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December 17, 2007 – Introduced by Senators Risser, Lassa and Taylor, cosponsored by Representatives Albers, Gronemus, Kessler, Hahn, A. Williams, Petrowski, Berceau and Jeskewitz. Referred to Committee on Ethics Reform and Government Operations.

AN ACT to amend 11.34 (1); and to create 11.34 (1m) of the statutes; relating

to: religious or charitable gifts from candidates.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, no person may demand, solicit, take, invite, or receive from a candidate any gift of anything of value for a religious or charitable cause. No candidate may make, intimate, or promise such a gift.

This bill permits a person to take or receive a gift of anything of value from a candidate for a religious or charitable organization. The bill also permits a candidate to make, intimate, or promise such a gift.

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

Section 1. 11.34 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

11.34 (1) No person may demand, solicit, take, invite or receive from a candidate any gift of anything of value for a religious, charitable or fraternal cause or for any organization other than a political committee or group, except that a person may take or receive from a candidate a gift of anything of value for a religious

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1	or charitable organization. No candidate may make, intimate or promise such a gift
2	that is prohibited under this subsection.
3	Section 2. 11.34 (1m) of the statutes is created to read:
4	11.34 (1m) No person may demand, solicit, or invite from a candidate any gift
5	of anything of value for a religious or charitable cause. No candidate may intimate
6	or promise such a gift.

(END)