring primary or
14 election or partisan primary or general election, if such election is to be held not
15 sooner than 70 days after the filing of the resolution of the school board. The school
16 board may not expend any revenue to publish or disseminate information related to
17 or promote any referendum held under this paragraph. The school district clerk
18 shall certify the results of the referendum to the department within 10 days after the
19 referendum is held.

****NOTE: "Revenue" is defined for purposes of this section as "the sum of state aid and the property tax levy," s. 121.90 (1m), stats. Does the prohibition on expenditures under this paragraph accomplish your intent?

****NOTE: This bill does not modify the provisions in this subsection governing the holding or scheduling of referenda; those changes are being prepared in a separate draft.

20 **SECTION 105. Initial applicability.**

1 (1) The treatment of sections 5.052 (3) (a) to (e) of the statutes first applies to
 2 nominations to the government accountability board submitted under section 5.052
 3 (3) of the statutes on the effective date of this subsection.

4 (2) The treatment of section 5.15 (6) (b) of the statutes first applies with respect
 5 to reporting of election returns for elections held on the effective date of this
 6 subsection.

7 (3) The treatment of sections 5.90 (1) and 9.01 (1) (ag) 1m. of the statutes first
 8 applies with respect to petitions for recounts at elections held after the effective date
 9 of this subsection.

10 (4) The treatment of sections 6.79 (2) (a), 6.82 (1) (a) (as it relates to the
 11 exemption of certain electors from the requirement to present proof of identification
 12 when voting in an election), and 7.51 (5) (b) of the statutes, the renumbering and
 13 amendment of section 6.97 (3) (b) of the statutes, and the creation of section 6.97 (3)
 14 (b) 2. of the statutes first apply with respect to proof of identification required for
 15 elections held on the 60th day beginning after the effective date of this subsection.

16 (5) The treatment of section 6.86 (1) (b) and (bb) of the statutes first applies to
 17 elections held no earlier than 60 days after the effective date of this subsection.

18 (6) The treatment of sections 8.50 (intro.), (1) (a) and (c), (2) (a), and (4) (bm)
 19 and (f) 1. and 2., 17.02 (1), and 17.18 of the statutes first applies with respect to
 20 special elections held to fill vacancies occurring on the effective date of this
 21 subsection.

22 (7) The treatment of section 11.01 (16) (intro.) and (b) 1. of the statutes first
 23 applies with respect to communications made on the effective date of this subsection.

To (#) The treatment of section 13.63 (1) (a) of the statutes first applies
 to applications for a license to act as a lobbyist filed on July 1, 2013

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Internet political activity; individual and public communications

Currently, with certain exceptions, payments for political communications are subject to disclosure under the campaign finance law, regardless of the medium that is used to conduct the communications. Payments for Internet communications are treated like payments for other communications. Currently, the cost of news stories, political interviews, editorial commentary, or endorsements, regardless of the medium by which they are distributed, are not contributions or disbursements and therefore are not reportable. The costs of communications by an organization other than a political party or personal campaign committee that are limited to the organization's members, shareholders, or subscribers are generally not reportable. In addition, all services for a political purpose by an individual on behalf of a campaign finance registrant are not reportable and are not subject to the current prohibition on contributions and disbursements by corporations and cooperatives unless the individual performing the services is compensated specifically for those services.

This bill provides that any cost incurred to conduct Internet activity is not a contribution or disbursement, and is therefore not reportable if it is performed by an individual acting on his or her own behalf, or acting on behalf of another person, and if the individual is not compensated specifically for his or her services. This includes the cost or value of any equipment and services used by the individual to conduct the activity. The bill similarly provides that any cost incurred in covering a news story, commentary, or editorial by a broadcasting station, cable television operator, producer, or programmer, Internet site, or newspaper or other periodical publication, including an Internet or other periodical publication, except the cost of a news story that appears in a medium that is owned by a candidate, candidate's authorized committee, or political party, is not a contribution or disbursement and is therefore

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not reportable. In addition, the bill provides specifically that the following are disbursements, and are therefore reportable: a) any payment for a communication to the general public for a political purpose except an Internet communication that is not a disbursement under the bill; b) any payment for the purchase or rental of an electronic-mail address list that is made at the direction of a campaign finance registrant for a political purpose; or c) any payment for an electronic-mail address list that is transferred to a registrant for a political purpose. The bill provides however, that the following are not disbursements, and are therefore not reportable: a) a communication or Internet activity by an individual acting on his or her own behalf, or acting on behalf of another person if the individual is not compensated specifically for those services, including the cost or value of any electronic equipment and services used by the individual to conduct the activity; or b) a nominal fee paid for a communication to the general public.



