### **Clearinghouse Rule 99-077**

#### CERTIFICATE

State of Wisconsin

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**Elections Board** 

I, Kevin J. Kennedy, Executive Director of the State Elections Board and custodian of the official records of the agency, do hereby certify that the annexed rule, amended ElBd 6.05 relating to filing campaign finance reports by electronic transmission, was duly approved and adopted by this board on April 20, 1999.

I further certify that this copy has been compared by me with the original on file in this board and that the same is a true copy thereof and of the whole of such original.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the State Elections Board at 132 East Wilson Street, in the City of Madison, on July 9, 1999.

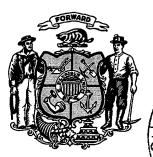
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#### ORDER

OF

#### STATE ELECTIONS BOARD

To amend ElBd 6.05 relating to filing campaign reports by electronic transmission

#### **ANALYSIS:**

Statutory authority: ss.5.05(1)(f) and 227.11(2)(a)

Statutes interpreted: ss.11.06(1)(intro.), 11.12(5), 11.12(6), 11.21(1), 11.21(2), 11.21(9), 11.21(16), 11.23(6), 11.31(6) and 20.510(1)(i)

This amended rule interprets ss.11. 21(2), 11.21(9), 11.21(16), 11.31(6) and 20.510(1)(i), Stats. The rule provides standards for those registrants who are required to file campaign finance reports in electronic format and those registrants who may elect to file campaign finance reports in electronic format. The rule requires the registrant to use the Elections Board's software or use software that is compatible with the Board's campaign finance data base. The rule further requires registrants who file electronically to also file a hard copy of their reports. The amendment to the rule eliminates optional electronic filing between January 1, 1999 and July 1, 1999 and requires registrants who file a report electronically to file electronically thereafter.

Pursuant to the authority vested in the State of Wisconsin Elections Board by ss.5.05(1)(f) and 227.(11)(2)(a), Stats., the Elections Board hereby amends Rule ElBd 6.05 interpreting ss.11.21(2), 11.21(9), 11.21(16), 11.31(6) and 20.510(1)(i), Stats., as follows:

SECTION 1. ElBd 6.05 is amended to read:

# ELBD 6.05 FILING CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS IN ELECTRONIC FORMAT

(1) Definitions: As used in this rule:

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(a) "Campaign period" for a candidate, personal campaign committee or support committee has the same meaning as provided in s.11.26(17), Stats., and for any other registrant begins on January 1 of an odd-numbered year and ends on December 31 of the following year.

(b) "Contribution" has the same meaning as provided in s.11.01(6), Stats.

- (c) "Electronic format" means computer diskette, modem, or other means of electronic transfer, using either software designated by the board or software that meets the board's specifications for a standard file format.
- (d) "Filing officer" means the state elections board.
- (e) "Registrant" has the same meaning as provided in s.11.01(18m), Stats.
- (f) "Report" means any filing required by ss.11.05, 11.06, 11.12(5) and (6), 11.20, and 11.23, Stats.

(2) Beginning with any campaign finance report filed on or after July January 1, 1999, covering activity on or after January 1, 1999, any registrant who files with the state elections board and who accepts contributions or makes disbursements in a total amount or value of \$20,000 or more during a campaign period shall file each campaign finance report that is required to be filed by Chapter 11, Stats., in an electronic format.

(3) Beginning with the Fall 1998 preprimary report, covering activity from July 1, 1998, through the close of the reporting period, Any registrant not required to file reports electronically may elect to file any campaign finance report in an electronic format.

(4) Any campaign finance report filed in an electronic format shall be transmitted in time to be received by the filing officer no later than the time provided by law for filing the report. <u>Any registrant who files a campaign finance report</u> <u>electronically shall, thereafter, file electronically all campaign finance reports</u> <u>required to be filed by the registrant.</u>

(5) If a registrant uses its own software to file electronically, it must submit a trial report to the board before the end of the report period to determine if the software can generate a report in a format that is compatible with the board's campaign finance data base.

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(6) Each registrant who files a report in an electronic format shall file, with the filing officer, a paper copy of the report that complies with the format set forth in Forms EB-2, <u>EB-2a</u>, EB-3, <u>EB-4</u>, EB-7, EB-10, <u>EB-10a</u>, EB-12 or EB-24. The paper copy of the report shall be signed by an individual authorized by the registrant to file and filed no later than the time prescribed by law for filing the report.

#### INITIAL REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ANALYSIS:

The creation of this rule does not affect business.

#### FISCAL ESTIMATE:

The creation of this rule has no fiscal effect.

The creation of this rule will take effect on the first day of the month following its publication in the Wisconsin Administrative Register pursuant to s.227.22(2), Stats.

Dated July 9, 1999

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#### Re: Administrative Rules of the State Elections Board Amend ElBd 6.05

Dear Mr. Poulson:

This letter is to inform you of the status of the creation and promulgation of Elections Board rule amended ElBd 6.05, contained in Clearinghouse Rule 99-077. This rule was promulgated pursuant to the 30-day notice procedure.

No petition under ch. 227, Stats., was filed with the Board within 30 days to request a public hearing on the proposed action regarding any of these rules. The legislative council reviewed and commented about each rule and those comments are reflected in the rules. Per our May 25, 1999 notice to you, these rules were submitted to the presiding officer of each house of the legislature on May 25, 1999. Each rule was reported out of committee with no action taken.

The Board, through its Executive Director, Kevin J. Kennedy, has ordered the appropriate action on these rules. The original and a copy of the Board's orders for each rule are enclosed.

Please publish these at your earliest convenience to become effective according to their terms.

George A. Dunst Legal Counsel

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