

### Fiscal Estimate - 2001 Session

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<b>LRB Number</b> 01-2872/5		<b>Introduction Number</b> AB-843	
<b>Subject</b> Campaign finance and related changes			
<b>Fiscal Effect</b>			
<b>State:</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate			
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	
<b>Local:</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate			
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory		3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	
5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts			
<b>Fund Sources Affected</b>		<b>Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS 20.510			
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**Fiscal Estimate Narratives**  
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**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

This legislation makes numerous changes to the campaign finance law. The legislation does not provide increased funding for the related administrative costs. These costs include the preparation, printing and distribution of forms, manuals and training materials to communicate the changes to candidates in the fall 2002 elections.

The legislation also increases the number of reports that must be filed with the State Elections Board without providing the resources to process and review those reports. The review and audit of the reports will require sophisticated analysis and implementation of complex funding calculations in a relatively short period of time. The current staffing level of the State Elections Board will have to be supplemented to carry out these new statutory requirements.

The legislation changes the funding mechanism for the Wisconsin Election Campaign Fund. (WECF). Taxpayers can designate up to \$5 to the fund. The designation becomes an add-on, but permits a taxpayer to claim a credit for the designation. The effect is the same as the current checkoff mechanism, but requires more work by the taxpayer.

The past two taxpayer designations have been in the neighborhood of \$325,000. (1999 - \$324, 649, 2000 - \$322,072). For purposes of this estimate it is assumed that there will be 300,000 designations of \$5. This will raise \$1,500,000 for the WECF on an annual basis. No attempt has been made to determine what party accounts may be designated.

This estimate does not attempt to measure the impact on public television and public access channels of the free media access

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**

The funding provisions for WECF grants will not result in an increase in the amount available for grants until August, 2003. The projected amount available will not fully fund grants for candidates in future elections.

## Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2001 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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<b>LRB Number</b> 01-2872/5	<b>Introduction Number</b> AB-843	
<b>Subject</b>		
Campaign finance and related changes		
<b>I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):</b>		
\$20,000 for preparing, printing and distributing forms, manuals and training materials.		
<b>II. Annualized Costs:</b>	<b>Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:</b>	
	Increased Costs      Decreased Costs	
<b>A. State Costs by Category</b>		
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes (FTE Position Changes)	\$	
State Operations - Other Costs		
Local Assistance		
Aids to Individuals or Organizations	1,200,000	
<b>TOTAL State Costs by Category</b>	<b>\$1,200,000</b>	
	<b>\$</b>	
<b>B. State Costs by Source of Funds</b>		
GPR	1,200,000	
FED		
PRO/PRS		
SEG/SEG-S		
<b>III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)</b>		
	Increased Rev	Decreased Rev
GPR Taxes	\$	\$
GPR Earned		
FED		
PRO/PRS		
SEG/SEG-S		
<b>TOTAL State Revenues</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT</b>		
	<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$1,200,000	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$	\$
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