

DRAFTER'S NOTE
FROM THE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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. Per your E-mail of 5/1, this draft restores the new procedure for enforcement of the election laws in proposed s. 5.066, as well as all the changes concerning injunctive relief in s. 11.66, stats. However, it does not include the procedure under which the executive director may impose civil forfeitures, subject to review by the board. Under the draft, the authority of the executive director is limited to ordering compliance with the election laws. The existing procedure for imposing civil forfeitures is retained. Please let us know if this is not in accord with your intent.

. The /2 draft, in proposed s. 11.05 (7m), permitted nonresident registrants to use property or funds acquired prior to registration for the purpose of making contributions or disbursements if certain disclosures are made. The draft also, in its treatment of s.11.05 (6), stats., exempted federal candidate committees and national political party committees from the prohibition against using property or funds acquired prior to registration to make contributions or disbursements. This draft deletes these proposed changes because they are inconsistent with s. 11.05 (6) (a), stats. [as affected by this draft] and proposed s. 11.05 (6) (b) and 11.27 (1v), which permit committees and groups to make contributions and disbursements only if they are registered with the appropriate filing officer under state law or are registered with the federal election commission. To the extent that this draft relies upon federal law to provide disclosure of state and local campaign finance activity, it should be noted that committees and groups that are engaged solely in state or local activity are not subject to federal registration requirements and it is unknown to what extent federal reporting requirements will be enforced against such committees or groups.

(a) Proposed s. 11.24 (1v), which restricts the acceptance of contributions made by certain nonresident contributors.

(b) Proposed s. 11.24 (1w), which prohibits personal campaign committees from making contributions to certain federally-registered committees.

(c) Proposed s. 11.26 (8), which imposes cumulative limitations upon contributions received from special interest ("political action") committees by legislative campaign committees.