



## 2003 SENATE BILL 18

January 29, 2003 - Introduced by Senators ROESSLER, KANAVAS and GEORGE, cosponsored by Representatives GROTHMAN, FOTI, JENSEN, VRAKAS, UNDERHEIM, OWENS, JESKEWITZ, GUNDERSON, STONE, MUSSER, ALBERS, KRAWCZYK, POWERS and BIES. Referred to Committee on Education, Ethics and Elections.

1     **AN ACT to repeal** 8.15 (8) (intro.); **to amend** 5.62 (1) (a), 7.38 (1), 7.70 (3) (d), 8.15  
2           (4) (b), 8.15 (8) (a), 8.15 (8) (b), 8.16 (1), 8.16 (6), 8.21, 8.30 (2), 8.35 (1), 8.35 (2)  
3           (a), 8.35 (2) (b), 8.35 (4) (a) 1. (intro.), 8.35 (4) (b), 11.05 (3m), 11.50 (1) (a) 1. a.,  
4           11.50 (2) (a), 11.50 (2) (b) 4., 11.50 (2) (b) 5., 19.42 (4) and 19.43 (4); and **to create**  
5           8.03 (2g) and 8.15 (1m) of the statutes; **relating to:** nomination of major party  
6           candidates for the office of lieutenant governor and filling vacancies in certain  
7           nominations.

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### ***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

Under current law, a candidate for the nomination of a major party (a party which is entitled by law to a separate ballot or column on the ballot) for the office of lieutenant governor may file nomination papers at the same time as candidates for other state partisan offices. At the September primary, electors may vote for a candidate for the office of lieutenant governor separately from candidates for other offices within their preferred party. The winning candidate for the office of lieutenant governor within each party at the primary is then placed on the ballot at the general election, along with the party's winning candidate for the office of governor. The electors voting at the general election then cast one vote for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor, jointly. A candidate for the office of lieutenant governor must receive at least 6% of the vote cast on all ballots for all candidates for

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that office in the September primary to qualify for a grant from the Wisconsin election campaign fund. Minor party or independent candidates for the office of governor or lieutenant governor may file nomination papers with or without a running mate and may appear on the primary and general election ballots in the same manner as major party candidates.

This bill changes the procedure for nominating a major party candidate for the office of lieutenant governor. Under the bill, a major party candidate for the office of lieutenant governor does not file nomination papers and does not appear on the primary ballot. Rather, each major party candidate for the office of governor must certify the name of a candidate for the office of lieutenant governor within two days after official certification of the gubernatorial candidate's nomination at the September primary. The certified candidate for the office of lieutenant governor then has three days after receipt of the certification to file a declaration of candidacy, a statement of economic interests and, if the candidate has not already done so, a financial registration. The certified candidate for the office of lieutenant governor is then placed on the general election ballot along with the gubernatorial candidate who certified his or her name. For purposes of qualifying for a grant from the Wisconsin election campaign fund, a major party candidate for the office of lieutenant governor is considered to receive the same percentage of the September primary vote as the candidate for the office of governor who certifies his or her name. In addition, contributions received by the candidate for the office of governor in excess of those needed for the candidate for the office of governor to qualify for a grant may be used to qualify the candidate for the office of lieutenant governor for a grant. Minor party and independent candidates for the office of lieutenant governor continue to be nominated on nomination papers and appear on the primary ballot as currently provided.

Currently, a person who files nomination papers and qualifies to appear on the ballot may not decline nomination. However, if a candidate dies before the election, the chairperson of the state party committee, the chairperson of the county party committee, or the former candidate's personal campaign committee generally may nominate a person to fill the vacancy in nomination, depending upon the former candidate's party affiliation and the office for which the candidate was nominated. This bill allows a major party candidate for the office of lieutenant governor who is also nominated for another elective office to decline one of the nominations. In addition, the bill utilizes the existing procedure for filling a vacancy in nomination caused by the death of a candidate to fill a vacancy in nomination caused by a major party candidate for the office of lieutenant governor declining a nomination.

