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1           **SECTION 55.** 14.58 (20) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           14.58 (20) ELECTION CAMPAIGN FUND. Make disbursements to each candidate  
3 certified under s. 7.08 (2) (c) or (cm) by the elections government accountability board  
4 as eligible to receive moneys from the Wisconsin election campaign fund.

5           **SECTION 56.** 15.03 of the statutes is renumbered 15.03 (intro.) and amended  
6 to read:

7           **15.03 Attachment for limited purposes.** (intro.) Any division, office,  
8 commission, council or board attached under this section to a department or  
9 independent agency or a specified division thereof shall be a distinct unit of that  
10 department, independent agency or specified division. Any division, office,  
11 commission, council or board so attached shall exercise its powers, duties and  
12 functions prescribed by law, including rule making, licensing and regulation, and  
13 operational planning within the area of program responsibility of the division, office,  
14 commission, council or board, independently of the head of the department or  
15 independent agency, but budgeting, program coordination and related management  
16 functions shall be performed under the direction and supervision of the head of the  
17 department or independent agency, except that with:

18           **(1) COMMISSIONER OF RAILROADS.** With respect to the office of the commissioner  
19 of railroads, all personnel and biennial budget requests by the office of the  
20 commissioner of railroads shall be provided to the department of transportation as  
21 required under s. 189.02 (7) and shall be processed and properly forwarded by the  
22 public service commission without change except as requested and concurred in by  
23 the office of the commissioner of railroads.

24           **SECTION 57.** 15.03 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

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1           15.03 (2) ENFORCEMENT DIVISION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD. With  
2           respect to the enforcement division of the government accountability board, all  
3           budget requests by the division shall be submitted by the board to the department  
4           of administration without change except as concurred in by the division.

5           **SECTION 58.** 15.07 (1) (a) 2. of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

6           15.07 (1) (a) 2. Members of the government accountability board except the  
7           member who is appointed under s. 15.60 (4) shall be nominated by the governor, and  
8           with the advice and consent of the assembly and senate appointed, to serve for terms  
9           prescribed by law.

10          **SECTION 59.** 15.07 (1) (cm) of the statutes is amended to read:

11          15.07 (1) (cm) ~~The term of one member of the ethics board shall expire on each~~  
12          ~~May 1.~~ The terms of 3 members of the development finance board appointed under  
13          s. 15.155 (1) (a) 6. shall expire on May 1 of every even-numbered year and the terms  
14          of the other 3 members appointed under s. 15.155 (1) (a) 6. shall expire on May 1 of  
15          every odd-numbered year. The terms of the 3 members of the land and water  
16          conservation board appointed under s. 15.135 (4) (b) 2. shall expire on January 1.  
17          The term of the member of the land and water conservation board appointed under  
18          s. 15.135 (4) (b) 2m. shall expire on May 1 of an even-numbered year. The terms of  
19          members of the real estate board shall expire on July 1. The terms of the appraiser  
20          members of the real estate appraisers board and the terms of the auctioneer and  
21          auction company representative members of the auctioneer board shall expire on  
22          May 1 in an even-numbered year. The terms of the members of the cemetery board  
23          shall expire on July 1 in an even-numbered year. The term of the student member  
24          of the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System who is at least 24 years  
25          old shall expire on May 1 of every even-numbered year.

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1           **SECTION 60.** 15.07 (2) (n) of the statutes is created to read:

2           15.07 (2) (n) The member of the government accountability board who is  
3 appointed under s. 15.60 (4) shall serve as chairperson of the board.

4           **SECTION 61.** 15.07 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

5           15.07 (4) **QUORUM.** A majority of the membership of a board constitutes a  
6 quorum to do business and, unless a more restrictive provision is adopted by the  
7 board, a majority of a quorum may act in any matter within the jurisdiction of the  
8 board. This subsection does not apply to actions of ~~the ethics board or the school~~  
9 district boundary appeal board as provided in ~~ss. 19.47 (4) and s.~~ 117.05 (2) (a).

10          **SECTION 62.** 15.07 (5) (k) of the statutes is repealed.

11          **SECTION 63.** 15.07 (5) (m) of the statutes is created to read:

12          15.07 (5) (m) Members of the government accountability board, \$25 per day.

13          **SECTION 64.** 15.07 (5) (n) of the statutes is repealed.

14          **SECTION 65.** 15.60 of the statutes is created to read:

15          **15.60 Government accountability board; creation.** (1) There is created  
16 a government accountability board consisting of 7 persons. Members shall serve for  
17 4-year terms.

18          (2) (a) All members of the board except the member who is appointed under sub.  
19 (4) shall be appointed from nominations submitted to the governor by a nominating  
20 committee to be called the governmental accountability candidate committee, which  
21 shall consist of one court of appeals judge from each of the court of appeals districts.  
22 The court of appeals judges shall be chosen as members by random selection of the  
23 chief justice of the supreme court in the presence of the other justices of the supreme  
24 court.

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1           (3) Four members of the board shall have prosecutorial experience. If, as a  
2 result of a vacancy in the membership of the board, the remaining membership does  
3 not satisfy the membership requirements of this subsection, no person may be  
4 appointed to serve as a member if the person's qualifications would not contribute  
5 to satisfaction of the membership requirements of this subsection.

6           (4) One member of the board shall be a retired judge who shall be appointed  
7 by a random selection of the governmental accountability candidate committee from  
8 the register maintained under s. 758.19 (9).

9           (5) No member may hold another office or position that is a state public office  
10 or a local public office, as defined in s. 19.42.

11           (6) No member, for one year immediately prior to the date of appointment may  
12 have been, or while serving on the board may become, a member of a political party,  
13 an officer or member of a committee in any partisan political club or organization,  
14 an officer or employee of a registrant under s. 11.05, or a candidate for any partisan  
15 elective public office.

16           (7) No member may be a lobbyist, as defined in s. 13.62 (11), or an employee  
17 of a principal, as defined in s. 13.62 (12).

18           **SECTION 66.** 15.603 of the statutes is created to read:

19           **15.603 Same; specified divisions.** (1) ENFORCEMENT DIVISION. There is  
20 created in the government accountability board an enforcement division, which is  
21 attached to the board under s. 15.03. The enforcement division shall be under the  
22 direction and supervision of an administrator, who shall be appointed by the  
23 executive director of the board, with the advice and consent of the board, to serve for  
24 a term specified by the board of not less than 4 years nor more than 6 years expiring  
25 on September 1 of an odd-numbered year.

