

1 11.01 (16) (a) (intro.) Acts which are for “political purposes” include ~~but are not~~
2 ~~limited to:~~

3 **SECTION 46.** 11.01 (16) (a) 1. of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

4 11.01 (16) (a) 1. The making of a communication that contains one or more
5 terms such as the following or their functional equivalents with reference to a clearly
6 identified candidate that expressly advocates the election or defeat of that candidate
7 and that unambiguously relates to the campaign of that candidate:

8 a. “Vote for.”

9 b. “Elect.”

10 c. “Support.”

11 d. “Cast your ballot for.”

12 e. “Smith for Assembly.”

13 f. “Vote against.”

14 g. “Defeat.”

15 h. “Reject.”

16 **SECTION 47.** 11.01 (16) (b) of the statutes renumbered 11.01 (16) (b) (intro.) and
17 is amended to read:

18 11.01 (16) (b) (intro.) A “political purpose” does not include expenditures;

19 2. An expenditure made for the purpose of supporting or defending a person
20 who is being investigated for, charged with or convicted of a criminal violation of state
21 or federal law, or an agent or dependent of such a person.

22 **SECTION 48.** 11.01 (16) (b) 1. of the statutes is created to read:

23 11.01 (16) (b) 1. A communication made by an individual other than a
24 candidate, or by an organization that receives one or more contributions or other
25 income for purposes not specified in this subsection, that does not expressly advocate

1 the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate or the adoption or rejection of
2 a question at a referendum.

3 **SECTION 49.** 11.05 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 11.05 (1) COMMITTEES AND GROUPS. Except as provided in s. 9.10 (2) (d), every
5 committee other than a personal campaign committee which makes or accepts
6 contributions, incurs obligations, or makes disbursements in a calendar year in an
7 aggregate amount in excess of ~~\$25~~ \$1,000, and every political group subject to
8 registration under s. 11.23 shall file a statement with the appropriate filing officer
9 giving the information required by sub. (3). In the case of any committee other than
10 a personal campaign committee, the statement shall be filed by the treasurer. A
11 personal campaign committee shall register under sub. (2g) or (2r).

12 **SECTION 50.** 11.05 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 11.05 (2) INDIVIDUALS. Except as provided in s. 9.10 (2) (d), every individual,
14 other than a candidate or agent of a candidate, who accepts contributions, incurs
15 obligations, or makes disbursements in a calendar year in an aggregate amount in
16 excess of ~~\$25~~ \$1,000 to support or oppose the election or nomination of a candidate
17 at an election and every individual subject to registration under s. 11.23 shall file a
18 statement with the appropriate filing officer giving the information required by sub.
19 (3). An individual who guarantees a loan on which an individual, committee or group
20 subject to a registration requirement defaults is not subject to registration under this
21 subsection solely as a result of such default.

22 **SECTION 51.** 11.05 (3) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 11.05 (3) (c) In the case of a committee, a statement as to whether the
24 committee is a personal campaign committee, a political party committee, a
25 legislative campaign committee, a support committee or a special interest

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1 committee, and a statement as to whether the committee is a sponsored entity under
2 s. 11.38 (1) (a) 4. or an independent disbursement committee.

3 **SECTION 52.** 11.05 (8) of the statutes is renumbered 11.05 (8) (intro.) and
4 amended to read:

5 11.05 (8) CERTAIN INTRA-REGISTRANT TRANSFERS EXEMPT. (intro.) If an
6 organization ~~which~~ that is not organized exclusively for political purposes makes a
7 contribution from its own property or funds to a committee or group, affiliated with
8 the organization, ~~which is~~ and organized exclusively for political purposes, and ~~the~~
9 all of the following apply, then no registration requirement applies to the
10 contributing organization:

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

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

17 **SECTION 53.** 11.05 (11g) of the statutes is created to read:

