



1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 277

April 11, 1997 - Introduced by Representatives SERATTI, LADWIG, BRANDEMUEHL, FREESE, ZUKOWSKI, AINSWORTH, MUSSER, PORTER, OWENS, GOETSCH, KREIBICH, GROTHMAN, LAZICH, GUNDERSON, F. LASEE and RYBA. Referred to Committee on Campaign Finance Reform.

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.

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 who or committee which 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 files a report which understates or overstates by more than \$1,000 the cumulative amount of disbursements made or obligations incurred by the individual or committee as of any date during the 7-day period preceding any primary or other election, the individual or committee must forfeit an amount equal to the amount overstated or understated in excess of \$1,000.

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:

