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Committee on
Campaigns &
Elections
(AC-CE)

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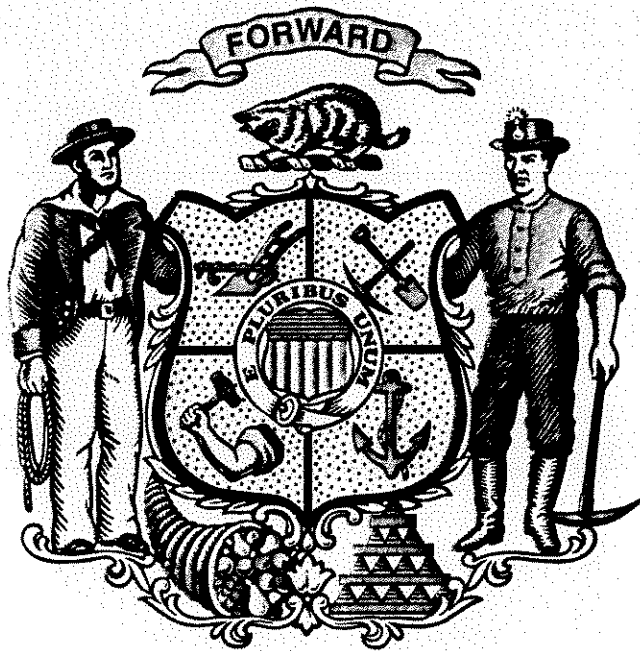
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Vote Record

Committee on Campaigns and Elections

Date: 4/6/09
Bill Number: 116
Moved by: Fr. Seconded by: Pocan
Motion: Passage

<u>Committee Member</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>
Representative Stephen Freese	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Representative Mark Gundrum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Representative Glenn Grothman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Representative Jeffrey Wood	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Representative David Travis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Representative Mark Pocan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Totals:	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>





Wisconsin Speaker Pro Tempore
Representative Stephen J. Freese

November 25, 2003

The Honorable Senator Mike Ellis
Chairman, Senate Committee on Education, Ethics and Elections
Room 118 South, State Capitol
Madison, WI 53702

Dear Chairman Ellis:

There are a number of Assembly Bills concerning general election reform issues awaiting a public hearing in your Senate committee. I am respectfully requesting that you hold a public hearing on the following bills at your earliest convenience:

- Assembly Bill 113, relating to the public inspection of the records of the canvass of elections for the offices of president and vice-president.
- Assembly Bill 114, relating to polling hours.
- Assembly Bill 115, relating to filing of declarations of candidacy and recording of votes received by write-in candidates in certain elections.
- Assembly Bill 116, relating to use of moneys from the Wisconsin election campaign fund to make certain false representations.
- Assembly Bill 518, relating to requirements for certification for a chief inspector position.

It is my hope that we can at least have an open and honest discussion of these bills in a public hearing, and move forward with these bills in the coming months.

Thank you for your attention to my request!

Sincerely,

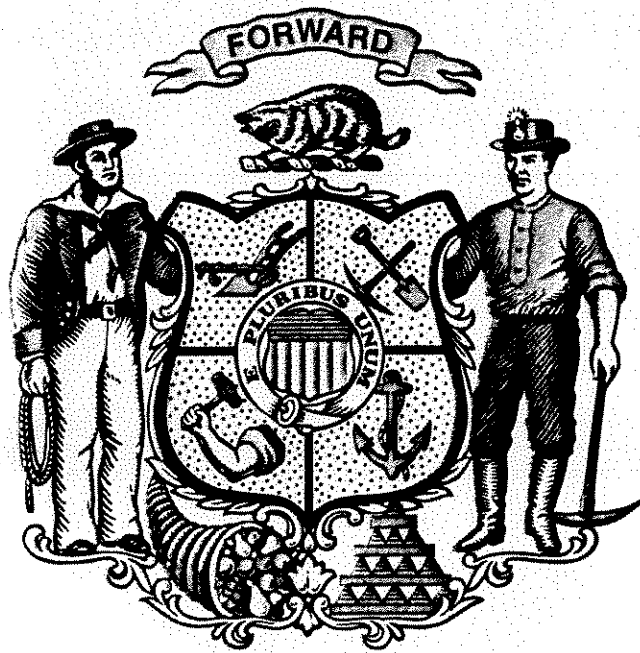
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephen J. Freese'.

Stephen J. Freese
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TY Chairman Freese & members of the Campaigns and Elections Committee

AB 116 Relates to the use of the WI Election Campaign Fund (public financing) and using those \$\$ to make false representation.

Was AB 441 last session and passed out of this committee 5-1 and out of the Assembly 76-21. Referred to Senate Judiciary, Consumer Affairs, and Campaign Finance Reform Committee but no hearing was held and the bill died.

AB 116 would require any candidate who accepts funds from the WI Election Campaign Fund and uses the \$\$ to make false representations to pay the \$\$ back to the WI Elections Campaign Fund

The Elections Board could recover the \$\$ in the following ways:

- Candidates Campaign Committee
- Candidate - personally
- Treasurer of Campaign Committee – personally

Current law prohibits candidates from making false statements

All complaints are put on file at the Board

The Elections Board refers those who complain to the County DA where the false representation was made

Elections Board will verify complaints have been placed on file.

In many cases these false representations are made at the last minute and candidates have little or no chance to react.

Our system of public financing is designed to level the playing field between candidates. Grant in exchange to limit the \$\$ spent. These last minute negative campaigns have the potential to upset that level playing field.

AB 116 would make those of us who accept public financing to think twice and double check to make sure the information about ourselves about our opponents is factual.

I have always felt that when WI taxpayers check the box to send \$1.00 to the State Election Campaign Fund they have put a trust in those of us who accept public financing to use the \$\$ properly.

We have constantly heard from our constituents that people are sick & tired of negative campaigns. AB 441 would go a long way to prevent taxpayer \$\$ from funding those false negative campaigns.

Thank you for hearing, any suggestions or ??