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**SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT,
TO ASSEMBLY BILL 225**

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1 AN ACT *to repeal* 11.20 (8) (c), 11.38 (1) (a) 3. and 11.38 (2) (c); *to renumber and*
2 *amend* 11.01 (16) (b), 11.20 (3) (a), 11.20 (3) (b), 11.20 (3) (c), 11.20 (3) (d), 11.20
3 (3) (f), 11.20 (3) (g), 11.20 (3) (h), 11.20 (3) (k), 11.20 (3) (L), 11.20 (4), 11.26 (9)
4 (a) and 11.26 (9) (b); *to amend* 11.01 (16) (intro.), 11.01 (16) (a) (intro.), 11.05
5 (1), 11.05 (2), 11.05 (2r), 11.05 (3) (c), 11.05 (12) (b), 11.06 (1) (intro.), 11.06 (1)
6 (a), 11.06 (1) (b), 11.06 (1) (d), 11.06 (1) (e), 11.06 (1) (f), 11.06 (1) (g), 11.06 (1)
7 (h), 11.06 (1) (j), 11.06 (11) (a), 11.07 (1), 11.12 (1) (d), 11.12 (4), 11.12 (5), 11.12
8 (6), 11.16 (1) (d), 11.20 (8) (intro.) and (b), 11.20 (12), 11.21 (16), 11.23 (1), 11.26
9 (1) (intro.), 11.26 (1) (a), 11.26 (1) (b), 11.26 (1) (c), 11.26 (1) (cc), 11.26 (1) (cg),
10 11.26 (1) (cn), 11.26 (1) (cw), 11.26 (2) (intro.), 11.26 (2) (a), 11.26 (2) (b), 11.26
11 (2) (c), 11.26 (2) (cc), 11.26 (2) (cg), 11.26 (2) (cn), 11.26 (2) (cw), 11.26 (4), 11.26
12 (8) (a), 11.26 (8) (b), 11.26 (8) (c), 11.29 (1), 11.30 (2) (a), 11.30 (4), 11.38 (title)
13 and (1) (a) 1., 11.38 (1) (b), 11.38 (8) (b) and 13.625 (1) (c) (intro.); *to repeal and*

1 **recreate** 11.01 (16) (a) 1.; and **to create** 11.01 (6) (b) 8. and 9., 11.01 (7) (a) 5.
2 to 7., 11.01 (7) (b) 6. to 8., 11.01 (11g) and (11r), 11.01 (12m), 11.01 (16) (b) 1.,
3 11.05 (3) (q), 11.05 (11g), 11.06 (1g), 11.06 (11) (d), 11.06 (13), 11.185, 11.20 (1m),
4 11.20 (3) (a) 2., 11.20 (3) (b) 2., 11.20 (3) (c) 2., 11.20 (3) (d) 2., 11.20 (3) (f) 2., 11.20
5 (3) (g) 2., 11.20 (3) (h) 2., 11.20 (3) (k) 2., 11.20 (3) (L) 2., 11.20 (4) (b), 11.25 (4),
6 11.26 (2) (ab), 11.26 (2) (ac), 11.26 (2) (ad), 11.26 (9) (a) 1. to 12., 11.26 (9) (b) 1.
7 to 12., 11.26 (18) and 11.38 (1) (a) 4. to 7. of the statutes; **relating to:** various
8 changes in the campaign finance law.

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Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This ~~substitute amendment~~ makes various changes in the campaign finance law. Significant provisions include:

Disclosure of political activity

Currently, with certain exceptions, individuals who accept contributions, organizations that make or accept contributions, and individuals who or organizations that incur obligations or make disbursements for the purpose of influencing an election for state or local office are required to register with the appropriate filing officer or agency and to file financial reports with that officer or agency, regardless of whether they act in conjunction with or independently of any candidate who is supported or opposed.

This substitute amendment provides that registration and reporting requirements apply to any communication that contains certain explicit terms with reference to a clearly identified candidate that expressly advocates the election or defeat of that candidate and unambiguously relates to that candidate. The substitute amendment also provides that these requirements do not apply to a communication made by an individual other than a candidate, or by an organization not organized exclusively for a political purpose and the communication does not expressly advocate the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate or the adoption or rejection of a question at a referendum. The change in the scope of reportable activity under the substitute amendment also affects contribution limitations and prohibitions by causing the term "contribution" to exclude the cost of any communication that is not reportable under the substitute amendment.

