



**ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,
TO 1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 150**

June 11, 1997 - Offered by COMMITTEE ON CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 11.21 (2) and 11.21 (9); and **to create** 11.21 (16) and 20.510 (1)
2 (i) of the statutes; **relating to:** electronic filing of certain campaign finance
3 reports with the elections board and making an appropriation.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 11.21 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 11.21 (2) Furnish to each registrant prescribed forms for the making of reports
6 and statements. Forms shall be sent by 1st class mail not earlier than 21 days and
7 not later than 14 days prior to the applicable filing deadline under s. 11.20, and
8 addressed to the attention of the treasurer or other person indicated on the
9 registration statement. Forms need not be sent to a registrant who has made an
10 indication that aggregate contributions, disbursements and obligations will not
11 exceed the amount specified under s. 11.05 (2r) or to a registrant who has been
12 granted a suspension under s. 11.19 (2). Forms for reports shall not be sent by the

1 board to a registrant if the registrant is required to file reports with the board in an
2 electronic format. Whenever any notice of filing requirements under this chapter is
3 sent to a candidate's campaign treasurer, the board shall also send a notice to the
4 candidate if he or she has appointed a separate treasurer. Failure to receive any form
5 or notice does not exempt a registrant from compliance with this chapter.

6 **SECTION 2.** 11.21 (9) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 11.21 (9) ~~Place a copy~~ Maintain a duplicate record of any separate schedule
8 under s. 11.06 (1) (j) received with the financial report of an individual or committee
9 filing an oath under s. 11.06 (7) ~~in the file~~ together with the record of each candidate
10 to whom it relates.

11 **SECTION 3.** 11.21 (16) of the statutes is created to read:

12 11.21 (16) Require each registrant for whom the board serves as filing officer
13 and who or which accepts contributions in a total amount or value of \$20,000 or more
14 during a campaign period to file each campaign finance report that is required to be
15 filed under this chapter in an electronic format, and accept from any other registrant
16 for whom the board serves as a filing officer any campaign finance report that is
17 required to be filed under this chapter in an electronic format. A registrant who or
18 which becomes subject to a requirement to file reports in an electronic format under
19 this subsection shall initially file the registrant's report in an electronic format for
20 the period which includes the date on which the registrant becomes subject to the
21 requirement. To facilitate implementation of this subsection, the board shall make
22 available to registrants software that is designed to facilitate complete electronic
23 filing under this subsection, at a price fixed by the board that may not exceed cost.
24 Each registrant who or which files a report under this subsection in an electronic
25 format shall also file a copy of the report with the board that is recorded on a medium

1 specified by the board. The copy shall be signed by an authorized individual and filed
2 with the board by each registrant no later than the time prescribed for filing of the
3 report under this chapter. The board shall provide complete instructions to any
4 registrant who or which files a report under this subsection. In this subsection, the
5 “campaign period” of a candidate, personal campaign committee or support
6 committee begins and ends with the “campaign” of the candidate whose candidacy
7 is supported, as defined in s. 11.26 (17), and the “campaign period” of any other
8 registrant begins on January 1 of each odd-numbered year and ends on December
9 31 of the following year.

10 **SECTION 4.** 20.510 (1) (i) of the statutes is created to read:

11 20.510 (1) (i) *Electronic filing software.* All moneys received from registrants
12 who purchase software to be utilized for electronic filing of campaign finance reports
13 under s. 11.21 (16), for the purpose of providing that software.

14 **SECTION 5. Initial applicability.**

15 (1) This act first applies with respect to campaign finance reports that are
16 required to be filed after June 30, 1999.

17 (END)