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## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

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**2005 Assembly Bill 226**

**Assembly Amendments  
1, 2, and 3**

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### **Assembly Amendment 1**

Assembly Amendment 1 provides that notwithstanding the effective date of the legislation, the Elections Board is directed to distribute grants under s. 11.50, Stats., as affected by the legislation for the 2006 September primary and general election.

### **Assembly Amendment 2**

Assembly Amendment 2 modifies the number of signatures required for a recall petition.

Currently, for a *state, congressional, legislative, judicial, or county officer*, the petition must be signed by electors and a number equal to at least 25% of the vote cast for the Office of Governor at the last election or within the same district or territory as that of the officeholder being recalled. The law currently provides that for the recall of a *city, village, town, or school district officer*, the petition must be signed by a number of electors equal to at least 25% of the vote cast for the Office of President at the last election within the same district or territory as that of the officeholder being recalled.

Assembly Amendment 2 provides that a recall petition must be signed by electors equal to at least 25% of the vote cast for the office of Governor at the last election within the same district or territory as that of the officeholder being recalled. Amendment 2 also provides that the last date of petition for the recall of an officer may be offered for filing is 5:00 p.m. on the 60<sup>th</sup> day commencing after registration. Current law provides that for a city, village, town, or school district officer, the petition may be offered the last date the petition for recall of a city, village, town, or school district officer may be offered for filing is 5:00 p.m. on the 30<sup>th</sup> day commencing after registration. Thus, all recall petitions would be permitted to circulate for 60 days regardless of the officeholder being recalled.

Assembly Amendment 2 also provides that the provisions first apply with respect to the petitions for recall that are initially circulated on the effective date of this subsection.

**Assembly Amendment 3**

Assembly Amendment 3 prohibits any funds accumulated by a person for a federal campaign from being transferred to a state or local election. The provision takes effect on January 1, 2007.

**Legislative History**

Assembly Bill 226 was introduced by Representative Freese and others; cosponsored by Senator Ellis and others and referred to the Assembly Committee on Campaigns and Elections on March 16, 2005. The committee held a public hearing on September 1, 2005. At an executive session held by the committee on February 22, 2006, the committee adopted Assembly Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 1; Assembly Amendment 2 was adopted on a vote of Ayes, 4; Noes, 2; and Assembly Amendment 3 was recommended for adoption on a vote of Ayes, 4; Noes, 2. The committee then recommended the bill for passage, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 4; Noes, 2.

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