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

1           **SECTION 1.** 5.62 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1           5.62 (1) (a) At September primaries, the following ballot shall be provided for  
2           the nomination of candidates of recognized political parties for national, state and  
3           county offices, and for state offices, except the office of lieutenant governor, and for  
4           independent candidates for state office in each ward, in the same form as prescribed  
5           by the board under s. 7.08 (1) (a), except as authorized in s. 5.655. The ballots shall  
6           be made up of the several party tickets with each party entitled to participate in the  
7           primary under par. (b) or sub. (2) having its own ballot, except as authorized in s.  
8           5.655. The independent candidates for state office other than district attorney shall  
9           have a separate ballot for all such candidates as under s. 5.64 (1) (e), except as  
10          authorized in s. 5.655. The ballots shall be secured together at the bottom. The party  
11          ballot of the party receiving the most votes for president or governor at the last  
12          general election shall be on top with the other parties arranged in descending order  
13          based on their vote for president or governor at the last general election. The ballots  
14          of parties qualifying under sub. (2) shall be placed after the parties qualifying under  
15          par. (b), in the same order in which the parties filed petitions with the board. Any  
16          ballot required under par. (b) 2. shall be placed next in order. The ballot listing the  
17          independent candidates shall be placed at the bottom. At polling places where voting  
18          machines are used, each party and the independent candidates shall be represented  
19          in one or more separate columns or rows on the ballot. At polling places where an  
20          electronic voting system is used other than an electronic voting machine, each party  
21          and the independent candidates may be represented in separate columns or rows on  
22          the ballot.

23           **SECTION 2.** 7.38 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

24           7.38 (1) Except as provided in sub. (4), after the death of a candidate nominated  
25          for a partisan office, either in a primary or when no primary is required under s. 8.50

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1 (3) (b), or after a candidate declines nomination under s. 8.03 (2g), the vacancy may  
2 be filled by the candidate's political party. In the case of county offices, the vacancy  
3 shall be filled by the chairperson of the county committee. If no county committee  
4 exists, the vacancy shall be filled by the chairperson of the state committee. For other  
5 offices, the vacancy shall be filled by the chairperson of the state committee. The  
6 appropriate chairperson shall file with the official or agency with whom nomination  
7 papers are filed for the office or, if nomination papers are not required, with the  
8 official or agency with whom a declaration of candidacy is filed for the office a  
9 certificate signed, certified and sworn to the same as an original nomination paper.  
10 The certificate shall state the cause of the vacancy, the name of the new nominee and  
11 the office for which the nomination is made. ~~A~~ Except as authorized under s. 8.16  
12 (6), a political party may not nominate a candidate for an office for which no person  
13 representing that party has filed nomination papers and a declaration of candidacy.

14 **SECTION 3.** 7.70 (3) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 7.70 (3) (d) When the certified statements and returns are received, the  
16 chairperson of the board or the chairperson's designee shall proceed to examine and  
17 make a statement of the total number of votes cast at any election for the offices  
18 involved in the election for president and vice president; a statement for each of the  
19 ~~offices~~ office of governor, ~~lieutenant governor~~, if a primary, and a joint statement for  
20 the offices of governor and lieutenant governor, if a general election; a statement for  
21 each of the offices of secretary of state, state treasurer, attorney general, and state  
22 superintendent; for U.S. senator; representative in congress for each congressional  
23 district; the state legislature; justice; court of appeals judge; circuit judge; district  
24 attorney; metropolitan sewerage commission, if the commissioners are elected under  
25 s. 200.09 (11) (am); and for any referenda questions submitted by the legislature.