18 11.05 (11g) CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND OTHER ENTITIES. If a corporation,
19 association, or other entity ~~makes no contributions or disbursements other than to~~
20 ~~or on behalf of one or more independent disbursement committees and receives no~~
21 ~~contributions or other income for the express purpose of making independent~~
22 ~~disbursements, the corporation, association, or other entity is not subject to a~~
23 ~~registration requirement under this section.~~

24 **SECTION 54.** 11.05 (12) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

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

14 **SECTION 55.** 11.06 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 11.06 (1) CONTENTS OF REPORT. (intro.) Except as provided in subs. (1g), (2), (3)
 16 and (3m) and ss. 11.05 (2r) and 11.19 (2), each registrant under s. 11.05 shall make
 17 full reports, upon a form prescribed by the board and signed by the appropriate
 18 individual under sub. (5), of all contributions received, contributions or
 19 disbursements made, and obligations incurred. Each report shall contain the
 20 following information, covering the period since the last date covered on the previous
 21 report, unless otherwise provided:

22 **SECTION 56.** 11.06 (1) (j) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 11.06 (1) (j) In the case of a committee or individual filing an oath under sub.
 24 (7), a separate schedule showing for each independent disbursement ~~which is made~~
 25 ~~independently of a candidate~~, other than a contribution made to that candidate, the

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1 name of the candidate or candidates ⁱⁿ ~~on~~ whose behalf or in opposition to whom the
2 disbursement is made, indicating whether the purpose is support or opposition.

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3 **SECTION 57.** 11.06 (1g) of the statutes is created to read:

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

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11 **SECTION 58.** 11.06 (13) of the statutes is created to read:

12 11.06 (13) INTERNET ACTIVITY. (a) In this subsection, "equipment and services"
13 includes computers, software, Internet domain names, Internet service providers,
14 and any other technology that is used to provide access to or use of the Internet.

15 (b) If an individual conducts Internet activity for a political purpose on his or
16 her own behalf or on behalf of another person and is not compensated specifically for
17 those services, the cost or value of any equipment and services used by the individual
18 to conduct the activity is not a contribution to the registrant as provided in s. 11.01
19 (6) (b) 8., regardless of who owns the equipment and services.

20 **SECTION 59.** 11.09 of the statutes is repealed.

21 **SECTION 60.** 11.12 (1) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 11.12 (1) (d) Paragraph (a) does not apply to disbursements and obligations
23 which are exempted from reporting under s. 11.06 (1g) or (2).

24 **SECTION 61.** 11.12 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 11.12 (3) All contributions, disbursements and incurred obligations exceeding
2 \$10 ~~\$25~~ shall be recorded by the campaign or committee treasurer or the individual
3 under s. 11.06 (7). He or she shall maintain such records in an organized and legible
4 manner, for not less than 3 years after the date of an election in which the registrant
5 participates. If a report is submitted under s. 11.19 (1), the records may be
6 transferred to a continuing committee or to the appropriate filing officer for
7 retention. Records shall include the information required under s. 11.06 (1).

8 **SECTION 62.** 11.12 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 11.12 (4) Each registrant shall report contributions, disbursements and
10 incurred obligations in accordance with s. 11.20. Except as permitted under s. 11.06
11 (1g), (2), (3) and (3m), each report shall contain the information which is required
12 under s. 11.06 (1).

13 **SECTION 63.** 11.16 (1) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 11.16 (1) (d) This subsection does not apply to disbursements and obligations
15 which are exempted from reporting under s. 11.06 (1g) or (2).

16 **SECTION 64.** 11.19 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 11.19 (2) Notwithstanding sub. (1), any registrant who or which determines
18 that obligations will no longer be incurred, contributions will no longer be made or
19 received or disbursements made during a calendar year in an aggregate amount of
20 more than \$1,000 ~~\$2,000~~ may file a suspension report with the appropriate filing
21 officer. The report shall be filed and certified as were previous reports and shall
22 contain the information required under s. 11.06 (1). Upon receipt of a properly
23 executed report, the registrant shall be granted a suspension of the filing
24 requirement under s. 11.20 (9) by the appropriate filing officer. Such suspension is

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1 effective only for the calendar year in which it is granted, unless the registrant alters
2 its status before the end of such year or files a termination report under sub. (1).