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1           **SECTION 67.** 15.61 of the statutes is repealed.

2           **SECTION 68.** 15.617 of the statutes is renumbered 15.607, and 15.607 (1) of the  
3 statutes, as renumbered, is amended to read:

4           15.607 (1) **ELECTION ADMINISTRATION COUNCIL.** There is created in the elections  
5 government accountability board an election administration council consisting of  
6 members appointed by the executive director of the elections government  
7 accountability board, including the clerk or executive director of the board of election  
8 commissioners of the 2 counties or municipalities in this state having the largest  
9 population, one or more election officials of other counties or municipalities,  
10 representatives of organizations that advocate for the interests of individuals with  
11 disabilities and organizations that advocate for the interests of the voting public, and  
12 other electors of this state.

13           **SECTION 69.** 15.62 of the statutes is repealed.

14           **SECTION 70.** 16.753 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

15           16.753 (2) Except as otherwise expressly provided, each agency shall provide  
16 to the ~~ethics~~ government accountability board for posting on the Internet a list  
17 identifying each solicitation for bids or competitive sealed proposals and each  
18 proposed order or contract of the agency for which bids or competitive sealed  
19 proposals will not be solicited that involves a major expenditure, together with all  
20 information required under sub. (4).

21           **SECTION 71.** 16.79 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

22           16.79 (2) The department shall distribute in pamphlet form copies of the  
23 constitution and such laws as may be required to meet the public demand, including  
24 the election laws. The department shall distribute election manuals, forms, and  
25 supplies specified by the elections government accountability board. The laws,

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1 manuals, forms, and supplies shall be sold by the department at cost, including  
2 distribution cost as determined under s. 35.80. The elections government  
3 accountability board shall inform the department in writing as to which election  
4 manuals, forms, and supplies shall be offered for distribution under this subsection.

5 **SECTION 72.** 16.96 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 16.96 (3) (b) Maintain and keep current throughout the decade the maps of  
7 congressional and legislative district boundaries received from the legislative  
8 reference bureau under s. 13.92 (1) (a) 6. and provide copies thereof to the elections  
9 government accountability board.

10 **SECTION 73.** 16.973 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 16.973 (6) With the advice of the ~~ethics~~ government accountability board, adopt  
12 and enforce standards of ethical conduct applicable to its paid consultants which are  
13 similar to the standards prescribed in subch. III of ch. 19, except that the department  
14 shall not require its paid consultants to file statements of economic interests.

15 **SECTION 74.** 17.07 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 17.07 (6) Other state officers serving in an office that is filled by appointment  
17 of any officer or body without the concurrence of the governor, by the officer or body  
18 having the authority to make appointments to that office, at pleasure, except that  
19 officers appointed according to merit and fitness under and subject to ch. 230 or  
20 officers whose removal is governed by ch. 230 may be removed only in conformity  
21 with that chapter, and except that the administrator of the enforcement division in  
22 the government accountability board may be removed from office only by the  
23 executive director of the board, for cause.

24 **SECTION 75.** 17.17 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1           17.17 (1) SENATORS AND MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. In the office of United States  
2 senator or member of congress from this state, by the county clerk of the county  
3 wherein such officer resided at the time of election, to the elections government  
4 accountability board.

5           **SECTION 76.** 17.17 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

6           17.17 (4) JUSTICES AND JUDGES. In the office of justice of the supreme court, court  
7 of appeals judge, or judge of a circuit court, by the director of state courts to the  
8 governor and the elections government accountability board.

9           **SECTION 77.** 19.42 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

10          19.42 (3) "Board" means the ethics government accountability board.

11          **SECTION 78.** 19.42 (10) (a) of the statutes is repealed.

12          **SECTION 79.** 19.43 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

13          19.43 (4) A candidate for state public office shall file with the board a statement  
14 of economic interests meeting each of the requirements of s. 19.44 (1) no later than  
15 4:30 p.m. on the 3rd day following the last day for filing nomination papers for the  
16 office which the candidate seeks, or no later than 4:30 p.m. on the next business day  
17 after the last day whenever that candidate is granted an extension of time for filing  
18 nomination papers or a declaration of candidacy under s. 8.05 (1) (j), 8.10 (2) (a), 8.15  
19 (1), or 8.20 (8) (a), no later than 4:30 p.m. on the 5th day after notification of  
20 nomination is mailed or personally delivered to the candidate by the municipal clerk  
21 in the case of a candidate who is nominated at a caucus, or no later than 4:30 p.m.  
22 on the 3rd day after notification of nomination is mailed or personally delivered to  
23 the candidate by the appropriate official or agency in the case of a write-in candidate  
24 or candidate who is appointed to fill a vacancy in nomination under s. 8.35 (2) (a).  
25 The information contained on the statement shall be current as of December 31 of

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1 the year preceding the filing deadline. Before certifying the name of any candidate  
2 for state public office under s. 7.08 (2) (a), the elections government accountability  
3 board, municipal clerk, or board of election commissioners shall ascertain whether  
4 that candidate has complied with this subsection. If not, the elections government  
5 accountability board, municipal clerk, or board of election commissioners may not  
6 certify the candidate's name for ballot placement.

7 **SECTION 80.** 19.43 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 19.43 (5) Each member of the investment board and each employee of the  
9 investment board who is a state public official shall complete and file with the ethics  
10 government accountability board a quarterly report of economic transactions no  
11 later than the last day of the month following the end of each calendar quarter during  
12 any portion of which he or she was a member or employee of the investment board.  
13 Such reports of economic transactions shall be in the form prescribed by the ethics  
14 government accountability board and shall identify the date and nature of any  
15 purchase, sale, put, call, option, lease, or creation, dissolution, or modification of any  
16 economic interest made during the quarter for which the report is filed and  
17 disclosure of which would be required by s. 19.44 if a statement of economic interests  
18 were being filed.