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1           **SECTION 4.** 8.03 (2g) of the statutes is created to read:

2           8.03 **(2g)** Subsection (1) shall not apply when a candidate whose name is  
3 certified for placement on the general election ballot as a candidate for the office of  
4 lieutenant governor under s. 8.16 (6) is nominated for another elective office to be  
5 filled at the general election. No later than the deadline for filing a declaration of  
6 candidacy under s. 8.16 (6), a candidate who is nominated under s. 8.16 (6) shall file  
7 a written statement specifying the office that the candidate chooses. The candidate  
8 shall file the written statement with the same person with whom he or she is required  
9 to file a declaration of candidacy for the office. The filing officer shall place the  
10 candidate's name on the ballot under the office chosen by the candidate in the written  
11 statement and may not permit the candidate's name to appear on the ballot more  
12 than once. The vacancy in nomination for the office that the candidate does not  
13 choose may then be filled under s. 8.35.

14           **SECTION 5.** 8.15 (1m) of the statutes is created to read:

15           8.15 **(1m)** No nomination papers may be filed under this section for the office  
16 of lieutenant governor.

17           **SECTION 6.** 8.15 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

18           8.15 **(4)** (b) Nomination papers shall be accompanied by a declaration of  
19 candidacy under s. 8.21. If a candidate for state or local office has not filed a  
20 registration statement under s. 11.05 at the time he or she files nomination papers,  
21 the candidate shall file the statement with the papers. ~~A~~ Except as otherwise  
22 provided in this paragraph, a candidate for state office shall also file a statement of  
23 economic interests with the ethics board under s. 19.43 (4) no later than 4:30 p.m.  
24 on the 3rd day following the last day for filing nomination papers under sub. (1), or  
25 no later than 4:30 p.m. on the next business day after the last day whenever that

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1 candidate is granted an extension of time for filing nomination papers under sub. (1).  
2 A candidate for the office of lieutenant governor whose name is certified for  
3 placement on the general election ballot by a candidate for the office of governor  
4 under s. 8.16 (6) shall file a statement of economic interests no later than the time  
5 provided under s. 8.16 (6) for filing a statement of economic interests.

6 **SECTION 7.** 8.15 (8) (intro.) of the statutes is repealed.

7 **SECTION 8.** 8.15 (8) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 8.15 (8) (a) ~~For~~ Nomination papers required for state offices and the offices of  
9 U.S. senator and representative in congress, shall be filed in the office of the board.

10 **SECTION 9.** 8.15 (8) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 8.15 (8) (b) ~~For~~ Nomination papers required for county offices, shall be filed in  
12 the office of the county clerk or board of election commissioners.

13 **SECTION 10.** 8.16 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 8.16 (1) Except as provided in ~~sub. (2)~~ subs. (2) and (6), the person who receives  
15 the greatest number of votes for an office on a party ballot at any partisan primary,  
16 regardless of whether the person's name appears on the ballot, shall be the party's  
17 candidate for the office, and the person's name shall so appear on the official ballot  
18 at the next election. All independent candidates shall appear on the general election  
19 ballot regardless of the number of votes received by such candidates at the  
20 September primary.

21 **SECTION 11.** 8.16 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 8.16 (6) ~~The persons who receive the greatest number of votes respectively for~~  
23 ~~the offices of governor and lieutenant governor on any party ballot at a primary~~ No  
24 later than 2 days after certification of the nomination of the candidate of each  
25 recognized political party for the office of governor under s. 7.70 (3) (g), each

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1 candidate so nominated shall certify to the board in writing the name of a candidate  
2 of the same party for the office of lieutenant governor and shall notify the candidate  
3 for the office of lieutenant governor in writing of the certification. The candidate for  
4 the office of lieutenant governor shall file a declaration of candidacy under s. 8.21 and  
5 a statement of economic interests under s. 19.43 (4) no later than 3 days after receipt  
6 of the notification. The candidate for the office of lieutenant governor shall file a  
7 registration statement under s. 11.05 no later than 3 days after receipt of the  
8 notification, unless the candidate has already filed a registration statement. The  
9 candidate for the office of governor certified under s. 7.70 (3) (g) and the candidate  
10 for the office of lieutenant governor certified under this subsection shall be the  
11 party's joint candidates for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor, and their  
12 names shall so appear on the official ballot at the next election.

