1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 937

March 19, 1998 – Introduced by Representatives Seratti, Spillner, Goetsch, Green, Owens, Kreibich, Ladwig, Kelso, Springer, Ott, Ainsworth and Grothman, cosponsored by Senator Farrow. Referred to Committee on Campaign Finance Reform.

AN ACT to repeal 11.06 (3) (b); and to amend 11.06 (1) (intro.) and 11.12 (4) of the statutes; relating to: reporting of information by nonresident registrants under the campaign finance law.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, with certain exceptions, registrants under the campaign finance law are required to file regular reports with the appropriate filing officer or agency. The reports must identify contributors of more than \$20 cumulatively within a calendar year, the occupation and principal place of employment, if any, of each contributor whose cumulative contributions within a calendar year exceed \$100; the registrants from whom or to whom funds are transferred; other income exceeding \$20; contributions donated to a charitable organization or the common school fund; loans exceeding \$20 together with the identity of the lenders and guarantors, if any; disbursements (expenditures) and obligations exceeding \$20; and certain information from registrants making disbursements independently of candidates. However, if a registrant does not maintain an office or street address within this state, the registrant need only identify contributions, transfers, loans and other income received from sources in this state and disbursements and obligations incurred with respect to elections for state or local office in this state.

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This bill deletes the exception for registrants who or which do not maintain an office or street address within this state, so that these registrants are required to report the same information as other registrants.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

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

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

- **SECTION 2.** 11.06 (3) (b) of the statutes is repealed.
- **Section 3.** 11.12 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:
 - 11.12 **(4)** Each registrant shall report contributions, disbursements and incurred obligations in accordance with s. 11.20. Except as permitted under s. 11.06 (2), (3) and (3m), each report shall contain the information which is required under s. 11.06 (1).

SECTION 4. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies with respect to reporting periods which begin on or after the effective date of this subsection.

18 (END)