19 **SECTION 81.** 19.45 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 19.45 (6) No state public official, member of a state public official's immediate  
21 family, nor any organization with which the state public official or a member of the  
22 official's immediate family owns or controls at least 10% of the outstanding equity,  
23 voting rights, or outstanding indebtedness may enter into any contract or lease  
24 involving a payment or payments of more than \$3,000 within a 12-month period, in  
25 whole or in part derived from state funds, unless the state public official has first



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1 made written disclosure of the nature and extent of such relationship or interest to  
2 the board and to the department acting for the state in regard to such contract or  
3 lease. Any contract or lease entered into in violation of this subsection may be voided  
4 by the state in an action commenced within 3 years of the date on which the ethics  
5 board, or the department or officer acting for the state in regard to the allocation of  
6 state funds from which such payment is derived, knew or should have known that  
7 a violation of this subsection had occurred. This subsection does not affect the  
8 application of s. 946.13.

9 **SECTION 82.** 19.46 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 19.46 (1) (intro.) Except in accordance with the board's advice ~~under sub. (2)~~  
11 of the executive director of the board under s. 5.05 (6a) and except as otherwise  
12 provided in sub. (3), no state public official may:

13 **SECTION 83.** 19.46 (2) of the statutes is renumbered 5.05 (6a) and amended to  
14 read:

15 5.05 (6a) Any individual, either personally or on behalf of an organization or  
16 governmental body, may request of the ~~board~~ executive director of the board an  
17 advisory opinion regarding the propriety under chs. 5 to 12, subch. III of ch. 13, or  
18 subch. III of ch. 19 of any matter to which the person is or may become a party; and  
19 any appointing officer, with the consent of a prospective appointee, may request of  
20 the ~~board~~ executive director an advisory opinion regarding the propriety under chs.  
21 5 to 12, subch. III of ch. 13, or subch. III of ch. 19 of any matter to which the  
22 prospective appointee is or may become a party. The ~~board~~ executive director shall  
23 review a request for an advisory opinion and may advise the person making the  
24 request. Advisory opinions and requests therefor shall be in writing. ~~The board's~~  
25 ~~deliberations and actions upon~~ The executive director may consult with the board

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1 before issuing a formal opinion but shall not reveal any information to the board that  
2 would identify the requester of the opinion. All consultations with the board  
3 concerning such requests shall be in meetings not open to the public. It is prima facie  
4 evidence of intent to comply with this subchapter chs. 5 to 12 or subch. III of ch. 13  
5 or subch. III of ch. 19 when a person refers a matter to the board executive director  
6 and abides by the board's executive director's advisory opinion, if the material facts  
7 are as stated in the opinion request. The board may authorize the executive director  
8 to act in its stead in instances where delay is of substantial inconvenience or  
9 detriment to the requesting party. No member or employee of the board may make  
10 public the identity of the individual requesting an advisory opinion or of individuals  
11 or organizations mentioned in the opinion.

12 **SECTION 84.** 19.47 (2) of the statutes is repealed.

13 **SECTION 85.** 19.47 (4) of the statutes is repealed.

14 **SECTION 86.** 19.47 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 19.47 (5) ~~No later than September 1 of each year, the board shall submit a~~  
16 ~~report concerning its actions in the preceding fiscal year to the governor and the chief~~  
17 ~~clerk of each house of the legislature, for distribution to the legislature under s.~~  
18 ~~13.172 (2). Such~~ The board shall include in its biennial report shall contain under  
19 s. 15.04 (1) (d) the names and duties of all individuals employed by the board and a  
20 summary of its determinations and advisory opinions issued by the executive  
21 director under s. 5.05 (6a). The board shall make sufficient alterations in the  
22 summaries to prevent disclosing the identities of individuals or organizations  
23 involved in the decisions or opinions. The board may also include in its biennial  
24 report any information compiled under s. 11.21 (7). The board shall make such

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1 further reports on the matters within its jurisdiction and such recommendations for  
2 further legislation as it deems desirable.

3 **SECTION 87.** 19.50 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 19.50 (2) To administer oaths and to require by subpoena issued by it the  
5 attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of any documentary  
6 evidence relating to the investigation or hearing being conducted. ~~Notwithstanding~~  
7 ~~s. 885.01 (4), the issuance of a subpoena requires action by the board in accordance~~  
8 ~~with s. 19.47 (4).~~

9 **SECTION 88.** 19.54 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 19.54 (2) An application for rehearing is governed by such general rules as the  
11 board may establish. Only one rehearing may be granted by the board. No order of  
12 the board pursuant to this subchapter or subch. III of ch.13 becomes effective until  
13 20 days after it is issued, or while an application for rehearing or a rehearing is  
14 pending, or until 10 days after such application for rehearing is either denied,  
15 expressly or by implication, or the board has announced its final determination on  
16 rehearing.

17 **SECTION 89.** 19.55 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 19.55 (1) Except as provided in sub. (2) and s. 5.05 (5s), all records under this  
19 subchapter or subch. III of ch. 13 in the possession of the board are open to public  
20 inspection at all reasonable times. The board shall require an individual wishing to  
21 examine a statement of economic interests or the list of persons who inspect any  
22 statements which are in the board's possession to provide his or her full name and  
23 address, and if the individual is representing another person, the full name and  
24 address of the person which he or she represents. Such identification may be  
25 provided in writing or in person. The board shall record and retain for at least 3 years

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1 information obtained by it pursuant to this subsection. No individual may use a  
2 fictitious name or address or fail to identify a principal in making any request for  
3 inspection.

4 **SECTION 90.** 19.55 (2) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 5.05 (5s) (b) and  
5 amended to read:

6 5.05 (5s) (b) Records obtained in connection with a request for an advisory  
7 opinion issued under s. 5.05 (6a), other than summaries of advisory opinions that do  
8 not disclose the identity of individuals requesting such opinions or organizations on  
9 whose behalf they are requested, are not subject to the right of inspection and  
10 copying under s. 19.35 (1). The executive director of the board may, however, make  
11 such records public with the consent of the individual requesting the advisory  
12 opinion or the organization or governmental body on whose behalf it is requested.  
13 A person who makes or purports to make public the substance of or any portion of  
14 an advisory opinion requested by or on behalf of the person is deemed to have waived  
15 the confidentiality of the request for an advisory opinion and of any records obtained  
16 or prepared by the board in connection with the request for an advisory opinion.

