



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

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| 2009 Assembly Bill 494 | Senate Substitute Amendment 1 |
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Current law requires that each campaign finance registrant that accepts \$20,000 or more in contributions in a campaign period must file reports electronically when those reports are made to the Government Accountability Board.

Assembly Bill 494 requires the board to provide an Internet-based system that a registrant may use to file campaign finance reports in an electronic format. The board must permit a registrant to file campaign finance reports in electronic format either by using the Internet-based system or by using software that produces a delimited file. As the board promulgates rules concerning delimited files, it must submit the rules to the Joint Committee on Finance, which has the authority to modify and approve the rules proposed by the board.

Senate Substitute Amendment 1 provides that the board must receive a report electronically when the report is required to be filed in that format. Since the report described above is not required by the amendment to be filed electronically, a registrant may submit the report in paper form. The board must provide an Internet-based system to file a report either directly through the Internet-based system or by using software that produces a delimited file. The board is required to promulgate rules concerning delimited files that may be used in the system. There will be no rule review by the Joint Committee on Finance.

Legislative History

On March 5, 2010, the Senate Committee on Ethics Reform and Government Operations introduced and adopted Senate Substitute Amendment 1 and recommended concurrence in the bill, as amended, both on votes of Ayes, 5, Noes, 0.

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