



## 1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 412

May 30, 1995 - Introduced by Representatives SERATTI, F. LASEE, MUSSER, HANDRICK, LADWIG, DUFF, NASS, BRANDEMUEHL, AINSWORTH, ALBERS, HAHN, ZUKOWSKI, SILBAUGH, OTT, OLSEN, GROTHMAN and GUNDERSON. Referred to Committee on Elections and Constitutional Law.

1     **AN ACT to create** 11.60 (3m) of the statutes; **relating to:** false reporting of certain  
2           disbursements and obligations under the campaign finance law and providing  
3           a penalty.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Currently, if an individual who or committee which is required to file a report under the campaign finance law files a false report, the individual or committee is subject to a forfeiture (civil penalty) of not more than \$500.

This bill provides, in lieu of this penalty, that if an individual or committee makes disbursements (expenditures) or incurs obligations in support of or in opposition to a candidate independently of any candidate who is supported or whose opponent is opposed, and the individual or committee files a report which understates or overstates the cumulative amount of disbursements made or obligations incurred by the individual or committee during the 7-day period preceding any primary or other election by more than \$1,000, the individual or committee must forfeit an amount equal to the amount overstated or understated in excess of \$1,000.

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

4           **SECTION 1.** 11.60 (3m) of the statutes is created to read:  
5           11.60 (3m) Notwithstanding sub. (1), if an individual who or committee which  
6           is required to file an oath under s. 11.06 (7) files a report under this chapter which  
7           overstates or understates the cumulative total amount of disbursements made or

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1 obligations incurred by the individual or committee in support of or in opposition to  
2 any candidate during the 7-day period preceding any primary or other election at  
3 which the name of that candidate appears on the ballot, by more than \$1,000, the  
4 individual or committee shall forfeit an amount equal to the amount overstated or  
5 understated in excess of \$1,000.

6 (END)