3 **SECTION 65.** 11.20 (4) of the statutes is renumbered 11.20 (4) (a) (intro.) and
4 amended to read:

5 11.20 (4) (a) (intro.) ~~Continuing reports under s. 11.06 (1) by committees~~
6 Committees or individuals supporting or opposing candidates for office, including
7 committees of a political party, and ~~by individuals, groups, or corporations~~
8 supporting or opposing a referendum shall ~~be received by~~ submit continuing reports
9 required under s. 11.06 (1) to the appropriate filing officer no earlier than January
10 1 and no later than January 31; and no earlier than July 1 and no later than July 20.

11 Individuals, as follows:

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

15 **SECTION 66.** 11.20 (4) (a) 1. ^{and 2) are} of the statutes ^{is} created to read:

16 11.20 (4) (a) 1. In an election year, monthly on the 7th day preceding the last
17 day of the month.

18 **SECTION 67.** 11.20 (4) (a) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

19 11.20 (4) (a) 2. In a nonelection year, quarterly on January 24, April 23, July
20 24, and October 24. ^{7th day of the month in the months of January, April, July, and October}

21 **SECTION 68.** 11.21 (16) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 11.21 (16) Require each registrant for whom the board serves as filing officer
23 and who or which accepts contributions in a total amount or value of \$20,000 or more
24 during a campaign period to file each campaign finance report that is required to be
25 filed under this chapter in an electronic format, and accept from any other registrant

(the 7th day of the month)

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1 for whom the board serves as a filing officer any campaign finance report that is
2 required to be filed under this chapter in an electronic format. A registrant who or
3 which becomes subject to a requirement to file reports in an electronic format under
4 this subsection shall initially file the registrant's report in an electronic format for
5 the period which includes the date on which the registrant becomes subject to the
6 requirement. To facilitate implementation of this subsection, the board shall specify,
7 by rule, a type of software that is suitable for compliance with the electronic filing
8 requirement under this subsection. The software shall allow a registrant to provide
9 an electronic signature, as defined in s. 137.11 (8), that is subject to a security
10 procedure, as defined in s. 137.11 (13). The board shall provide copies of the software
11 to registrants at a price fixed by the board that may not exceed cost. ~~Each registrant~~
12 ~~who or which files a report under this subsection in an electronic format shall also~~
13 ~~file a copy of the report with the board that is recorded on a medium specified by the~~
14 ~~board. The copy shall be signed by an authorized individual and filed with the board~~
15 ~~by each registrant no later than the time prescribed for filing of the report under this~~
16 ~~chapter.~~ The board shall provide complete instructions to any registrant who or
17 which files a report under this subsection. In this subsection, the "campaign period"
18 of a candidate, personal campaign committee or support committee begins and ends
19 with the "campaign" of the candidate whose candidacy is supported, as defined in s.
20 11.26 (17), and the "campaign period" of any other registrant begins on January 1 of
21 each odd-numbered year and ends on December 31 of the following year.

22 **SECTION 69.** 11.23 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 11.23 (3) All contributions, disbursements and incurred obligations exceeding
24 \$10 ~~\$25~~ shall be recorded by the group treasurer or the individual. He or she shall
25 maintain such records in an organized and legible manner, for not less than 3 years

1 after the date of a referendum in which the group or individual participates. If a
2 report is submitted under s. 11.19 (1), the records may be transferred to a continuing
3 group or to the appropriate filing officer for retention. Records shall include the
4 information required under s. 11.06 (1).

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5 SECTION 70. 11.25 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

6 11.25 (4) No independent disbursement committee that accepts any
7 contribution from an entity specified in s. 11.38 (1) (a) 1. may make any contribution
8 that the entity is prohibited from making under s. 11.38 (1) (a) 1.