Corporations, cooperatives, and other entities; limited political activity

Under current law, corporations and cooperatives are prohibited from making contributions or disbursements (expenditures) in campaigns for state or local office. Violators are subject to a forfeiture (civil penalty) of not more than \$500 for each violation. Intentional violators are guilty of a Class I felony, which is punishable by

a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment for not more than three and one-half years, or both, except that if a violation involves \$100 or less, the violation is punishable as a misdemeanor with a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. A recent decision of the U.S. Supreme Court casts doubt upon whether this law is enforceable as it applies to disbursements. See *Citizens United v. F.E.C.*, 130 S. Ct. 876 (2010). Current law also provides that if an individual other than a candidate or an organization that is not organized primarily for political purposes does not engage in express advocacy with respect to a clearly identified candidate or referendum question and does not make any contributions, the individual or organization is exempt from registration and reporting requirements.

This substitute amendment deletes the current prohibition on disbursements by corporations and cooperatives. The substitute amendment permits a corporation, cooperative, or other entity that is not organized exclusively for political purposes to make independent disbursements. Under the substitute amendment, a corporation, cooperative, or other entity that makes independent disbursements is not subject to periodic reporting requirements on account of such activity. However, a corporation, cooperative, or other entity that makes independent disbursements in an amount or value exceeding \$750 in the aggregate within a calendar year must register with the appropriate filing officer, file reports concerning the independent disbursements, and include an attribution on communications financed by the disbursements. Unlike current reporting requirements, the reporting requirements under the substitute amendment do not include the address, occupation, or place of employment of contributors, the persons to whom disbursements are made, or the incurrance of any obligations. In addition, only the names of donors who make donations specifically to support an independent disbursement need be disclosed. The substitute amendment also permits corporations and cooperatives to make contributions to committees that make disbursements independently of any candidate or authorized committee or agent of a candidate. Under the substitute amendment, no such committee may make a contribution to a candidate. The substitute amendment provides that corporations and cooperatives that make such contributions are not subject to periodic reporting requirements on account of that activity, including disclosure of sources of income, except with respect to any contribution that is received for the express purpose of making those contributions, but any committee that receives such a contribution is subject to registration and periodic reporting requirements, as currently provided for such committees.

Contributions and disbursements by certain labor organizations

Currently, the prohibition against corporations making contributions and disbursements does not apply to any labor organization that was incorporated in this state as a nonstock corporation prior to January 1, 1978. In addition to deleting the prohibition on disbursements by all corporations generally (see above), this substitute amendment deletes this exemption for these labor organizations, thus making these organizations subject to the prohibition.

Communications with members of certain entities

Current law permits any corporation, cooperative, unincorporated cooperative association, or voluntary association to make a disbursement for the purpose of communicating only with its members to endorse a candidate, explain its views or interests, or take a position on a referendum without being subject to reporting requirements for this activity. This substitute amendment clarifies that any such communication, while remaining exempt from the reporting requirement, may include information on how a member may contribute to an endorsed candidate.

Internet political activity; individual and public communications

Currently, with certain exceptions, payments for political communications are subject to disclosure under the campaign finance law, regardless of the medium that is used to conduct the communications. Payments for Internet communications are treated like payments for other communications. Currently, the cost of news stories, political interviews, editorial commentary, or endorsements, regardless of the medium by which they are distributed, are not contributions or disbursements and therefore are not reportable. The costs of communications by an organization other than a political party or personal campaign committee that are limited to the organization's members, shareholders, or subscribers are generally not reportable. In addition, all services for a political purpose by an individual on behalf of a campaign finance registrant are not reportable and are not subject to the current prohibition on contributions and disbursements by corporations and cooperatives unless the individual performing the services is compensated specifically for those services.

This substitute amendment provides that any cost incurred to conduct Internet activity is not a contribution or disbursement, and is therefore not reportable if it is performed by an individual acting in his or her own behalf, or acting in behalf of another person, and if the individual is not compensated specifically for his or her services. This includes the cost or value of any equipment and services used by the individual to conduct the activity, but does not include professional video production services purchased by the individual. The substitute amendment similarly provides that any cost incurred in covering a news story, commentary, or editorial by a broadcasting station, cable television operator, producer, or programmer, Internet site, or newspaper or other periodical publication, including an Internet or other periodical publication, except the cost of a news story that appears in a medium that is owned by a candidate, candidate's authorized committee, or political party, is not a contribution or disbursement and is therefore not reportable. In addition, the substitute amendment provides specifically that the following are disbursements, and are therefore reportable: a) any payment for a communication to the general public for a political purpose except an Internet communication that is not a disbursement under the substitute amendment; b) any payment for the purchase or rental of an electronic-mail address list that is made at the direction of a campaign finance registrant for a political purpose; or c) any payment for an electronic-mail address list that is transferred to a registrant for a political purpose. The substitute amendment provides however, that the following are not disbursements, and are therefore not reportable: a) a communication or Internet activity by an individual