2011 SENATE BILL 553

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Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

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This bill permits a veterans identification card issued by the Veterans Health Administration of the (U.S.) Department of Veterans Affairs to be used as proof of identification if the card contains the name of the person to whom it is issued and a photograph of the individual.

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

3 SECTION 1. 5.02 (6m) (g) of the statutes is created to read:
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5 administration of the U. S. department of veterans affairs.

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1 **SECTION 1.** 11.01 (6) (b) 8. and 9. of the statutes are created to read:

2 11.01 (6) (b) 8. Any cost incurred to conduct Internet activity for a political
3 purpose by an individual acting on his or her own behalf, or acting on behalf of
4 another person if the individual is not compensated specifically for those services,
5 including the cost or value of any equipment and services identified in s. 11.06 (13).

6 9. Any cost incurred for covering or carrying a news story, commentary, or
7 editorial by a broadcasting station, cable television operator, producer, or
8 programmer, Internet site, or newspaper or other periodical publication, including
9 an Internet or other electronic publication except the cost of a news story that
10 appears in a medium that is owned or controlled by a candidate, personal campaign
11 committee of a candidate, support committee of a candidate that is authorized under
12 s. 11.05 (3) (p), or a political party.

13 **SECTION 2.** 11.01 (7) (a) 5. to 7. of the statutes are created to read:

14 11.01 (7) (a) 5. Any payment for a communication to the general public for a
15 political purpose by means of any broadcast, satellite communication, newspaper or

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1 other periodical publication, outdoor advertising facility, mass mailing, or mass
2 telephoning to the general public, or any other form of advertising to the general
3 public, except communications over the Internet by an individual acting on his or her
4 own behalf, or acting on behalf of another person if the individual is not compensated
5 specifically for those services, including the cost or value of any equipment and
6 services identified in s. 11.06 (13).

7 6. Any payment for the purchase or rental of an electronic-mail address list
8 made at the direction of a registrant for a political purpose.

9 7. Any payment for an electronic-mail address list that is transferred to a
10 registrant for a political purpose.

11 **SECTION 3.** 11.01 (7) (b) 6. to 8. of the statutes are created to read:

12 11.01 (7) (b) 6. A communication or Internet activity by an individual acting
13 on his or her own behalf, or acting on behalf of another person if the individual is not
14 compensated specifically for those services, including the cost or value of any
15 equipment and services identified in s. 11.06 (13).

16 7. Any cost incurred in covering or carrying a news story, commentary, or
17 editorial by a broadcasting station, cable television operator, programmer or
18 producer, Internet site, or newspaper or other periodical publication, including an
19 Internet or electronic publication, except the cost of a news story that appears in a
20 medium that is owned or controlled by a candidate, personal campaign committee
21 of a candidate, support committee of a candidate that is authorized under s. 11.05 (3)
22 (p), or a political party.

23 8. A nominal fee paid for a communication to the general public.

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10 **SECTION 5.** 11.01 (12m) of the statutes is created to read:

11 11.01 (12m) "Internet activity" includes sending or forwarding an electronic
12 message; providing a hyperlink or other direct access on a person's Internet site to
13 an Internet site operated by another person; blogging; creating, maintaining, or
14 hosting an Internet site; payment by a person of a nominal fee for the use of an
15 Internet site operated by another person; or any other form of communication
16 distributed over the Internet.

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1 SECTION 1. 11.26 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 11.26 (3) The contribution limitations of subs. (1) and (2) apply cumulatively
3 to the entire primary ~~and~~ or election campaign in which a candidate participates,
4 whether or not there is a contested primary election. ~~The total limitation may be~~
5 ~~apportioned in any manner desired between the primary and election.~~ All moneys
6 cumulate regardless of the time of contribution.

