



2011 SENATE BILL 374

January 10, 2012 – Introduced by Senators LAZICH and KEDZIE, cosponsored by Representatives WYNN, CRAIG, JACQUE, KRUG, AUGUST, BIES, J. OTT, THIESFELDT, KUGLITSCH, BERNIER, RIVARD, ENDSLEY, STRACHOTA, MURSAU, A. OTT, BROOKS, KAUFERT, LEMAHIEU, KRAMER and PRIDEMORE. Referred to Committee on Transportation and Elections.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 12.11 (1m) (a) 5. of the statutes; **relating to:** offering anything
2 of value to induce someone to sign or not sign a recall petition and providing a
3 penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a person who offers anything of value to induce an elector to do any of the following is guilty of a Class I felony:

1. Go or refrain from going to the polls.
2. Vote or refrain from voting.
3. Vote or refrain from voting for or against a particular person.
4. Vote or refrain from voting for or against a particular referendum.

Under this bill, a person who offers anything of value to induce an elector to sign or refrain from signing a recall petition is also guilty of a Class I felony.

Because this bill creates a new crime or revises a penalty for an existing crime, the Joint Review Committee on Criminal Penalties may be requested to prepare a report concerning the proposed penalty and the costs or savings that are likely to result if the bill is enacted.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

4 **SECTION 1.** 12.11 (1m) (a) 5. of the statutes is created to read:

