



1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 150

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- 1 **AN ACT to create** 11.21 (16) and 20.510 (1) (i) of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 electronic filing of certain campaign finance reports with the elections board
3 and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, with certain exceptions, registrants under the campaign finance law are required to file periodic reports with the appropriate filing officer or agency. Candidates for state office or their personal campaign or authorized support committees and other individuals, committees and groups supporting or opposing candidates for state office or statewide ballot questions file their reports with the state elections board.

This bill directs the board to accept a campaign finance report that is filed by means of electronic transmission from any registrant for whom the board serves as a filing agency. The bill also directs the board to make available to registrants software that is designed to facilitate complete electronic filing of campaign finance reports at a price that may not exceed cost. Under the bill, any registrant who or which files a report electronically must also file a copy of the report recorded on a medium prescribed by the board, together with a computer-generated copy of the report printed on paper. The paper copy must be signed and filed no later than the date currently prescribed by law for filing of the report. The bill directs the board to provide complete instructions to any registrant who or which wishes to file reports electronically under the bill.

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For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

1 **SECTION 1.** 11.21 (16) of the statutes is created to read:

2 11.21 (16) Accept from any registrant for whom the board serves as a filing
3 officer any campaign finance report that is required to be filed under this chapter by
4 means of electronic transmission. To facilitate implementation of this subsection,
5 the board shall make available to registrants software that is designed to facilitate
6 complete electronic filing under this subsection, at a price fixed by the board that
7 may not exceed cost. Each registrant who or which files a report electronically under
8 this subsection shall also file a copy of the report with the board that is recorded on
9 a medium specified by the board, together with a computer-generated copy of the
10 report printed on paper. The computer-generated copy of each report shall be signed
11 by an authorized individual and filed with the board by each registrant no later than
12 the time prescribed for filing of the report under this chapter. The board shall provide
13 complete instructions to any registrant who or which wishes to file a report under
14 this subsection.

15 **SECTION 2.** 20.510 (1) (i) of the statutes is created to read:

16 20.510 (1) (i) *Electronic filing software.* All moneys received from registrants
17 who purchase software to be utilized for electronic filing of campaign finance reports
18 under s. 11.21 (16), for the purpose of providing that software.

19 **SECTION 3. Initial applicability.**

