



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2005 Wisconsin Act 177
[2005 Assembly Bill 428]

**Deletion of Changes to Campaign
Finance and Related Laws Made by
2001 Wisconsin Act 109**

In 2001 Wisconsin Act 109, numerous changes were made to Wisconsin campaign finance law. However, due to the terms of Act 109 and a Wisconsin federal district court decision in *Wisconsin Realtors Association et al. v. Ponto et al.*, 299 F. Supp. 2d 889 (W.D. Wis. 2002), almost all of the Act 109 provisions relating to campaign finance law were voided.

2005 Wisconsin Act 177 deletes from the statutes the now-voided changes to Wisconsin's campaign finance law made by 2001 Wisconsin Act 109, except for provisions relating to the Ethics Code affected by other legislation and to a public information program for the Wisconsin Campaign Election Fund.

Effective Date: The Act takes effect on April 6, 2006.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.