13 **SECTION 12.** 8.21 of the statutes is amended to read:

14 **8.21 Declaration of candidacy.** Each candidate, except a candidate for  
15 presidential elector under s. 8.20 (2) (d), shall file a declaration of candidacy, no later  
16 than the latest time provided for filing nomination papers under s. 8.10 (2) (a), 8.15  
17 (1), 8.20 (8) (a) or 8.50 (3) (a), ~~or~~ the time provided under s. 8.16 (2) or 8.35 (2) (c), or,  
18 in the case of a candidate for the office of lieutenant governor whose name is certified  
19 for placement on the general election ballot by a candidate for the office of governor  
20 under s. 8.16 (6), the time provided under s. 8.16 (6) for filing a declaration of  
21 candidacy. A candidate shall file the declaration with the officer or agency with  
22 which nomination papers are filed for the office which the candidate seeks, or if  
23 nomination papers are not required, with the clerk or board of election  
24 commissioners of the jurisdiction in which the candidate seeks office. The  
25 declaration shall be sworn to before any officer authorized to administer oaths. The

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1 declaration shall contain the name of the candidate in the form specified under s.  
2 8.10 (2) (b) for candidates for nonpartisan office or s. 8.15 (5) (a) or 8.20 (2) (a) for  
3 candidates for partisan office, and shall state that the signer is a candidate for a  
4 named office, that he or she meets or will at the time he or she assumes office meet  
5 applicable age, citizenship, residency or voting qualification requirements, if any,  
6 prescribed by the constitutions and laws of the United States and of this state, and  
7 that he or she will otherwise qualify for office if nominated and elected. The  
8 declaration shall include the candidate's name in the form in which it will appear on  
9 the ballot. Each candidate for state and local office shall include in the declaration  
10 a statement that he or she has not been convicted of any misdemeanor designated  
11 under state or federal law as a violation of the public trust or any felony for which  
12 he or she has not been pardoned. In addition, each candidate for state or local office  
13 shall include in the declaration a statement that discloses his or her municipality of  
14 residence for voting purposes, and the street and number, if any, on which the  
15 candidate resides. The declaration is valid with or without the seal of the officer who  
16 administers the oath. A candidate for state or local office shall file an amended  
17 declaration under oath with the same officer or agency if any information contained  
18 in the declaration changes at any time after the original declaration is filed and  
19 before the candidate assumes office or is defeated for election or nomination.

20 **SECTION 13.** 8.30 (2) of the statutes, as affected by 2001 Wisconsin Act 109, is  
21 amended to read:

22 8.30 (2) If no registration statement has been filed by or on behalf of a candidate  
23 for state or local office in accordance with s. 11.05 (2g) by the applicable deadline for  
24 filing nomination papers by the candidate, ~~or by the deadline for filing a declaration~~  
25 of candidacy for an office for which nomination papers are not filed, or, in the case



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1 of a candidate for the office of lieutenant governor whose name is certified for  
2 placement on the general election ballot by a candidate for the office of governor  
3 under s. 8.16 (6), by the deadline provided under s. 8.16 (6) for filing a registration  
4 statement, the name of the candidate may not appear on the ballot. This subsection  
5 may not be construed to exempt a candidate from applicable penalties if he or she  
6 files a registration statement later than the time prescribed in ss. 11.01 (1) and 11.05  
7 (2g).

8 **SECTION 14.** 8.35 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 8.35 (1) Any Except as provided under s. 8.03 (2g), any person who files  
10 nomination papers and qualifies to appear on the ballot may not decline nomination.  
11 The name of that person shall appear upon the ballot except in case of death of the  
12 person or in the case of a person who declines nomination under s. 8.03 (2g). A person  
13 who is appointed to fill a vacancy in nomination or who is nominated by write-in  
14 votes is deemed to decline nomination if he or she fails to file a declaration of  
15 candidacy within the time prescribed under sub. (2) (c) or s. 8.16 (2).