acting in his or her own behalf, or acting in behalf of another person if the individual is not compensated specifically for those services, including the cost or value of any electronic equipment and services used by the individual to conduct the activity; or b) a nominal fee paid for a communication to the general public.

Contributions by corporations or cooperatives for certain purposes

Currently, corporations and cooperatives are prohibited from making contributions or disbursements (expenditures) generally in connection with campaigns for state or local office. This prohibition specifically includes contributions or disbursements to political parties. This substitute amendment creates an exception to the prohibition that permits a corporation or cooperative to make a contribution to a committee that is operated exclusively for the purpose of financing the purchase, lease, or maintenance of space for exclusive use by a political party or legislative campaign committee.

Currently, if a corporation or cooperative establishes a segregated fund for the purpose of supporting a candidate for state or local office, the corporation or cooperative may not expend more than \$500 annually to solicit contributions to the fund or to a conduit. This substitute amendment eliminates this limit on expenditures made to solicit contributions.

Contribution limits

Under current law, the limits for contributions by an individual or committee, other than a political party or legislative campaign committee, to a candidate's campaign are as follows:

1. For candidates for governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state treasurer, attorney general, state superintendent, or justice, \$10,000, except that a committee may contribute up to 4 percent of the disbursement level established under current law.
2. For candidates for state senator, \$1,000.
3. For candidates for state assembly representative, \$500.
4. For candidates for circuit judge in circuits having a population of more than 300,000, or candidates for district attorney in prosecutorial units having a population of more than 300,000, \$3,000.
5. For candidates for circuit judge in other circuits or candidates for district attorney in other prosecutorial units, \$1,000.
6. For candidates for court of appeals judge in districts that contain a county having a population of 500,000 or more, \$3,000.
7. For candidates for court of appeals judge in other districts, \$2,500.

This substitute amendment doubles the limits for contributions by an individual or committee to candidates for governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state treasurer, attorney general, state superintendent, justice, state senator, state assembly representative, circuit judge, and district attorney.

Under current law, the total amount that an individual may contribute annually to all candidates for state and local offices, and to persons who are required to register for campaign financing purposes, is \$10,000. The substitute amendment increases that amount to \$20,000.

Under current law, a political party may not receive more than \$150,000 in value of its contributions in any biennium from committees, other than political party or legislative campaign committees. The substitute amendment increases that amount to \$300,000.

Under current law, a political party may not receive more than \$6,000 in value of its contributions annually from any specific committee, excluding a political party or legislative campaign committee. The substitute amendment increases that amount to \$12,000.

The substitute amendment also increases the total value of contributions that a committee, other than a political party or legislative campaign committee, may make to a political party from \$6,000 each year to \$12,000 each year.

Under current law, no individual who is a candidate for state or local office may receive in contributions more than 65 percent of the value of the total disbursement level for the office for which he or she is a candidate during any primary and election campaign combined from all committees, including political party and legislative campaign committees. In addition, no individual who is a candidate for state or local office may receive in contributions more than 45 percent of the value of the total disbursement level for the office for which he or she is a candidate during any primary and election campaign combined from all committees other than political party and legislative campaign committees. Consequently, the amount of the contributions that a candidate may receive from political party or legislative campaign committees is determined by subtracting the amount that represents 45 percent of the value of the total disbursement level from the amount that represents 65 percent of the disbursement level. The disbursement levels under current law do not restrict the total amount of disbursements that may be made by any candidate in any election, but are used only to calculate certain contribution limits.

This substitute amendment eliminates the disbursement levels and specifies the contribution limits for contributions from committees for state and local offices based on the 65 percent/45 percent formula under current law. In addition, the substitute amendment doubles the contribution limits from committees for candidates for governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state treasurer, attorney general, state superintendent, justice, state senator, state assembly representative, circuit judge, and district attorney.

