DRAFTER'S NOTE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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Proposed s. 11.24 (1v), which restricts the acceptance of contributions made by nonresident contributors, is an innovative provision, and we do not yet have, to our knowledge, specific guidance from the U.S. Supreme Court concerning the enforceability of a provision of this type. It is well possible that a court may find a rational basis for this provision that would permit it to be upheld. However, because of the concerns expressed by the U.S. Supreme Court in *Buckley v. Valeo, et al.*, 96 S. Ct. 612 (1976), and certain other cases, that attempts to regulate campaign financing activities may, in some instances, impermissibly intrude upon freedom of speech or association or upon equal protection guarantees, it is possible that enforceability problems with this provision may occur.

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