

**DRAFTER'S NOTE**  
**FROM THE**  
**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU**

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RJM:cmh:jf

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1. Per my conversation with your office, this draft:

(a) Adds authority for a town or village to enact a local campaign financing ordinance.

(b) Adds authority for a county, city, town or village to limit the aggregate total of contributions that an individual may make in a calendar year with respect to elections for county, city, town or village office, respectively. This limitation may be more strict than the limitation on contributions from an individual with respect to elections for state and local office under s. 11.26 (4), stats.

(c) Adds authority for a county, city, town or village to form a local elections board to enforce a local campaign finance ordinance. A county or city that is currently required to establish a municipal or county board of election commissioners under s. 7.20, stats., may not form a local elections board under this draft. Rather, these counties or cities must enact an ordinance requiring the municipal or county board of election commissioners to enforce the county or city campaign finance ordinance.

(d) Adds authority for a county, city, town or village to limit the total contributions that may be transferred by a conduit with respect to elections for county, city, town or village office, respectively.

2. Please review proposed s. 7.19, stats., regarding the formation of a local elections board. If there is any authority granted in this section that you do not intend or if the section omits a specific grant of authority that you intend to include, please call.

3. The preliminary draft included a provision allowing a county or city to limit the aggregate amount of contributions that a candidate may accept from committees. This draft clarifies that this limit may be more strict than the similar limit under state law. See proposed s. 11.55 (1). I assume that this provision is consistent with your intent and should have been included in the preliminary draft. If I am incorrect or if you desire any changes to this provision, please let me know.

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