The substitute amendment also provides that, beginning on July 1, 2015, and every two years thereafter, the Government Accountability Board (GAB) will modify the contribution limits under the campaign finance laws to adjust for the change in the consumer price index for the preceding two-year period ending on December 31.

Finally, with regard to the contribution limits, in any year in which a special election is called, any contributions made or received before the date on which the special election is called do not count towards the contribution limits.

Electronic filing

Under current law, the Government Accountability Board must require each registrant for whom GAB serves as a filing officer under the campaign finance laws and who or which accepts contributions of \$20,000 or more during a campaign period to file campaign finance reports electronically. In addition, GAB must accept campaign finance reports

electronically from any other registrant for whom GAB serves as a filing officer. Current law requires GAB to specify, by rule, software that is suitable for complying with the electronic filing requirement and must provide the software to registrants at a price not to exceed its cost. Any registrant who or which files reports electronically with GAB must also submit a copy of the report to GAB and the copy must be signed by an authorized individual. *bill*

Under the substitute amendment, the software that GAB specifies for electronic filing must allow a registrant to provide an electronic signature that is subject to a security procedure. The substitute amendment also eliminates the requirement that a registrant who or which files a report electronically must file a copy with GAB. A registrant who or which files a report electronically may, however, file with GAB that portion of the report signed by an authorized individual rather than submit the electronic signature of that individual. *bill*

Itemized statement

Under current law, each person who is required to report under the campaign finance laws must include in the report an itemized statement regarding each contribution, disbursement, or obligation exceeding \$20. The substitute amendment increases this threshold to \$40. ✓ Current law also requires each person who is required to report under the campaign finance laws to report the occupation, name, address, and place of employment of each individual contributor whose cumulative contributions exceed \$100 in a calendar year. This substitute amendment eliminates the requirement that the occupation be reported. ✓

Registration

Under current law, before any group makes or accepts contributions, makes disbursements, or incurs obligations exceeding \$750 in the aggregate in any year to promote or oppose a referendum, or before any individual accepts contributions, makes disbursements, or incurs obligations exceeding \$750 in the aggregate in any year for such purpose, that group or individual must file a registration statement with the appropriate filing officer. This substitute amendment increases the threshold for filing a registration statement for referendum-related activity from \$750 to \$2,500. *bill*

Campaign finance reporting

Generally, under current law, registrants participating in a primary or election must file preprimary or preelection reports. Preprimary and preelection reports must be received by a filing officer no earlier than 14 days and no later than 8 days before the primary and election. Specifically, under current law: 1) a candidate or personal campaign committee of a candidate at a primary must file preprimary and preelection reports; 2) a candidate or personal campaign committee of a candidate at an election must file a preelection report; 3) a registered committee or individual other than a candidate or personal campaign committee making or accepting contributions or disbursements in support of or in opposition to a candidate at a primary or to a committee or individual engaging in such activities must file a preprimary and preelection report; 4) a registered committee or individual other than a candidate or personal campaign committee making or accepting contributions or disbursements in support of or in opposition to a candidate at an election or to a

committee or individual engaging in such activities must file a preelection report; 5) a registered group or individual making or accepting contributions or making distributions in support of or in opposition to a referendum appearing on a primary ballot must file a preprimary and preelection report; and 6) a registered group or individual making or accepting contributions or making distributions in support of or in opposition to a referendum appearing on an election ballot must file a preelection report. Under current law, if any report is required to be filed on a nonbusiness day, the report may be filed on the next business day thereafter.

Under current law, a committee that is not acting in concert with a candidate and that makes one or more disbursements totaling \$20 or more to advocate the election or defeat of a candidate within 15 days before a primary or election must submit a report documenting the disbursement to the appropriate filing officer within 24 hours and must include information about the disbursement in its next regular report. Similarly, under current law, if any contribution or contributions from a single contributor and totaling \$500 or more are made to a candidate for state office or to a committee or individual within 15 days before a primary or election and the contribution is not included in a preprimary or preelection report, the recipient of the contribution must, within 24 hours, make a report to the appropriate filing officer, and must include the contribution in its next regular report. This substitute amendment extends the reporting period for such late filings from 24 hours to 48 hours.

The substitute amendment retains the preprimary and preelection reporting requirements and the flexible filing date in the event that the filing date is a nonbusiness day.

The substitute amendment requires registrants participating in a spring primary or spring election to, annually, file reports on the fifteenth day of the month in the months of January, April, July, and October.