9 SECTION 71. 11.26 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

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

13 SECTION 72. 11.26 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 11.26 (1) (b) Candidates for state senator, \$1,000 in the primary and \$1,000 in
15 the election.

16 SECTION 73. 11.26 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 11.26 (1) (c) Candidates for representative to the assembly, \$500 in the primary
18 and \$500 in the election.

19 SECTION 74. 11.26 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 11.26 (2) (a) Candidates for governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state,
21 state treasurer, attorney general, state superintendent, or justice, 4 percent of the
22 value of the disbursement level specified in the schedule under s. 11.31 (1), subject
23 to s. 11.31 (2m).

24 SECTION 75. 11.26 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

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

3 **SECTION 76.** 11.26 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 11.26 (2) (c) Candidates for representative to the assembly, \$500 in the primary
5 and \$500 in the election.

6 **SECTION 77.** 11.26 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 11.26 (3) The contribution limitations of subs. (1) and (2) apply cumulatively
8 to the entire primary ~~and or~~ election campaign in which a candidate participates,
9 whether or not there is a contested primary election. ~~The total limitation may be~~
10 ~~apportioned in any manner desired between the primary and election.~~ All moneys
11 cumulate regardless of the time of contribution.

12 **SECTION 78.** 11.26 (4) of the statutes is repealed.

13 **SECTION 79.** 11.26 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 11.26 (5) The contribution limits provided in ~~subs. sub.~~ (1) ~~and (4)~~ do not apply
15 to a candidate who makes any contribution or contributions to his or her own
16 campaign for office from the candidate's personal funds or property or the personal
17 funds or property which are owned jointly or as marital property with the candidate's
18 spouse, with respect to any contribution or contributions made to that candidate's
19 campaign only. A candidate's personal contributions shall be deposited in his or her
20 campaign depository account and reported in the normal manner.

21 **SECTION 80.** 11.26 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 11.26 (6) When a candidate adopts a preexisting support committee as his or
23 her personal campaign committee, the support committee is deemed to have been the
24 same committee as the candidate's personal campaign committee for purposes of the
25 application of subs. (1), and (2) and (9). The limitations prescribed in ~~subs. sub.~~ (2)

1 and (9) do not apply to the transfer of contributions which is made at the time of such
2 adoption, but do apply to the contributions which have been made by any other
3 committee to the support committee at the time of adoption.

4 **SECTION 81.** 11.26 (8) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 11.26 (8) (a) No political party as defined in s. 5.02 (13) may receive more than
6 a total of ~~\$150,000~~ \$300,000 in value of its contributions in any biennium from all
7 other committees, excluding contributions from legislative campaign committees
8 and transfers between party committees of the party. In this paragraph, a biennium
9 commences with January 1 of each odd-numbered year and ends with December 31
10 of each even-numbered year.

11 **SECTION 82.** 11.26 (8) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 11.26 (8) (b) No such political party may receive more than a total of ~~\$6,000~~
13 \$12,000 in value of its contributions in any calendar year from any specific committee
14 or its subunits or affiliates, excluding legislative campaign and political party
15 committees.

16 **SECTION 83.** 11.26 (8) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 11.26 (8) (c) No committee, other than a political party or legislative campaign
18 committee, may make any contribution or contributions, directly or indirectly, to a
19 political party under s. 5.02 (13) in a calendar year exceeding a total value of ~~\$6,000~~
20 \$12,000.

21 **SECTION 84.** 11.26 (9) of the statutes is repealed.

22 **SECTION 85.** 11.26 (11) of the statutes is renumbered 11.26 (11) (a) and amended
23 to read:

1 ~~11.26 (11) (a) Excess~~ Except as provided in par. (b), excess contributions shall
2 be returned to the donor or treated in accordance with s. 11.12 (2) or 11.23 (2), at the
3 option of the treasurer.

