

WISCONSIN STATE
LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE HEARING
RECORDS

2001-02

(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: 4/12/07
Moved by: Stone Seconded by: Freese
Clearinghouse Rule: _____
Appointment: _____
Other: _____

AB: 184 SB: _____
AJR: _____ SJR: _____
AR: _____ SR: _____

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Be recommended for:
 Passage *as amendment*
 Introduction
 Adoption
 Rejection

Indefinite Postponement
 Tabling
 Concurrence
 Nonconcurrence
 Confirmation

Committee Member	Aye	No	Absent	Not Voting
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Rep. Bonnie Ladwig	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Rep. Mark Pocan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Motion Carried Motion Failed

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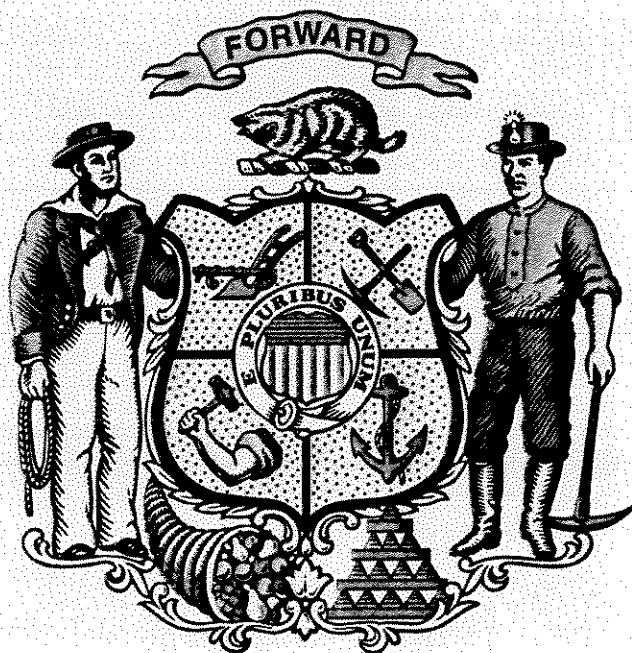
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Testimony of Representative Lorraine M. Seratti
ASSEMBLY BILL 184
March 14, 2001

Mr. Chair, members of the committee, thank you for taking up this bill and inviting me here today.

I introduced Assembly Bill 184 again this session because I feel it is extremely important for Wisconsin's citizens to know when groups from outside Wisconsin are spending money to influence the outcome of our elections.

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 184 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.

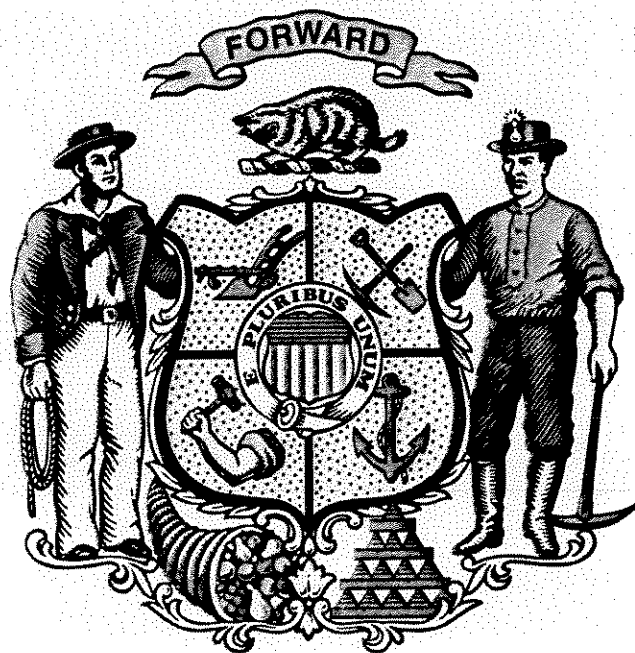
This change is needed in order to provide greater accountability for the people of Wisconsin. If individuals or special interest groups from outside our state wish to be involved in political races in Wisconsin, we have a right to know who they are, where their contributions come from, and in what amounts.

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 who they are or what their interests are.

Nationally, we have seen foreign interests contributing money to the election of our highest office. Locally, we have seen a congressional candidate raise two thirds of their campaign funds from out of state, some of which was raised through the internet under misleading pretense. 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.

If people and groups from out of state want to participate in Wisconsin's electoral process, they should be held to the same accountability standards as those who vote here, live here, and will be affected by the policy they seek to influence.

I would be happy to answer any questions.





WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
STAFF MEMORANDUM

TO: ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON CAMPAIGNS AND ELECTIONS

FROM: Robert J. Conlin, Senior Staff Attorney *RJC*

RE: Assembly Amendment __ (LRBa0353/1) to 2001 Assembly Bill 184, Relating to Reporting of Information by Nonresident Registrants Under the Campaign Finance Law

DATE: April 10, 2001

This memorandum describes Assembly Amendment __ (LRBa0353/1) to 2001 Assembly Bill 184. 2001 Assembly Bill 184 was introduced by Representative Seratti and others. The bill was referred to the Assembly Committee on Campaigns and Elections which held a public hearing on the bill on March 15, 2001. The bill is scheduled for an executive session on Thursday, April 12, 2001.

CURRENT LAW

Generally, under current law, registrants under the Campaign Finance Law are required to file regular reports with the appropriate filing officer or agency identifying certain contributions, transfers, loans, disbursements and obligations. However, under current law, a registrant who does not maintain an office or street address within the state need only identify contributions, transfers, loans and other income received from sources in Wisconsin and disbursements and obligations incurred with respect to elections for state or local office in Wisconsin.

THE BILL

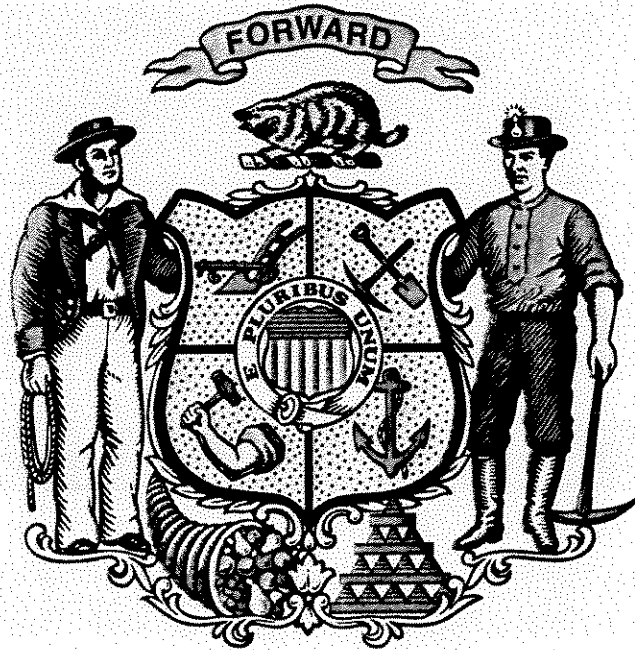
The bill deletes the special treatment of registrants who or which do not maintain an office or street address within the state. Thus, under the bill, those registrants are required to report the same information as other registrants irrespective of the state of origin of the contributions, transfers, loans, disbursements and obligations. However, the bill would not affect reporting by authorized committees and candidates for the Office of U.S. Senator or Representative in Congress, national political party committees, and federally registered committees of state political parties that make no contributions to individuals or committees that are subject to a state registration requirement.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT -- LRBa0353/1

The amendment modifies the bill to provide that a nonresident registrant that is required to file a report under the bill must ensure that the report *separately identifies* contributions, transfers, loans and other income received from sources in this state and disbursement and obligations incurred with respect to elections for state or local office in this state, in a manner prescribed by the Elections Board.

If you have any questions about this matter, please feel free to contact me at the Legislative Council Staff offices.

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**WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
STAFF MEMORANDUM**

TO: ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON CAMPAIGNS AND ELECTIONS

FROM: Robert J. Conlin, Senior Staff Attorney *RJC*

RE: Assembly Amendment __ (LRBa0422/1) to 2001 Assembly Bill 184, Relating to Reporting of Information by Nonresident Registrants Under the Campaign Finance Law

DATE: April 11, 2001

This memorandum describes Assembly Amendment __ (LRBa0422/1) to 2001 Assembly Bill 184. 2001 Assembly Bill 184 was introduced by Representative Seratti and others. The bill was referred to the Assembly Committee on Campaigns and Elections which held a public hearing on the bill on March 15, 2001. The bill is scheduled for an executive session on Thursday, April 12, 2001.

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THE BILL

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ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT -- (LRBa0422/1)

Assembly Amendment __ (LRBa0422/1) modifies the bill to provide that a nonresident registrant that is required to file a report under the bill must include a statement separately identifying:

1. Contributions, including transfers and loans, and other income received from sources in this state.
2. Disbursements made and obligations incurred with respect to an election for state or local office in this state.

If you have questions on this matter, please contact me at the Legislative Council Staff offices.

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