17 **SECTION 91.** 19.55 (2) (b) of the statutes is renumbered 5.05 (5s) (a) (intro.) and  
18 amended to read:

19 5.05 (5s) (a) (intro.) Records obtained or prepared by the board in connection  
20 with an investigation are not subject to the right of inspection and copying under s.  
21 19.35 (1), except as provided in par. (d) and except that the:

22 1. The board shall permit inspection of records that are made public in the  
23 course of a hearing by the board to determine if a violation of this subchapter chs. 5  
24 to 12 or subch. III of ch. 13 or subch. III of ch. 19 has occurred. Whenever the board

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1 ~~refers such investigation and hearing records to a district attorney or to the attorney~~  
2 ~~general, they~~

3 2. Investigatory records of the board may be made public in the course of a  
4 prosecution initiated under this subchapter chs. 5 to 12, subch. III of ch. 13, or subch.  
5 III of ch. 19.

6 3. The board shall also provide information from investigation and hearing  
7 records that pertains to the location of individuals and assets of individuals as  
8 requested under s. 49.22 (2m) by the department of workforce development or by a  
9 county child support agency under s. 59.53 (5).

10 **SECTION 92.** 19.55 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 19.55 (2) (c) Statements of economic interests and reports of economic  
12 transactions which are filed with the ethics government accountability board by  
13 members or employees of the investment board, except that the ethics government  
14 accountability board shall refer statements and reports filed by such individuals to  
15 the legislative audit bureau for its review, and except that a statement of economic  
16 interests filed by a member or employee of the investment board who is also an  
17 official required to file shall be open to public inspection.

18 **SECTION 93.** 19.579 of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

19 **19.579 Civil penalty.** Any person who violates s. 19.43, 19.44, or 19.56 (2) may  
20 be required to forfeit not more than \$500. Any person who violates any other  
21 provision of this subchapter may be required to forfeit not more than \$5,000.

22 **SECTION 94.** 19.59 (1) (g) 8. of the statutes is amended to read:

23 19.59 (1) (g) 8. No district board member, member of a district board member's  
24 immediate family, nor any organization with which the district board member or a  
25 member of the district board member's immediate family owns or controls at least

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1 10% of the outstanding equity, voting rights, or outstanding indebtedness may enter  
2 into any contract or lease involving a payment or payments of more than \$3,000  
3 within a 12-month period, in whole or in part derived from district funds unless the  
4 district board member has first made written disclosure of the nature and extent of  
5 such relationship or interest to the ~~ethics~~ government accountability board and to  
6 the district. Any contract or lease entered into in violation of this subdivision may  
7 be voided by the district in an action commenced within 3 years of the date on which  
8 the ~~ethics~~ government accountability board, or the district, knew or should have known that a violation of this  
9 subdivision had occurred. This subdivision does not affect the application of s.  
10 946.13.

11 **SECTION 95.** 19.59 (8) (a) and (c) of the statutes are amended to read:

12 19.59 (8) (a) Subsection (1) shall be enforced in the name and on behalf of the  
13 state by action of the board or, subject to the procedures prescribed in s. 5.05 (2m) (c),  
14 by action of the district attorney of for any county wherein a violation may occur,  
15 upon the verified complaint of any person.

16 (c) If Unless the district attorney is precluded from commencing an action  
17 under s. 5.05 (2m) (c), if the district attorney fails to commence an action to enforce  
18 sub. (1) (a), (b), or (c) to (g) within 20 days after receiving a verified complaint or if  
19 the district attorney refuses to commence such an action, the person making the  
20 complaint may petition the attorney general to act upon the complaint. The attorney  
21 general may then bring an action under par. (a) or (b), or both.

22 **SECTION 96.** 19.59 (8) (cn) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 19.59 (8) (cn) If Subject to the procedures under s. 5.05 (2m) (c), if the board  
24 or district attorney for the county in which a violation of sub. (1) (br) is alleged to  
25 occur receives a verified complaint alleging a violation of sub. (1) (br), the board or

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1 district attorney shall, within 30 days after receipt of the complaint, either  
2 commence an investigation of the allegations contained in the complaint or dismiss  
3 the complaint. If the district attorney dismisses the complaint, with or without  
4 investigation, the district attorney shall notify the complainant in writing. Upon  
5 receiving notification of the dismissal, the complainant may then file the complaint  
6 with the attorney general or the district attorney for a county that is adjacent to the  
7 county in which the violation is alleged to occur. The attorney general or district  
8 attorney may then investigate the allegations contained in the complaint and  
9 commence a prosecution.

10 **SECTION 97.** 19.59 (8) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 19.59 (8) (d) If the district attorney prevails in such an action, the court shall  
12 award any forfeiture recovered together with reasonable costs to the county wherein  
13 the violation occurs. If the board or attorney general prevails in such an action, the  
14 court shall award any forfeiture recovered together with reasonable costs to the  
15 state.

16 **SECTION 98.** 19.85 (1) (fm) of the statutes is created to read:

17 19.85 (1) (fm) Deliberating by the government accountability board concerning  
18 any investigation under the board's jurisdiction.

19 **SECTION 99.** 19.85 (1) (h) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 19.85 (1) (h) Consideration of requests for confidential written advice from the  
21 ethics executive director of the government accountability board under s. 19.46 (2)  
22 s. 5.05 (6a), or from any county or municipal ethics board under s. 19.59 (5).

23 **SECTION 100.** 20.510 (intro.) of the statutes is repealed.

24 **SECTION 101.** 20.510 (1) (title) of the statutes is repealed.

25 **SECTION 102.** 20.510 (1) (a) of the statutes is repealed.

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1           **SECTION 103.** 20.510 (1) (b) of the statutes is repealed.

2           **SECTION 104.** 20.510 (1) (bm) of the statutes is repealed.

3           **SECTION 105.** 20.510 (1) (d) of the statutes is repealed.

4           **SECTION 106.** 20.510 (1) (g) of the statutes is repealed.

5           **SECTION 107.** 20.510 (1) (gm) of the statutes is repealed.

6           **SECTION 108.** 20.510 (1) (h) of the statutes is repealed.

7           **SECTION 109.** 20.510 (1) (i) of the statutes is repealed.

8           **SECTION 110.** 20.510 (1) (j) of the statutes is repealed.

9           **SECTION 111.** 20.510 (1) (q) of the statutes is repealed.

10          **SECTION 112.** 20.510 (1) (sm) of the statutes is repealed.

11          **SECTION 113.** 20.510 (1) (t) of the statutes is repealed.

12          **SECTION 114.** 20.510 (1) (x) of the statutes is repealed.

13          **SECTION 115.** 20.521 (intro.) of the statutes is repealed.

14          **SECTION 116.** 20.521 (1) (title) of the statutes is repealed.