History: 1973 c. 334; 1975 c. 93 ss. 89 to 95, 119 (1); 1975 c. 200; 1977 c. 107, 187; 1977 c. 427 s. 132; 1979 c. 263, 328; 1979 c. 355 s. 32; 1983 a. 183, 186; 1985 a. 303
ss. 44 to 55m, 86; 1987 a. 27, 370; 1989 a. 31, 192; 1995 a. 27 s. 9145 (1); 1995 a. 219, 225; 1999 a. 32; 2001 a. 109; 2005 a. 177; 2009 a. 89, 216; 2011 a. 32, 75; s. 35.17 correction
in (1) (d) 1.

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7 SECTION 2. 11.26 (11) of the statutes is renumbered 11.26 (11) (a) and amended
8 to read:

9 11.26 (11) (a) ~~Excess~~ Except as provided in par. (b), excess contributions shall
10 be returned to the donor or treated in accordance with s. 11.12 (2) or 11.23 (2), at the
11 option of the treasurer.

History: 1973 c. 334; 1975 c. 93 ss. 89 to 95, 119 (1); 1975 c. 200; 1977 c. 107, 187; 1977 c. 427 s. 132; 1979 c. 263, 328; 1979 c. 355 s. 32; 1983 a. 183, 186; 1985 a. 303
ss. 44 to 55m, 86; 1987 a. 27, 370; 1989 a. 31, 192; 1995 a. 27 s. 9145 (1); 1995 a. 219, 225; 1999 a. 32; 2001 a. 109; 2005 a. 177; 2009 a. 89, 216; 2011 a. 32, 75; s. 35.17 correction
in (1) (d) 1.

12 SECTION 3. 11.26 (11) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

13 11.26 (11) (b) If a contribution in excess of the limitation for a primary election
14 under sub. (1) (a), (b), or (c) ^y or (2) (a), (b), or (c) is made before the primary, the
15 treasurer shall presume that the excess amount is a contribution to the election. If
16 the candidate for whom the excess amount is contributed does not win the primary
17 election, the treasurer shall return or treat the excess amount as provided ⁱⁿ ~~under~~ par.
18 (a).

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SECTION 55 AM: 11.30 (4)

1 11.30 (4) No owner or other person with a financial interest in a
2 communications medium may utilize such medium in support of or in opposition to
3 a candidate or referendum except as provided in this chapter.

4 . (4m) This chapter shall not be construed to restrict fair coverage of bona fide
5 news stories, interviews with candidates and other politically active individuals,
6 editorial comment or endorsement. ~~Such activities~~ editorials by any broadcasting
7 station, cable television operator or producer, Internet site, or newspaper or other
8 periodical publication, including an Internet or electronic publication, unless the
9 communication is made by a candidate, personal campaign committee, support
10 committee of a candidate authorized under s. 11.05 (3) (p), or a political party.
11 Activities that are not restricted under this subsection are not subject to an
12 attribution requirement under sub. (2) and need not be reported as a contribution or
13 disbursement.

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~~SECTION 2. Initial applicability.~~

The treatment of section 5.02(6m)(g) of the statutes

~~(a)~~ This act first applies with respect to voting at the first election to be held following the effective date of this subsection for which declarations of candidacy are due for filing on or after the effective date of this subsection.

~~(END)~~

Kuczenski, Tracy

From: Hanus, Andrew
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2013 12:09 PM
To: Kuczenski, Tracy
Cc: Zuleger, Chad
Subject: RE: Campaign finance reporting

*May 17, 2013: per Andrew, add
in ~~AB~~ AB 202 (preprimary's
election officer draft)
w/ amendment to 5
Fact.*

Hi Tracy,

Thanks for getting back to us so quickly on this. Please see our responses in blue below.

Hi Andrew and Chad -

Even after discussing this with Jeff, I am struggling to make sense of my hand-written instructions regarding your requested changes to the campaign finance reporting requirements.

As I understand your instructions generally, you wish to retain the current reporting scheme for special elections, but wish to eliminate "preprimary" and "preelection" reports and replace these reports with quarterly or monthly reports. More specifically, this is how I have interpreted your instructions:

-That was originally correct, however, after discussing it further, we believe that we will keep the current "preelection" reports (but NOT the preprimary reports) in addition to the new quarterly/monthly requirements.

1. Registrants who are subject to continuing reporting requirements under s. 11.20 (4) (committees or individuals supporting or opposing candidates for office, including committees of a political party, and by individuals, groups or corporations supporting or opposing a referendum) will be required to submit reports quarterly.