The substitute amendment requires those registrants participating in a partisan primary or general election to file reports on the fifteenth day of the month in the months of January, April, July, and October in an odd-numbered (nonelection) year and, in an even-numbered (election) year, on the fifteenth day of the month in the months of April and July and on the fourth Tuesday of September.

Currently, individuals and committees supporting or opposing candidates for office, and individuals, groups, and corporations supporting or opposing a referendum, must submit reports of contributions received, contributions or disbursements made, and obligations incurred to the appropriate filing officer twice each year: on or after January 1 but no later than January 31; and on or after July 1 but no later than July 20. This substitute amendment changes the reporting requirement as follows: 1) individuals and committees supporting or opposing candidates in a spring primary or election and individuals, groups, and corporations supporting or opposing a referendum appearing on a spring ballot must file reports on the fifteenth day of the month in the months of January, April, July, and October; 2) individuals and committees supporting or opposing candidates in a partisan primary or general election and individuals, groups, and corporations supporting or opposing a referendum appearing on a general election ballot must, in an

odd-numbered (nonelection) year, file reports on the fifteenth day of the month in the months of January, April, July, and October and, in an even-numbered (election) year, file reports on the fifteenth day of the month in the months of April and July and on the fourth Tuesday of September.

Conduits; campaign finance reporting

Current law defines a conduit as an individual or organization that receives a contribution of money and transfers the contribution to another individual or organization without exercising discretion as to either the amount transferred or the individual to whom or organization to which the transfer is made. A transfer of money from a conduit is considered to be a transfer of money from the individual or organization that made the contribution to the conduit. Current law requires conduits to register with GAB; as a registrant, current law also requires a conduit to make financial reports related to contributions and distributions made or received by the conduit. Generally, financial reports must include an itemized statement giving the date, full name and street address of certain contributors, together with the amount of the contribution and the cumulative total contributions made by that contributor for the calendar year; the name and address of the principal place of employment, if any, of certain individual contributors; cumulative totals for the calendar year of contributions received by the registrant, and disbursements made, including transfers of funds made to or received from other registrants; and a statement of the registrant's cash balance on hand at the beginning and end of the reporting period.

This substitute amendment *bill* modifies the reporting requirements for conduits to conform with current GAB practice. Current GAB practice requires conduits to file, at each required reporting period, a summary report listing the date of the transfer of money, the complete name and address of each transferee, the total amount transferred to each transferee within the reporting period, and the total amount transferred during the calendar year. *bill*

The substitute amendment also requires conduits to report the beginning and ending balances of cash on hand for each reporting period. *bill*

Conduits; redirection of certain unclaimed contributions

The substitute amendment allows a conduit to redirect contributions made to the conduit but unclaimed for a period of two years to a committee, other than a personal campaign committee, a support committee, a political party, or a legislative campaign committee, that sponsors the conduit if there is such a committee or, if there is not such a committee, to the conduit's administrative fund. Prior to redirecting the unclaimed contribution, the conduit must either receive authorization from the surviving spouse or executor of the estate of a deceased individual to redirect the contribution or make at least ten good faith attempts to contact a contributor over the two-year period without success. The conduit may attempt to contact the contributor by U.S. mail, by electronic mail, or by telephone. The required attempts to contact the contributor may not all occur within one 30-day period. The substitute amendment requires the conduit to identify the sponsor on the conduit's registration form and to include on the conduit's financial report when a contribution is redirected as provided in this substitute amendment. *bill*

Campaign contributions by lobbyists

Currently, a lobbyist may make a campaign contribution to a partisan elective state official or candidate for partisan elective state office in the year of the official's or candidate's election between June 1 and the day of the election. This substitute amendment extends the time during which a lobbyist may make such a contribution to between the first day authorized by law for the circulation of nomination papers as a candidate and the day of the election or special election.

bill

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

1 **SECTION 1.** 11.01 (6) (b) 8. and 9. of the statutes are created to read:

2 11.01 (6) (b) 8. Any cost incurred to conduct Internet activity for a political
3 purpose by an individual acting in his or her own behalf, or acting in behalf of another
4 person if the individual is not compensated specifically for those services, including
5 the cost or value of any equipment and services identified in s. 11.06 (13), but not
6 including professional video production services purchased by the individual.