15          **SECTION 117.** 20.521 (1) (a) of the statutes is repealed.

16          **SECTION 118.** 20.521 (1) (b) of the statutes is repealed.

17          **SECTION 119.** 20.521 (1) (g) of the statutes is repealed.

18          **SECTION 120.** 20.521 (1) (h) of the statutes is repealed.

19          **SECTION 121.** 20.521 (1) (i) of the statutes is repealed.

20          **SECTION 122.** 20.923 (4) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

21           20.923 (4) STATE AGENCY POSITIONS. (intro.) State agency heads, the  
22 administrator of the division of merit recruitment and selection in the office of state  
23 employment relations, the administrator of the enforcement division in the  
24 government accountability board, and commission chairpersons and members shall  
25 be identified and limited in number in accordance with the standardized



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1 nomenclature contained in this subsection, and shall be assigned to the executive  
2 salary groups listed in pars. (a) to (i). Except for positions specified in ~~par.~~ pars. (c)  
3 3m. and (e) 2e. and sub. (12), all unclassified division administrator positions  
4 enumerated under s. 230.08 (2) (e) shall be assigned, when approved by the joint  
5 committee on employment relations, by the director of the office of state employment  
6 relations to one of 10 executive salary groups. The joint committee on employment  
7 relations, by majority vote of the full committee, may amend recommendations for  
8 initial position assignments and changes in assignments to the executive salary  
9 groups submitted by the director of the office of state employment relations. All  
10 division administrator assignments and amendments to assignments of  
11 administrator positions approved by the committee shall become part of the  
12 compensation plan. Whenever a new unclassified division administrator position is  
13 created, the appointing authority may set the salary for the position until the joint  
14 committee on employment relations approves assignment of the position to an  
15 executive salary group. If the committee approves assignment of the position to an  
16 executive salary group having a salary range minimum or maximum inconsistent  
17 with the salary paid to the incumbent at the time of such approval, the incumbent's  
18 salary shall be adjusted by the appointing authority to conform with the committee's  
19 action, effective on the date of that action. Positions are assigned as follows:

20 **SECTION 123.** 20.923 (4) (d) 3. of the statutes is repealed.

21 **SECTION 124.** 20.923 (4) (d) 4. of the statutes is repealed.

22 **SECTION 125.** 20.923 (4) (e) 2e. of the statutes is created to read:

23 20.923 (4) (e) 2e. Government accountability board: administrator of the  
24 enforcement division.

25 **SECTION 126.** 20.923 (4) (f) 3j. of the statutes is created to read:

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1           20.923 (4) (f) 3j. Government accountability board: executive director.

2           **SECTION 127.** 46.95 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

3           46.95 (4) LIST OF ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS. The department shall certify to the  
4           elections government accountability board, on a continuous basis, a list containing  
5           the name and address of each organization that is eligible to receive grants under  
6           sub. (2).

7           **SECTION 128.** 59.605 (3) (a) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

8           59.605 (3) (a) 3. The referendum shall be held in accordance with chs. 5 to 12.  
9           The governing body shall provide the election officials with all necessary election  
10          supplies. The form of the ballot shall correspond substantially with the standard  
11          form for referendum ballots prescribed by the elections government accountability  
12          board under ss. 5.64 (2) and 7.08 (1) (a). If the resolution under subd. 1. specifies the  
13          operating levy rate, the question shall be submitted as follows: "Under state law, the  
14          operating levy rate for the .... (name of county), for the tax to be imposed for the year  
15          .... (year), is limited to \$.... per \$1,000 of equalized value. Shall the .... (name of  
16          county) be allowed to exceed this rate limit for .... (a specified number of years) (an  
17          indefinite period) by \$.... per \$1,000 of equalized value that results in an operating  
18          levy rate of \$.... per \$1,000 of equalized value?" If the resolution under subd. 1.  
19          specifies the operating levy, the question shall be submitted as follows: "Under state  
20          law, the operating levy rate for the .... (name of county), for the tax to be imposed for  
21          the year .... (year), is limited to \$.... per \$1,000 of equalized value. Notwithstanding  
22          the operating levy rate limit, shall the .... (name of county) be allowed to levy an  
23          amount not to exceed \$.... (operating levy) for operating purposes for the year ....  
24          (year), which may increase the operating levy rate for .... (a specified number of

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1 years) (an indefinite period)? This would allow a ....% increase above the levy of \$....  
2 (preceding year operating levy) for the year .... (preceding year).”

3 **SECTION 129.** 67.05 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 67.05 (3) (b) The clerk of the jurisdiction in which the referendum is held shall  
5 prepare or arrange for the preparation of the ballots. If the jurisdiction in which the  
6 referendum is held is not a city, village, or town, and the clerk of the jurisdiction in  
7 which the referendum is held prepares the ballots, the clerk shall deliver the ballots  
8 to the municipal clerk of each city, village, or town which is wholly or partly contained  
9 within the jurisdiction in which the referendum is held. The form of the ballot shall  
10 correspond with the form prescribed by the elections government accountability  
11 board under ss. 5.64 (2) and 7.08 (1) (a).

12 **SECTION 130.** 67.05 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 67.05 (6) REFERENDUM IN OTHER CASES. Whenever an initial resolution has been  
14 adopted by the governing body of any municipality other than a county, a town, a city,  
15 a village, a technical college district, a metropolitan sewerage district created under  
16 ss. 200.01 to 200.15 or 200.21 to 200.65, a town sanitary district, a public inland lake  
17 protection and rehabilitation district, or a board of park commissioners, the clerk of  
18 such municipality shall immediately record the resolution and call a special meeting  
19 for the purpose of submitting it to the electors of the municipality for ratification or  
20 rejection. The calling and conduct of the meeting shall be governed by those statutes,  
21 so far as applicable, which govern the calling and conduct of special meetings in  
22 general. The notice of the meeting, which shall be publicly read before the balloting  
23 shall commence, and the ballot used, shall embody a copy of the resolution; the form  
24 of the ballot shall correspond with the form prescribed by the elections government

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1 accountability board under ss. 5.64 (2) and 7.08 (1) (a); and the question submitted  
2 shall be whether the resolution shall be approved.