4 **SECTION 86.** 11.26 (11) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

5 11.26 (11) (b) If a contribution in excess of the limitation for a primary election
6 under sub. (1) (a), (b), or (c) or (2) (a), (b), or (c) is made before the primary, the
7 treasurer shall presume that the excess amount is a contribution to the election. If
8 the candidate for whom the excess amount is contributed does not win the primary
9 election, the treasurer shall return or treat the excess amount as provided in par. (a).

10 **SECTION 87.** 11.26 (17) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 11.26 (17) (a) For purposes of application of the limitations imposed in subs.
12 (1), and (2), and (9), the "campaign" of a candidate begins and ends at the times
13 specified in this subsection.

14 **SECTION 88.** 11.26 (18) of the statutes is created to read:

15 11.26 (18) Beginning on July 1, 2015, and every 2 years thereafter, the board
16 shall modify the dollar amounts under subs. (1) (a), (b), and (c), (2) (b) and (c), and
17 (8), rounded to the nearest multiple of \$25, to adjust for the change in the consumer
18 price index, all items, U.S. city average, published by the U.S. department of labor
19 for the preceding 2-year period ending on December 31.

20 **SECTION 89.** 11.29 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 11.29 (1) ~~Nothing in this chapter restricts any~~ A corporation, cooperative,
22 unincorporated cooperative association, or voluntary association, other than a
23 political party or personal campaign committee ~~from making disbursements, may~~
24 make a disbursement for the purpose of communicating only with its members,
25 shareholders, or subscribers, to the exclusion of all other persons, with respect to

1 ~~endorsements of candidates, positions the endorsement of a candidate, taking a~~
2 ~~position on a referendum or explanation of, explaining its views or interests, or~~
3 ~~providing information about how to make a contribution to a candidate endorsed by~~
4 ~~the corporation, cooperative, or association without reporting such activity. No such~~
5 ~~corporation, cooperative, or association may solicit contributions from persons who~~
6 ~~are not members, shareholders, or subscribers to be used for such purposes activity.~~

7 **SECTION 90.** ~~11.30~~ (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 11.30 (4) No owner or other person with a financial interest in a
9 communications medium may utilize such medium in support of or in opposition to
10 a candidate or referendum except as provided in this chapter.

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

21 **SECTION 91.** ~~11.31~~ (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 11.31 (1) (a) Candidates for governor, \$1,078,200 in the primary and
23 \$1,078,200 in the election.

24 **SECTION 92.** 11.31 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

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

3 **SECTION 93.** 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 94.** 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 95.** 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 96.** 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 97.** 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 98.** 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.

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6 **SECTION 99.** 11.38 (title) and (1) (a) 1. of the statutes are amended to read:

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

13 **SECTION 100.** 11.38 (1) (a) 3. of the statutes is repealed.

14 **SECTION 101.** 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

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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 102.** 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 103.** 11.38 (2) (c) of the statutes is repealed.

14 **SECTION 104.** 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 105.** 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 or his or her to the personal campaign

1 committee may be made of the official or candidate in the year of ~~a~~ the official's or
2 candidate's election between June 1 the first day authorized by law for the circulation
3 of nomination papers as a candidate and the day of the general election, except that:

4 **SECTION 106.** 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 107.** 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 108.** 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 109.** 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 110.** 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 111.** 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 112.** 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.

20 **SECTION 113. Initial applicability.**

21 (1) The treatment of section 5.02 (6m) (g) of the statutes first applies with
22 respect to voting at the first election to be held following the effective date of this
23 subsection for which declarations of candidacy are due for filing on or after the
24 effective date of this subsection.

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1 (2) The treatment of section 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 (3) 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 (4) 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.

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

16 (6) 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 (7) 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 (8) 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.

24 (9) The treatment of section 13.63 (1) (a) of the statutes first applies to
25 applications for a license to act as a lobbyist filed on July 1, 2015.