7 9. Any cost incurred for covering or carrying a news story, commentary, or
8 editorial by a broadcasting station, cable television operator, producer, or
9 programmer, Internet site, or newspaper or other periodical publication, including
10 an Internet or other electronic publication except the cost of a news story that
11 appears in a medium that is owned or controlled by a candidate, personal campaign
12 committee of a candidate, support committee of a candidate that is authorized under
13 s. 11.05 (3) (p), or a political party.

14 **SECTION 2.** 11.01 (7) (a) 5. to 7. of the statutes are created to read:

15 11.01 (7) (a) 5. Any payment for a communication to the general public for a
16 political purpose by means of any broadcast, satellite communication, newspaper or
17 other periodical publication, outdoor advertising facility, mass mailing, or mass
18 telephoning to the general public, or any other form of advertising to the general

1 public, except communications over the Internet by an individual acting in his or her
2 own behalf, or acting in behalf of another person if the individual is not compensated
3 specifically for those services, including the cost or value of any equipment and
4 services identified in s. 11.06 (13).

5 6. Any payment for the purchase or rental of an electronic-mail address list
6 made at the direction of a registrant for a political purpose.

7 7. Any payment for an electronic-mail address list that is transferred to a
8 registrant for a political purpose.

9 **SECTION 3.** 11.01 (7) (b) 6. to 8. of the statutes are created to read:

10 11.01 (7) (b) 6. A communication or Internet activity by an individual acting
11 in his or her own behalf, or acting in behalf of another person if the individual is not
12 compensated specifically for those services, including the cost or value of any
13 equipment and services identified in s. 11.06 (13), but not including professional
14 video production services purchased by the individual.

15 7. Any cost incurred in covering or carrying a news story, commentary, or
16 editorial by a broadcasting station, cable television operator, programmer or
17 producer, Internet site, or newspaper or other periodical publication, including an
18 Internet or electronic publication, except the cost of a news story that appears in a
19 medium that is owned or controlled by a candidate, personal campaign committee
20 of a candidate, support committee of a candidate that is authorized under s. 11.05 (3)
21 (p), or a political party.

22 8. A nominal fee paid for a communication to the general public.

23 **SECTION 4.** 11.01 (11g) and (11r) of the statutes are created to read: ✓

24 11.01 (11g) "Independent disbursement" means a disbursement to make a
25 communication that expressly advocates the election or defeat of a clearly identified

1 candidate, that is made without cooperation or consultation with a candidate, or any
2 authorized committee or agent of a candidate, and that is not made in concert with,
3 or at the request or suggestion of, any candidate, or any authorized committee or
4 agent of a candidate.

5 (11r) "Independent disbursement committee" means a committee that makes
6 no disbursements other than independent disbursements and disbursements made
7 for the administrative support of the committee.

8 SECTION 5. 11.01 (12m) of the statutes is created to read:

9 11.01 (12m) "Internet activity" includes sending or forwarding an electronic
10 message; providing a hyperlink or other direct access on a person's Internet site to
11 an Internet site operated by another person; blogging; creating, maintaining, or
12 hosting an Internet site; payment by a person of a nominal fee for the use of an
13 Internet site operated by another person; or any other form of communication
14 distributed over the Internet.

15 SECTION 6. 11.01 (16) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 11.01 (16) (intro.) An act is for "political purposes" when it is done for the
17 purpose of influencing the election or nomination for election of any individual to
18 state or local office, for the purpose of influencing the recall from or retention in office
19 of an individual holding a state or local office, for the purpose of payment of expenses
20 incurred as a result of a recount at an election, or for the purpose of influencing a
21 particular vote at a referendum, except as provided in par. (b). In the case of a
22 candidate, or a committee or group which is organized primarily for the purpose of
23 influencing the election or nomination for election of any individual to state or local
24 office, for the purpose of influencing the recall from or retention in office of an
25 individual holding a state or local office, or for the purpose of influencing a particular

1 vote at a referendum, all administrative and overhead expenses for the maintenance
2 of an office or staff which are used principally for any such purpose are deemed to
3 be for a political purpose.

X 4 **SECTION 7.** 11.01 (16) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 11.01 (16) (a) (intro.) Acts which are for "political purposes" include ~~but are not~~
6 limited to:

X 7 **SECTION 8.** 11.01 (16) (a) 1. of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

8 11.01 (16) (a) 1. The making of a communication that contains one or more
9 terms such as the following or their functional equivalents with reference to a clearly
10 identified candidate that expressly advocates the election or defeat of that candidate
11 and that unambiguously relates to the campaign of that candidate:

12 a. "Vote for."

13 b. "Elect."

14 c. "Support."

15 d. "Cast your ballot for."

16 e. "Smith for Assembly."

17 f. "Vote against."

18 g. "Defeat."

19 h. "Reject."

X 20 **SECTION 9.** 11.01 (16) (b) of the statutes renumbered 11.01 (16) (b) (intro.) and
21 is amended to read:

X 22 11.01 (16) (b) (intro.) A "political purpose" does not include expenditures:

23 2. An expenditure made for the purpose of supporting or defending a person
24 who is being investigated for, charged with or convicted of a criminal violation of state
25 or federal law, or an agent or dependent of such a person.

X 1 **SECTION 10.** 11.01 (16) (b) 1. of the statutes is created to read:

2 11.01 **(16)** (b) 1. A communication made by an individual other than a
3 candidate, or by an organization not organized exclusively for a purpose specified in
4 sub. (16) (intro.) and the communication does not expressly advocate the election or
5 defeat of a clearly identified candidate or the adoption or rejection of a question at
6 a referendum.

7 **SECTION 11.** 11.05 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 11.05 **(1)** COMMITTEES AND GROUPS. Except as provided in s. 9.10 (2) (d), every
9 committee other than a personal campaign committee which makes or accepts
10 contributions, incurs obligations, or makes disbursements in a calendar year in an
11 aggregate amount in excess of \$25 \$500, and every political group subject to
12 registration under s. 11.23 shall file a statement with the appropriate filing officer
13 giving the information required by sub. (3). In the case of any committee other than
14 a personal campaign committee, the statement shall be filed by the treasurer. A
15 personal campaign committee shall register under sub. (2g) or (2r).

16 **SECTION 12.** 11.05 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 11.05 **(2)** INDIVIDUALS. Except as provided in s. 9.10 (2) (d), every individual,
18 other than a candidate or agent of a candidate, who accepts contributions, incurs
19 obligations, or makes disbursements in a calendar year in an aggregate amount in
20 excess of \$25 \$1,000 to support or oppose the election or nomination of a candidate
21 at an election and every individual subject to registration under s. 11.23 shall file a
22 statement with the appropriate filing officer giving the information required by sub.
23 (3). An individual who guarantees a loan on which an individual, committee or group
24 subject to a registration requirement defaults is not subject to registration under this
25 subsection solely as a result of such default.

1 **SECTION 13.** 11.05 (2r) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 **11.05 (2r) GENERAL REPORTING EXEMPTIONS.** Any committee, group, or
3 individual, other than a committee or individual required to file an oath under s.
4 11.06 (7), who or which does not anticipate accepting contributions, making
5 disbursements or incurring obligations in an aggregate amount in excess of \$1,000
6 in a calendar year and does not anticipate accepting any contribution or
7 contributions from a single source, other than contributions made by a candidate to
8 his or her own campaign, exceeding \$100 in that year, or exceeding ~~\$750~~ \$2,500 in
9 that year for a group or individual subject to registration under s. 11.23, may indicate
10 on its registration statement that the committee, group, or individual will not accept
11 contributions, incur obligations or make disbursements in the aggregate in excess
12 of \$1,000 in any calendar year and will not accept any contribution or contributions
13 from a single source, other than contributions made by a candidate to his or her own
14 campaign, exceeding \$100 in that year, or exceeding ~~\$750~~ \$2,500 in that year for a
15 group or individual subject to registration under s. 11.23. Any registrant making
16 such an indication is not subject to any filing requirement if the statement is true.
17 The registrant need not file a termination report. A registrant not making such an
18 indication on a registration statement is subject to a filing requirement. The
19 indication may be revoked and the registrant is then subject to a filing requirement
20 as of the date of revocation, or the date that aggregate contributions, disbursements
21 or obligations for the calendar year exceed \$1,000, or the date on which the registrant
22 accepts any contribution or contributions exceeding \$100 from a single source, or
23 exceeding ~~\$750~~ \$2,500 from a single source for a group or individual subject to
24 registration under s. 11.23, other than contributions made by a candidate to his or

1 her own campaign, during that year, whichever is earlier. If the revocation is not
2 timely, the registrant violates s. 11.27 (1).