3 **SECTION 131.** 71.10 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 71.10 (3) (b) The secretary of revenue shall provide a place for those  
5 designations on the face of the individual income tax return and shall provide next  
6 to that place a statement that a designation will not increase tax liability. Annually  
7 on August 15, the secretary of revenue shall certify to the elections government  
8 accountability board, the department of administration and the state treasurer  
9 under s. 11.50 the total amount of designations made during the preceding fiscal  
10 year. If any individual attempts to place any condition or restriction upon a  
11 designation, that individual is deemed not to have made a designation on his or her  
12 tax return.

13 **SECTION 132.** 73.0301 (1) (d) 13. of the statutes is amended to read:

14 73.0301 (1) (d) 13. A license issued by the ethics government accountability  
15 board under s. 13.63 (1).

16 **SECTION 133.** 73.0301 (1) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 73.0301 (1) (e) "Licensing department" means the department of  
18 administration; the board of commissioners of public lands; the department of  
19 commerce; the ethics government accountability board; the department of financial  
20 institutions; the department of health and family services; the department of natural  
21 resources; the department of public instruction; the department of regulation and  
22 licensing; the department of workforce development; the office of the commissioner  
23 of insurance; or the department of transportation.

24 **SECTION 134.** 85.61 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1           85.61 (1) The secretary of transportation and the executive director of the  
2 elections government accountability board shall enter into an agreement to match  
3 personally identifiable information on the official registration list maintained by the  
4 elections government accountability board under s. 6.36 (1) with personally  
5 identifiable information in the operating record file database under ch. 343 and  
6 vehicle registration records under ch. 341 to the extent required to enable the  
7 secretary of transportation and the executive director of the elections government  
8 accountability board to verify the accuracy of the information provided for the  
9 purpose of voter registration.

10           **SECTION 135.** 117.20 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

11           117.20 (2) The clerk of each affected school district shall publish notice, as  
12 required under s. 8.55, in the territory of that school district. The procedures for  
13 school board elections under s. 120.06 (9), (11), (13), and (14) apply to a referendum  
14 held under this section. The school board and school district clerk of each affected  
15 school district shall each perform, for that school district, the functions assigned to  
16 the school board and the school district clerk, respectively, under those subsections.  
17 The form of the ballot shall correspond to the form prescribed by the elections  
18 government accountability board under ss. 5.64 (2) and 7.08 (1) (a). The clerk of each  
19 affected school district shall file with the secretary of the board a certified statement  
20 prepared by the school district board of canvassers of the results of the referendum  
21 in that school district.

22           **SECTION 136.** 117.27 (2) (b) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

23           117.27 (2) (b) (intro.) The school district clerk shall include in the notice of the  
24 spring election a statement that the election ballot will include a question on the  
25 change requested by the petition. The form of the ballot shall correspond to the form

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1 prescribed by the elections government accountability board under ss. 5.64 (2) and  
2 7.08 (1) (a) and the question on the ballot shall be:

3 **SECTION 137.** 121.91 (3) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 121.91 (3) (c) The referendum shall be held in accordance with chs. 5 to 12. The  
5 school district clerk shall provide the election officials with all necessary election  
6 supplies. The form of the ballot shall correspond substantially with the standard  
7 form for referendum ballots prescribed by the elections government accountability  
8 board under ss. 5.64 (2) and 7.08 (1) (a). The question submitted shall be whether  
9 the limit under sub. (2m) may be exceeded by a specified amount. If the resolution  
10 provides that any of the excess revenue will be used for a nonrecurring purpose, the  
11 ballot in the election shall so state and shall specify the amount that will be used for  
12 a nonrecurring purpose. The limit otherwise applicable to the school district under  
13 sub. (2m) is increased by the amount approved by a majority of those voting on the  
14 question.

15 **SECTION 138.** 125.05 (1) (b) 10. of the statutes is amended to read:

16 125.05 (1) (b) 10. Each question submitted to the electors shall conform to the  
17 form prescribed by the elections government accountability board under ss. 5.64 (2)  
18 and 7.08 (1) (a).

19 **SECTION 139.** 165.25 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 165.25 (1) REPRESENT STATE. Except as provided in s. ss. 5.05 (2m) (a) 1. and  
21 978.05 (5), appear for the state and prosecute or defend all actions and proceedings,  
22 civil or criminal, in the court of appeals and the supreme court, in which the state  
23 is interested or a party, and attend to and prosecute or defend all civil cases sent or  
24 remanded to any circuit court in which the state is a party; and, if requested by the  
25 governor or either house of the legislature, appear for and represent the state, any

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1 state department, agency, official, employee, or agent, whether required to appear  
2 as a party or witness in any civil or criminal matter, and prosecute or defend in any  
3 court or before any officer, any cause or matter, civil or criminal, in which the state  
4 or the people of this state may be interested. The public service commission may  
5 request under s. 196.497 (7) that the attorney general intervene in federal  
6 proceedings. All expenses of the proceedings shall be paid from the appropriation  
7 under s. 20.455 (1) (d).

8 **SECTION 140.** 165.25 (4) (e) of the statutes is created to read:

9 165.25 (4) (e) Provide assistance to the enforcement division of the government  
10 accountability board in the investigation and prosecution of violations of chs. 5 to 12,  
11 subch. III of ch. 13, and subch. III of ch. 19.

12 **SECTION 141.** 165.93 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 165.93 (4) LIST OF ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS. The department shall certify to the  
14 elections government accountability board, on a continuous basis, a list containing  
15 the name and address of each organization that is eligible to receive grants under  
16 sub. (2).

17 **SECTION 142.** 198.08 (10) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 198.08 (10) ELECTION STATISTICS. The clerk of the district shall seasonably  
19 obtain, compile, and file in his or her office, for the information of the public, a  
20 statement showing the total number of votes cast for the office of governor in the last  
21 preceding general election in each subdistrict of the district. The clerk of every  
22 municipality and the elections government accountability board shall furnish such  
23 information so far as obtainable from their records, duly certified, to the clerk of the  
24 district upon request therefor by the clerk of the district. If the total number of votes  
25 cast in any subdistrict for the office of governor in the last preceding election cannot,

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1 because of an intervening change of boundaries of election wards or for any reason,  
2 be ascertained from any official record the clerk of the district shall fairly estimate  
3 such number for the purposes of such statement to be filed in his or her office.

4 **SECTION 143.** 200.09 (11) (am) 2. and 3. of the statutes are amended to read:

5 200.09 (11) (am) 2. No resolution passed under subd. 1. may authorize election  
6 of commissioners sooner than 6 months after the date of passage. The commission  
7 shall immediately notify the elections government accountability board under s. 5.05  
8 upon passage of a resolution under subd. 1.

