



State of Wisconsin
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2011 ASSEMBLY BILL 676

March 8, 2012 – Introduced by Representatives PASCH, ZAMARRIPA, RINGHAND and BEWLEY. Referred to Committee on Homeland Security and State Affairs.

1 **AN ACT to create** 11.386 of the statutes; **relating to:** contributions by state
2 contractors and their officers and substantial owners to candidates for state
3 office or their authorized committees.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill prohibits any corporation or cooperative, and any individual who is an officer or substantial owner of a corporation or cooperative, that offers to enter or enters into a contract with any state agency from making a political contribution to a candidate for state office, during the period beginning on the date on which the contract is amended and ending on the date on which all obligations under the contract are executed in full. The bill defines a “substantial owner” as an individual who, alone or in combination with his or her immediate family, owns or controls more than 15 percent of the equity in a corporation or cooperative. The prohibition also applies to the personal campaign and authorized support committees of a candidate for state office.

Currently, a corporation or cooperative is prohibited from making political contributions in most cases. Current law does not address contributions by officers or substantial owners.

Violators of the prohibition created by the bill are subject to a forfeiture (civil penalty) of treble the amount or value of any unlawful contribution. Intentional

