

WISCONSIN STATE  
LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE HEARING  
RECORDS

1999-00

(session year)

Assembly

(Assembly, Senate or Joint)

Committee on  
Campaigns &  
Elections  
(AC-CE)

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# Vote Record

## Assembly Committee on Campaigns and Elections

Date: 9/21/99  
Moved by: 416 Ladwig Seconded by: Mout.  
AB: \_\_\_\_\_ Clearinghouse Rule: \_\_\_\_\_  
AB: \_\_\_\_\_ SB: \_\_\_\_\_ Appointment: \_\_\_\_\_  
AJR: \_\_\_\_\_ SJR: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Be recommended for:

- Passage
- Introduction
- Adoption
- Rejection

- Indefinite Postponement
- Tabling
- Concurrence
- Nonconcurrence
- Confirmation

### Committee Member

Rep. Stephen Freese, Chair  
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Rep. Scott Walker  
Rep. Phil Montgomery  
Rep. Bonnie Ladwig  
Rep. David Travis  
Rep. David Cullen  
Rep. Mark Miller  
Rep. Gary Sherman

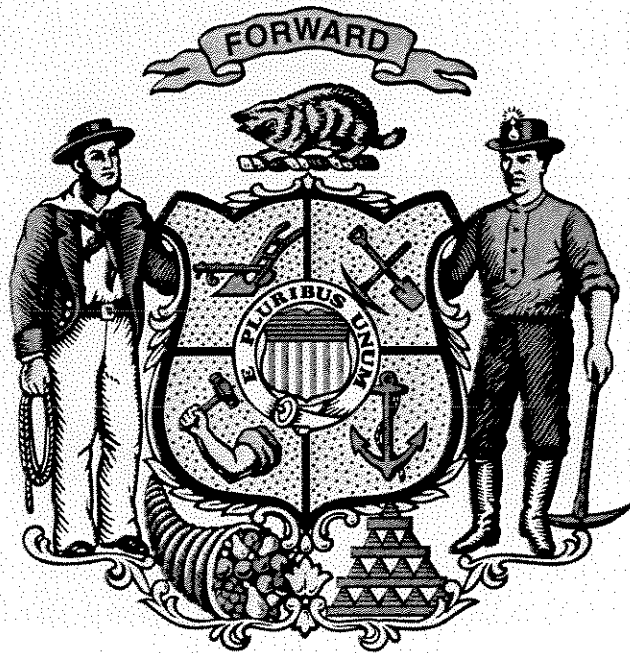
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Motion Carried

Motion Failed



**From the Desk of...**



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**LORRAINE M.  
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STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
36TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

TO: *Steve Freese*

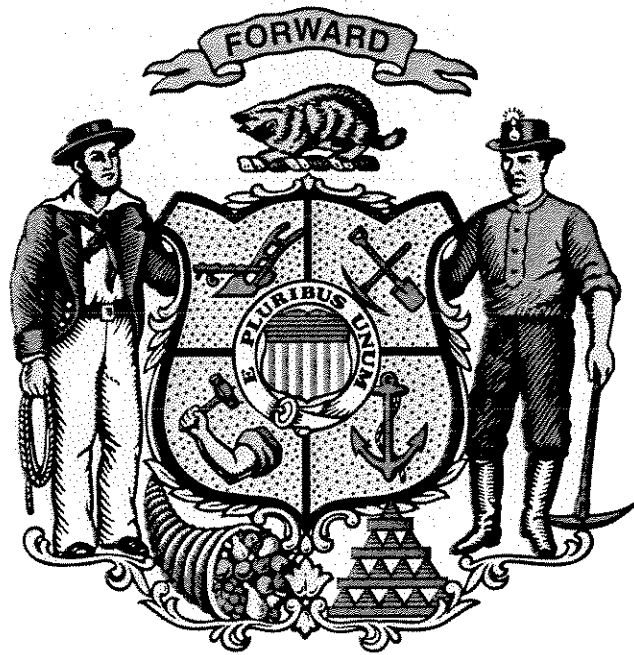
DATE: *7/29/99*

- Materials as you requested
- Thought this might be of interest to you
- For your information
- I would appreciate your comments

Remarks: *I would really appreciate your willingness to schedule a hearing on AB 416.*  
*Thanks, Lorraine*

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**Testimony of Representative Lorraine M. Seratti**

**ASSEMBLY BILL 416**

**9/1/99**

Under current campaign finance law, registrants are required to file regular reports with the appropriate filing officer or agency. The reports must identify contributors of more than \$20 cumulatively within a calendar year, as well as any other sources of income providing \$20 or more. For contributors giving \$100 or more they must report their occupation and principal place of employment if any exists. The report must list from whom and to whom funds are transferred including any loans exceeding \$20 together with the identity of the lenders and guarantors. It must include any disbursements or obligations exceeding \$20, and finally must include certain information from registrants making disbursements independently of the candidate.

However, if a registrant does not maintain an address within this state, the registrant need only identify contributions, transfers, loans and other income received from sources in this state, and disbursements and obligations incurred with respect to elections for state or local office in this state.

Assembly Bill 416 deletes the exception for registrants who or which do not maintain an office or street address within this state, so that these registrants are required to report the same information as other registrants.

This change is needed in order to provide greater accountability for the people of Wisconsin. If individuals or special interest groups from outside our state wish to be involved in political races in Wisconsin, we have a right

to know who they are, where their contributions come from, and in what amounts.

Under current law, the original source of the money flowing into state races from out of state is often unclear. Special interest groups from out of state can pour large sums of money into targeted races in order to further their own interests, without the public knowing.

Nationally, we have seen foreign interests contributing money to the election of our highest offices. It does a disservice to the voting public to allow the source of funding for political races to remain, for all intents and purposes, anonymous. The paperwork contributors would have to go through to contribute to campaigns is worth the price of participating in Wisconsin elections.

I would be happy to answer any questions.