9 3. If the governing bodies of each city, town, and village comprising the district  
10 pass a resolution to discontinue election of commissioners, each commissioner may  
11 hold office until a successor is appointed and qualified. The commission shall  
12 immediately notify the elections government accountability board under s. 5.05 upon  
13 passage of a resolution under this subdivision.

14 **SECTION 144.** 227.03 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 227.03 (6) Orders of the elections government accountability board under s.  
16 5.06 (6) are not subject to this chapter.

17 **SECTION 145.** 227.03 (6m) of the statutes is created to read:

18 227.03 (6m) Cases before the enforcement division of the government  
19 accountability board under s. 5.066 are not subject to this chapter.

20 **SECTION 146.** 227.52 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 227.52 (6) Decisions of the chairperson of the elections government  
22 accountability board or the chairperson's designee.

23 **SECTION 147.** 230.08 (2) (e) 4h. of the statutes is created to read:

24 230.08 (2) (e) 4h. Government accountability board — 3.

25 **SECTION 148.** 230.08 (2) (om) of the statutes is repealed.



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1           **SECTION 149.** 230.08 (2) (on) of the statutes is created to read:

2           230.08 (2) (on) The executive director of the government accountability board.

3           **SECTION 150.** 230.08 (2) (wm) of the statutes is repealed.

4           **SECTION 151.** 230.08 (4) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

5           230.08 (4) (a) The number of administrator positions specified in sub. (2) (e)  
6 includes all administrator positions specifically authorized by law to be employed  
7 outside the classified service in each department, board or commission and the  
8 historical society. In this paragraph, "department" has the meaning given under s.  
9 15.01 (5), "board" means the educational communications board, government  
10 accountability board, investment board, public defender board and technical college  
11 system board and "commission" means the public service commission.  
12 Notwithstanding sub. (2) (z), no division administrator position exceeding the  
13 number authorized in sub. (2) (e) may be created in the unclassified service.

14           **SECTION 152.** 234.02 (3m) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

15           234.02 (3m) (c) The authority shall, with the advice of the ethics government  
16 accountability board, adopt and enforce ethics guidelines applicable to its paid  
17 consultants which are similar to subch. III of ch. 19, except that the authority may  
18 not require its paid consultants to file financial disclosure statements.

19           **SECTION 153.** 301.03 (20m) of the statutes is amended to read:

20           301.03 (20m) Transmit to the elections government accountability board, on  
21 a continuous basis, a list containing the name of each living person who has been  
22 convicted of a felony under the laws of this state and whose civil rights have not been  
23 restored, together with his or her residential address and the date on which the  
24 department expects his or her civil rights to be restored.

25           **SECTION 154.** 343.11 (2m) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1           343.11 (2m) Within 30 days following surrender of a license under sub. (1), the  
2 department shall provide notice to the elections government accountability board of  
3 the person's name and address, the name of the jurisdiction issuing the surrendered  
4 license, and the date on which the license was surrendered.

5           **SECTION 155.** 560.04 (2m) of the statutes is amended to read:

6           560.04 (2m) DUTIES. The department may assign one or more full-time  
7 equivalent positions to the functions of coordinating the development and scheduling  
8 of training programs for local government officials by the University of  
9 Wisconsin-Extension, technical college system, department of revenue, elections  
10 government accountability board, and other state agencies in order to assure the  
11 effective delivery of training programs and to prevent duplication of effort and of  
12 coordinating requests for management or personnel consultative services from  
13 government units other than the state and directing those requests to the  
14 appropriate division of the department of administration.

15           **SECTION 156.** 758.19 (9) of the statutes is created to read:

16           758.19 (9) The director of state courts shall maintain a register of retired judges  
17 of courts of record in this state who are willing to accept appointments under s. 15.60  
18 (4).

19           **SECTION 157.** 778.135 of the statutes is amended to read:

20           **778.135 Campaign finance forfeitures; how recovered.** Notwithstanding  
21 s. 778.13, whenever any action or proposed action by the elections government  
22 accountability board under s. 5.05 (1) (c) is settled as a result of agreement between  
23 the parties without approval of the court, the moneys accruing to the state on account  
24 of such settlement shall be paid to the board and deposited with the secretary of  
25 administration. Whenever any proposed action by a county board of election

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1 commissioners under s. 7.21 (2m) (a) is settled as a result of agreement between the  
2 parties, the moneys accruing to the county on account of such settlement shall be  
3 paid to the board of election commissioners and deposited with the county treasurer  
4 in the same manner as provided for forfeitures under s. 778.13.

5 **SECTION 158.** 778.136 of the statutes is amended to read:

6 **778.136 Ethics and lobbying forfeitures; how recovered.**

7 Notwithstanding s. 778.13, whenever any moneys are received by the ethics  
8 government accountability board or attorney general in settlement of a civil action  
9 or other civil matter for violation of the lobbying law or code of ethics for state public  
10 officials and employees under s. 19.545, the moneys shall accrue to the state and be  
11 deposited with the secretary of administration.

12 **SECTION 159.** 971.19 (12) of the statutes is created to read:

13 971.19 (12) In an action for a violation of chs. 5 to 12, subch. III of ch. 13, or  
14 subch. III of ch. 19, a defendant who is a resident of this state shall be tried in circuit  
15 court for the county where the defendant resides.

16 **SECTION 160. Nonstatutory provisions.**

17 (1) TRANSFER OF ELECTIONS BOARD.

18 (a) *Assets and liabilities.* On the effective date of this paragraph, the assets and  
19 liabilities of the elections board shall become the assets and liabilities of the  
20 government accountability board.

21 (b) *Positions and employees.*

22 1. On the effective date of this subdivision, all full-time equivalent positions  
23 in the elections board are transferred to the government accountability board.

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1           2. All incumbent employees holding positions in the elections board are  
2 transferred on the effective date of this subdivision to the government accountability  
3 board.

4           3. Employees transferred under subdivision 2. have all the rights and the same  
5 status under subchapter V of chapter 111 and chapter 230 of the statutes in the  
6 government accountability board that they enjoyed in the elections board  
7 immediately before the transfer. Notwithstanding section 230.28 (4) of the statutes,  
8 no employee so transferred who has attained permanent status in class is required  
9 to serve a probationary period.