16 **SECTION 15.** 8.35 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 8.35 (2) (a) If a vacancy occurs after nomination due to the death of a candidate  
18 of a recognized political party for a partisan office or due to the declination of a  
19 candidate of a recognized political party under s. 8.03 (2g), the vacancy may be filled  
20 by the chairperson of the committee of the proper political party under s. 7.38, or the  
21 personal campaign committee, if any, in the case of independent candidates. Similar  
22 vacancies in nominations of candidates for nonpartisan local offices may be filled by  
23 the candidate's personal campaign committee or, if the candidate had none, by the  
24 body which governs the local governmental unit in which the deceased person was  
25 a candidate for office. The chairperson, chief officer of the committee, or clerk of the

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1 body making an appointment shall file a certificate of appointment with the official  
2 or agency with whom declarations of candidacy for the office are filed. For purposes  
3 of this paragraph, the official or agency need not recognize members of a personal  
4 campaign committee whose names were not filed under s. 11.05 prior to the death  
5 of the candidate.

6 **SECTION 16.** 8.35 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 8.35 (2) (b) If a vacancy in nomination occurs due to the death of a candidate  
8 or due to the declination of a candidate under s. 8.03 (2g), the officer or agency with  
9 whom nomination papers are filed for the office shall promptly notify the  
10 chairperson, committee or body, if any, that the vacancy may be filled within 4 days  
11 of the date of the notice, as shown by the postmark if the notice is mailed. The  
12 chairperson, committee or body may file a sworn certificate of nomination with the  
13 official or agency within the 4-day period.

14 **SECTION 17.** 8.35 (4) (a) 1. (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 8.35 (4) (a) 1. (intro.) When a candidate is appointed under this section to fill  
16 a vacancy ~~under this section~~ caused by the death of a candidate, the funds remaining  
17 in the former candidate's depository after payment of the former candidate's lawful  
18 campaign debts, if any, shall be:

19 **SECTION 18.** 8.35 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 8.35 (4) (b) Notwithstanding par. (a), any unspent and unencumbered moneys  
21 received by a deceased candidate from the Wisconsin election campaign fund shall  
22 be immediately transferred to any candidate who is appointed to replace such  
23 candidate, upon filing of a proper application therefor under s. 11.50 (2). If there is  
24 no candidate appointed or if no proper application is filed within 7 days of the date

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1 on which the vacancy occurs, such moneys shall revert to the state as provided in s.  
2 11.50 (8).

3 **SECTION 19.** 11.05 (3m) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 11.05 (3m) VACANCIES IN NOMINATION. Any personal campaign committee of an  
5 independent candidate for partisan office or a candidate for nonpartisan county or  
6 municipal office may file with its registration statement a list of the members of the  
7 committee, in addition to those specified in sub. (3) (e) and (f), who shall be recognized  
8 by the official or agency with whom the candidate's nomination papers are filed for  
9 the purpose of filling a vacancy in nomination in the event of the candidate's death  
10 that the candidate declines nomination under s. 8.03 (2g) or dies. The board shall  
11 provide a place on the statement for such designations.

12 **SECTION 20.** 11.50 (1) (a) 1. a. of the statutes, as affected by 2001 Wisconsin Act  
13 109, is amended to read:

14 11.50 (1) (a) 1. a. With respect to a spring or general election, any individual  
15 who is certified under s. 7.08 (2) (a) as a candidate in the spring election for justice  
16 or state superintendent, or an individual who receives at least 6% of the vote cast for  
17 all candidates on all ballots for any state office, except district attorney, for which the  
18 individual is a candidate at the September primary and who is certified under s. 7.08  
19 (2) (a) as a candidate for that office in the general election, or an individual who has  
20 been lawfully appointed and certified to replace either such individual on the ballot  
21 at the spring or general election; and who has qualified for a grant under sub. (2).  
22 For purposes of this subd. 1. a., a candidate for the office of lieutenant governor whose  
23 name is certified for placement on the general election ballot by a candidate for the  
24 office of governor under s. 8.16 (6) is considered to receive the same percentage of the

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1 September primary vote as the candidate for the office of governor certifying his or  
2 her name.