-Correct

2. A candidate or personal campaign committee of a candidate at a partisan primary or at the general election will be required to submit quarterly reports except for the period of time stretching from April 1 to December 31 of the even-numbered (election) year; during this time period, reports will be required monthly.

-Correct

3. A candidate or personal campaign committee of a candidate at a spring (nonpartisan) primary or spring election will be required to submit quarterly reports except for the period of time stretching from January 1 through March 31; during this time period, reports will be required monthly.

-Correct

4. With certain exceptions, a registered committee or individual other than a candidate or personal campaign committee making or accepting contributions, making disbursements or incurring obligations in support of or in opposition to one or more candidates for office at a partisan primary or at the general election, or supporting or opposing other committees or individuals who are engaging in such activities, will be required to submit quarterly reports except for the period of time stretching from April 1 to December 31 of the even-numbered (election) year; during this time period, reports will be required monthly.

-Correct

5. With certain exceptions, a registered committee or individual other than a candidate or personal campaign committee making or accepting contributions, making disbursements or incurring obligations in support of or in opposition to one or more candidates for office at a spring (nonpartisan) primary or spring election, or supporting or opposing other committees or individuals who are

engaging in such activities, will be required to submit quarterly reports except for the period of time stretching from January 1 through March 31; during this time period, reports will be required monthly.

-Correct

Assuming that I have understood your request correctly, here are my questions about how the instructions will play out in the statutes and in practice (please review s. 11.20 (8)):

A. On what date will monthly reports be due to the filing officer? The first of the month or some other date? If the first of the month, that would be April 1 of the even-numbered year for partisan candidates and January 1 for nonpartisan candidates, yes? If so, for the nonpartisan candidates, will the January 1 report fulfill the quarterly report requirement for the period ending December 31 of the immediately preceding year?

-The monthly reports should be due on the 7th of the month, with the applicable reporting period being the entire previous month. The first monthly report for a partisan candidate should be April 7, with the reporting period being the entire month of March. We will not have a "monthly" report in November (we will have coverage from the current preelection report we are leaving in statute), but we will have one on December 7th.

B. What will be the closing date (the last date for which data must be included in the report) for these monthly reports?

-Answered above

C. For the quarterly reports generally, what will be the due dates and closing dates?

-The due dates will be the 7th day of every third month, and the covered period will be the previous 3 months. For example, after a November election, we will have a December 7th monthly report, and then the quarterly reports will kick in on March 7th, which will report on activity from December, January, and February.

D. For the quarterly reports for partisan candidates, do you expect there to be a quarterly report in the even numbered year that occurs before the first monthly report is due? If so, what will be the due date and the closing date for that quarterly report?

-Yes, it will be March 7th and the reporting period will be the previous months of December, January and February.

If I did not interpret your instructions properly, I trust you will let me know...

Is there anything else that I am missing/forgetting?

I apologize for being so obtuse about this; thank you for your patience!

No problem Tracy, this has been more complicated than we thought it would be. We appreciate your feedback!

Thanks,

Andrew and Chad

Kuczenski, Tracy

From: Hanus, Andrew
Sent: Thursday, May 09, 2013 5:01 PM
To: Kuczenski, Tracy
Subject: RE: Campaign finance provisions from 0078/5

Yes that is correct. And just FYI we are working on your other questions, should have them for you tomorrow.

Thanks for your work on this!

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From: Kuczenski, Tracy
Sent: Thursday, May 09, 2013 2:37 PM
To: Hanus, Andrew
Subject: RE: Campaign finance provisions from 0078/5

Hi Andrew –

In your first note to me, below, you ask that I impose the new lobbyist ethics training requirement beginning with the next biennium. I assumed you meant the biennium starting on July 1, 2015 (not the biennium starting in a few months). Is that correct?

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To: Kuczenski, Tracy
Cc: Kuesel, Jeffery; Kreye, Joseph
Subject: RE: Campaign finance provisions from 0078/5

Thank you all.

Tracy, to answer the rest of your questions in the drafting notes in LRB 1763/P3:

-DN on page 49: Please impose the new lobbyist ethics training requirement beginning with the next biennium. Also, I think we talked about this one when we met, but to make sure, just have the draft retain current language that permits GAB to impose a fee for such training.

-DN on page 50: No.

-DN on page 51: Yes.