10           (c) *Tangible personal property.* On the effective date of this paragraph, all  
11 tangible personal property, including records, of the elections board is transferred to  
12 the government accountability board.

13           (d) *Contracts.* All contracts entered into by the elections board in effect on the  
14 effective date of this paragraph remain in effect and are transferred to the  
15 government accountability board. The government accountability board shall carry  
16 out any contractual obligations under such a contract until the contract is modified  
17 or rescinded by the government accountability board to the extent allowed under the  
18 contract.

19           (e) *Rules and orders.* All rules promulgated by the elections board that are in  
20 effect on the effective date of this paragraph remain in effect until their specified  
21 expiration dates or until amended or repealed by the government accountability  
22 board. All orders issued by the elections board that are in effect on the effective date  
23 of this paragraph remain in effect until their specified expiration dates or until  
24 modified or rescinded by the government accountability board.

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1           (f) *Pending matters.* Any matter pending with the elections board on the  
2 effective date of this paragraph is transferred to the government accountability  
3 board, and all materials submitted to or actions taken by the elections board with  
4 respect to the pending matter are considered as having been submitted to or taken  
5 by the government accountability board.

6           (2) TRANSFER OF ETHICS BOARD.

7           (a) *Assets and liabilities.* On the effective date of this paragraph, the assets and  
8 liabilities of the ethics board shall become the assets and liabilities of the government  
9 accountability board.

10           (b) *Positions and employees.*

11           1. On the effective date of this subdivision, all full-time equivalent positions  
12 in the ethics board are transferred to the government accountability board.

13           2. All incumbent employees holding positions in the ethics board are  
14 transferred on the effective date of this subdivision to the government accountability  
15 board.

16           3. Employees transferred under subdivision 2. have all the rights and the same  
17 status under subchapter V of chapter 111 and chapter 230 of the statutes in the  
18 government accountability board that they enjoyed in the ethics board immediately  
19 before the transfer. Notwithstanding section 230.28 (4) of the statutes, no employee  
20 so transferred who has attained permanent status in class is required to serve a  
21 probationary period.

22           (c) *Tangible personal property.* On the effective date of this paragraph, all  
23 tangible personal property, including records, of the ethics board is transferred to the  
24 government accountability board.

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1           (d) *Contracts*. All contracts entered into by the ethics board remain in effect  
2 and are transferred to the government accountability board. The government  
3 accountability board shall carry out any contractual obligations under such a  
4 contract until the contract is modified or rescinded by the government accountability  
5 board to the extent allowed under the contract.

6           (e) *Rules and orders*. All rules promulgated by the ethics board that are in effect  
7 on the effective date of this paragraph remain in effect until their specified expiration  
8 dates or until amended or repealed by the government accountability board. All  
9 orders issued by the ethics board that are in effect on the effective date of this  
10 paragraph remain in effect until their specified expiration dates or until modified or  
11 rescinded by the government accountability board.

12           (f) *Pending matters*. Any matter pending with the ethics board on the effective  
13 date of this paragraph is transferred to the government accountability board, and all  
14 materials submitted to or actions taken by the ethics board with respect to the  
15 pending matter are considered as having been submitted to or taken by the  
16 government accountability board.

17           (3) BOARD TRANSITIONS; INITIAL TERMS.

18           (a) Notwithstanding section 15.61, 2005 stats., section 15.62, 2005 stats., and  
19 section 15.07 (1) (c) of the statutes, the terms of office of all members of the elections  
20 board and all members of the ethics board holding office shall expire on June 1, 2009.

21           (b) Each member of the government accountability board who is appointed as  
22 provided in paragraph (c) and qualified to take office shall take office on the effective  
23 date of this paragraph, or upon qualification to take office, whichever is later.

24           (c) Notwithstanding section 15.60 (1) of the statutes, as created by this act, and  
25 section 15.07 (1) (c) of the statutes, of the members of the government accountability

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1 board who are initially nominated by the governor, and with the advice and consent  
2 of the assembly and the senate appointed, 2 members who have prosecutorial  
3 experience and one other member who is not a retired judge of a court of record in  
4 this state shall be appointed to serve for terms expiring on May 1, 2011, and 2  
5 members who have prosecutorial experience and one other member who is not a  
6 retired judge of a court of record in this state shall be appointed to serve for terms  
7 expiring on May 1, 2013. Notwithstanding section 15.60 (1) of the statutes, as  
8 created by this act, and section 15.07 (1) (c) of the statutes, the initial member of the  
9 government accountability board who is a retired judge of a court of record in this  
10 state shall serve for a term expiring on May 1, 2013.

11 (d) Notwithstanding section 15.603 (1) of the statutes, as created by this act,  
12 the person who is initially appointed to serve as administrator of the enforcement  
13 division of the government accountability board shall serve for a term expiring on  
14 September 1, 2013.

15 (4) INITIAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

16 (a) Notwithstanding section 5.05 (1m) and (2m) of the statutes, as created by  
17 this act, and section 20.922 (1) of the statutes, the director of the legislative council  
18 staff shall serve as executive director of the government accountability board,  
19 without additional compensation for such service, until such time as the board  
20 initially appoints an executive director and the appointee qualifies to take office. The  
21 executive director of the legislative council staff is vested with full authority and  
22 responsibility to carry out all functions of the executive director of the government  
23 accountability board, the enforcement division in the government accountability  
24 board, and the administrator of the enforcement division prior to appointment and  
25 qualification of the initial executive director, including the retention and

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1 termination of all staff not transferred to the board that the board is authorized to  
2 employ under this act.

3 (5) INITIAL NOMINATIONS. The governmental accountability candidate  
4 committee under section 15.60 (2) of the statutes, as created by this act, shall submit  
5 its initial nominations of individuals to serve as members of the government  
6 accountability board no later than November 1, 2008.

7 **SECTION 161. Effective dates.** This act takes effect on June 1, 2009, except  
8 as follows:

9 (1) The treatment of sections 5.052, 5.054, 15.07 (5) (m), 15.60, 15.603, 20.923  
10 (4) (intro.), (e) 2e., and (f) 3j., 230.08 (2) (e) 4h. and (on) and (4) (a) of the statutes, the  
11 renumbering and amendment of section 15.03 of the statutes, the creation of section  
12 15.03 (2) of the statutes, and SECTION 160 (3) (b) to (d), (4), and (5) of this act take  
13 effect on January 1, 2009. ~~October 17, 2009.~~

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