3 **SECTION 21.** 11.50 (2) (a) of the statutes, as affected by 2001 Wisconsin Act 109,  
4 is amended to read:

5 11.50 (2) (a) Any individual who desires to qualify as an eligible candidate may  
6 file an application with the board requesting approval to participate in the fund. The  
7 application shall be filed no later than the applicable deadline for filing nomination  
8 papers under s. 8.10 (2) (a), 8.15 (1), 8.20 (8) (a) or 8.50 (3) (a), no later than 4:30 p.m.  
9 on the 7th day after the primary or date on which the primary would be held if  
10 required in the case of write-in candidates and candidates for the office of lieutenant  
11 governor whose names are certified for placement on the general election ballot by  
12 a candidate for the office of governor under s. 8.16 (6), or no later than 4:30 p.m. on  
13 the 7th day after appointment in the case of candidates appointed to fill vacancies.  
14 The applicant shall provide, along with his or her application, an affidavit under s.  
15 11.31 (2m) (a). The application shall also contain a sworn statement that, except as  
16 authorized in s. 11.26 (9m), if the candidate is able to receive the full amount of the  
17 grant, except any grant provided under sub. (4) (bg) or (br), to which the candidate  
18 is entitled under sub. (9), the candidate and his or her agents will not accept any  
19 contribution made by a committee other than a political party committee during the  
20 campaign, and that, except as provided in s. 11.29 (9m) any contributions accepted  
21 by the candidate from such a committee will not exceed that amount which, when  
22 added to the amount of the grant received by the candidate under sub. (9), equals the  
23 percentage specified in s. 11.26 (9) (am) of the disbursement level specified in s. 11.31  
24 (1) (a) to (de), (e), or (f), as adjusted under s. 11.31 (9), for the office that the candidate  
25 seeks. In the statement, the candidate shall also swear that if any unauthorized

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1 contribution has been accepted, that the contribution has been or will be returned  
2 or donated as provided in par. (j), and the candidate and his or her agents will not  
3 accept any unauthorized contribution during the campaign.

4 **SECTION 22.** 11.50 (2) (b) 4. of the statutes, as affected by 2001 Wisconsin Act  
5 109, is amended to read:

6 11.50 (2) (b) 4. The All financial reports filed by or on behalf of the candidate  
7 as of the date of the spring or September primary, or the date that the special primary  
8 is or would be held, if required, indicate that his or her affidavit filed under s. 11.31  
9 (2m) (a) is true;

10 **SECTION 23.** 11.50 (2) (b) 5. of the statutes, as affected by 2001 Wisconsin Act  
11 109, is amended to read:

12 11.50 (2) (b) 5. The financial reports filed by or on behalf of the candidate as  
13 of the date of the spring or September primary, or the date that the special primary  
14 is or would be held, if required, indicate that the candidate has received an amount  
15 equal to at least the amount provided in this subdivision, from contributions of  
16 money, other than loans, made by individuals who reside in this state and, in the case  
17 of a candidate for legislative office, by individuals at least 45% of whom reside in a  
18 county having territory within the district in which the candidate seeks office, which  
19 contributions have been received during the period ending on the date of the spring  
20 primary and July 1 preceding such date in the case of candidates at the spring  
21 election, or the date of the September primary and January 1 preceding such date  
22 in the case of candidates at the general election, or the date that a special primary  
23 will or would be held, if required, and 90 days preceding such date or the date a  
24 special election is ordered, whichever is earlier, in the case of candidates at a special  
25 election, which contributions are in the aggregate amount of \$100 or less, and which

