



## 1997 SENATE BILL 152

April 9, 1997 - Introduced by Senators ADELMAN, CLAUSING, C. POTTER, MOEN and WIRCH, cosponsored by Representatives NOTESTEIN, HUBER, BALDWIN, BAUMGART, MEYER, BLACK, CARPENTER, R. YOUNG, RILEY, BOCK, BOYLE and SPRINGER. Referred to Committee on Judiciary, Campaign Finance Reform and Consumer Affairs.

1     **AN ACT to create** 20.510 (1) (d) of the statutes; **relating to:** qualification of  
2           candidates for justice of the supreme court for grants from the Wisconsin  
3           election campaign fund and making an appropriation.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Currently, a candidate for the office of justice of the supreme court in the spring election may qualify for a grant from the Wisconsin election campaign fund to finance certain campaign expenses. The amount of the grant depends upon the balance in the supreme court account of the fund, which receives 8% of the total amount designated by taxpayers in the year preceding each election for the office of justice. If sufficient moneys are available in the account, a candidate for the office of justice may potentially qualify to receive a grant of \$97,031.

This bill appropriates a sum sufficient from general purpose revenue to enable all eligible candidates for the office of justice to receive the maximum grant to which they are entitled. The proposal is effective for grants made on or after January 1, 1999.

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

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

