



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2003 Assembly Bill 333

**Assembly
Amendment 1 and Assembly
Amendment 1 to Assembly
Amendment 1**

Memo published: February 9, 2004

Contact: Robert J. Conlin, Senior Staff Attorney (266-2298)

CURRENT LAW

Under current law, no person may use any vehicle or aircraft owned by the state or by any local government for any trip made exclusively for the purpose of political campaigning, unless use of the vehicle or aircraft is required for the purpose of security protection provided to the person by the state or local government. In addition, no person may use any vehicle or aircraft owned by the state or by any local government for purposes which include political campaigning unless the person pays to the state or local government a fee, determined by law, that is based upon the portion of the use that is attributable to political campaigning, but in no case shall the person pay less than 50% of the cost of the trip.

THE BILL

2003 Assembly Bill 333 prohibits any person from using any vehicle or aircraft that is owned or leased by the state or local government for any trip, the purpose of which includes political campaigning.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1 (AS AMENDED BY ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1 TO ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1)

Assembly Amendment 1, as amended by Assembly Amendment 1 to Assembly Amendment 1, does the following:

1. Prohibits any person from using a *motor vehicle or aircraft owned or leased by a local government* for any purpose that *includes* campaigning.

2. Prohibits any person from using a *motor vehicle or aircraft owned or leased by the state* for purposes that are *exclusively* related to campaigning, unless use of the vehicle or aircraft is required for purposes of security protection provided by the state.
3. Provides that if a *motor vehicle or aircraft owned by the state* is used for a purpose that *includes* campaigning, the user must pay the entire cost of the trip at a rate determined by the Secretary of Administration which covers all costs associated with the operation of the vehicle or aircraft.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

Assembly Amendment 1 was introduced by the Assembly Committee on Campaigns and Elections. The committee recommended adoption of the amendment on a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0, on September 18, 2003.

Assembly Bill 333 was recommended for passage, as amended, by the Committee on Campaigns and Elections on the same day on a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

Assembly Amendment 1 to Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by Representatives Freese and Pocan on February 5, 2004. The Assembly adopted Assembly Amendment 1 to Assembly Amendment 1 and Assembly Amendment 1, as amended, on February 5, 2004 by voice votes.

RJC:wu:jal:rv;ksm