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1 contributions are fully identified and itemized as to the exact source thereof. A  
2 contribution received from a conduit which is identified by the conduit as originating  
3 from an individual shall be considered a contribution made by the individual. Only  
4 the first \$100 of an aggregate contribution of more than \$100 may be counted toward  
5 the required percentage. For a candidate at the spring or general election for an  
6 office identified in s. 11.26 (1) (a) or (am) or a candidate at a special election, the  
7 required amount to qualify for a grant is 5% of the applicable authorized  
8 disbursement limitation, as determined under s. 11.31 (1) and adjusted as provided  
9 under s. 11.31 (9). For any other candidate at the general election, the required  
10 amount to qualify for a grant is 6% of the applicable authorized disbursement  
11 limitation, as determined under s. 11.31 (1) and adjusted as provided under s. 11.31  
12 (9). For the purposes of this subdivision, a candidate for the officer of lieutenant  
13 governor whose name is certified for placement on the general election ballot by a  
14 candidate for the office of governor under s. 8.16 (6) is considered to receive the  
15 contributions required to qualify for a grant under this subdivision if the candidate  
16 for the office of lieutenant governor and the candidate for the office of governor  
17 certifying his or her name together have received contributions sufficient to qualify  
18 the candidate for the office of lieutenant governor for a grant under this subdivision.  
19 Contributions required to qualify a candidate for the office of governor for a grant  
20 under this subdivision shall not be included in calculating the combined  
21 contributions for the candidate for the office of governor and the candidate for the  
22 office of lieutenant governor under this subdivision; and

23 **SECTION 24.** 19.42 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 19.42 (4) "Candidate for state public office" means any individual who files  
25 nomination papers and a declaration of candidacy under s. 8.21 or who is nominated

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1 at a caucus under s. 8.05 (1) for the purpose of appearing on the ballot for election  
2 as a state public official ~~or~~, any individual who is nominated for the purpose of  
3 appearing on the ballot for election as a state public official through the write-in  
4 process or by appointment to fill a vacancy in nomination and who files a declaration  
5 of candidacy under s. 8.21, or any individual whose name is certified for placement  
6 on the general election ballot as a candidate for the office of lieutenant governor  
7 under s. 8.16 (6) and who files a declaration of candidacy under s. 8.21.

8 **SECTION 25.** 19.43 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 19.43 (4) A candidate for state public office shall file with the board a statement  
10 of economic interests meeting each of the requirements of s. 19.44 (1) no later than  
11 4:30 p.m. on the 3rd day following the last day for filing nomination papers for the  
12 office which the candidate seeks, or no later than 4:30 p.m. on the next business day  
13 after the last day whenever that candidate is granted an extension of time for filing  
14 nomination papers or a declaration of candidacy under s. 8.05 (1) (j), 8.10 (2) (a), 8.15  
15 (1) or 8.20 (8) (a), no later than 4:30 p.m. on the 5th day after notification of  
16 nomination is mailed or personally delivered to the candidate by the municipal clerk  
17 in the case of a candidate who is nominated at a caucus, ~~or~~ no later than 4:30 p.m.  
18 on the 3rd day after notification of nomination is mailed or personally delivered to  
19 the candidate by the appropriate official or agency in the case of a write-in candidate  
20 or candidate who is appointed to fill a vacancy in nomination under s. 8.35 (2) (a), or  
21 no later than the time provided under s. 8.16 (6) for filing a statement of economic  
22 interests in the case of a candidate for the office of lieutenant governor whose name  
23 is certified for placement on the general election ballot by a candidate for the office  
24 of governor under s. 8.16 (6). The information contained on the statement shall be  
25 current as of December 31 of the year preceding the filing deadline. Before certifying

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1 the name of any candidate for state public office under s. 7.08 (2) (a), the elections  
2 board, municipal clerk or board of election commissioners shall ascertain whether  
3 that candidate has complied with this subsection. If not, the elections board,  
4 municipal clerk or board of election commissioners may not certify the candidate's  
5 name for ballot placement.

6 **SECTION 26. Effective date.**

7 (1) This act takes effect on July 1, 2003, or on the day after publication,  
8 whichever is later.

9 (END)