X 3 **SECTION 14.** 11.05 (3) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 11.05 (3) (c) In the case of a committee, a statement as to whether the
5 committee is a personal campaign committee, a political party committee, a
6 legislative campaign committee, a support committee ~~or~~, a special interest
7 committee, or a committee that is authorized to receive contributions from a
8 corporation or association under s. 11.38 (1) (a) 1., and a statement as to whether the
9 committee is an independent disbursement committee. ✓

10 **SECTION 15.** 11.05 (3) (q) of the statutes is created to read:

11 11.05 (3) (q) In the case of a conduit, the name and mailing address of a sponsor,
12 as defined in s. 11.185 (1), to which contributions may be redirected as provided
13 under s. 11.185.

X 14 **SECTION 16.** 11.05 (11g) of the statutes is created to read:

15 11.05 (11g) LIMITED POLITICAL ACTIVITY EXEMPT. (a) An individual other than
16 a candidate, or a corporation, association, or other entity not organized exclusively
17 for political purposes, that makes one or more independent disbursements is subject
18 to a reporting requirement under this section only with respect to independent
19 disbursements that the individual or entity makes and the contributions it receives
20 specifically for the purpose of making independent disbursements.

21 (b) If a corporation, association, or other entity makes no contributions or
22 disbursements other than to or on behalf of one or more independent disbursement
23 committees and receives no contributions or other income for the express purpose of
24 making independent disbursements, the corporation, association, or other entity is
25 not subject to a registration requirement under this section. ✓

1 **SECTION 17.** 11.05 (12) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 11.05 (12) (b) Except as authorized under sub. (13), a committee, group or
3 individual that becomes subject to a registration requirement under sub. (1) or (2),
4 other than a candidate or agent of a candidate, shall comply with sub. (1) or (2) no
5 later than the 5th business day commencing after receipt of the first contribution by
6 the committee, group or individual exceeding the amount specified under sub. (1) or
7 (2) or s. 11.23 (1), and before making any disbursement exceeding that amount. No
8 committee ~~or individual~~ supporting or opposing the election or nomination of a
9 candidate at an election, other than a ~~candidate or~~ an agent of a candidate, may
10 accept any contribution or contributions exceeding ~~\$25~~ \$500, no individual
11 supporting or opposing the election or nomination of a candidate at an election, other
12 than a candidate or agent of a candidate, may accept any contribution or
13 contributions exceeding \$1,000, and no group or individual subject to registration
14 under s. 11.23 may accept any contribution or contributions exceeding ~~\$750~~ \$2,500,
15 in the aggregate during a calendar year at any time when the committee, group or
16 individual is not registered under this section except within the initial 5-day period
17 authorized by this paragraph.

18 **SECTION 18.** 11.06 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 11.06 (1) CONTENTS OF REPORT. (intro.) Except as provided in subs. ~~(1g)~~, (2), (3) ✓
20 and (3m) and ss. 11.05 (2r) and 11.19 (2), each registrant under s. 11.05 shall make
21 full reports, upon a form prescribed by the board and signed by the appropriate
22 individual under sub. (5), of all contributions received, contributions or
23 disbursements made, and obligations incurred. ~~Each~~ Except for a report required
24 under sub. (11), each report shall contain the following information, covering the
25 period since the last date covered on the previous report, unless otherwise provided:

X 1 **SECTION 19.** 11.06 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 11.06 (1) (a) An itemized statement giving the date, full name and street
3 address of each contributor who has made a contribution in excess of \$20 \$40, or
4 whose contribution if \$20 \$40 or less aggregates more than \$20 \$40 for the calendar
5 year, together with the amount of the contribution and the cumulative total
6 contributions made by that contributor for the calendar year.

X 7 **SECTION 20.** 11.06 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 11.06 (1) (b) The ~~occupation and~~ name and address of the principal place of
9 employment, if any, of each individual contributor whose cumulative contributions
10 for the calendar year are in excess of \$100.

X 11 **SECTION 21.** 11.06 (1) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 11.06 (1) (d) An itemized statement of other income in excess of \$20 \$40,
13 including interest, returns on investments, rebates and refunds received.

X 14 **SECTION 22.** 11.06 (1) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 11.06 (1) (e) An itemized statement of contributions over \$20 \$40 from a single
16 source donated to a charitable organization or to the common school fund, with the
17 full name and mailing address of the donee.

X 18 **SECTION 23.** 11.06 (1) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 11.06 (1) (f) An itemized statement of each loan of money made to the registrant
20 for a political purpose in an aggregate amount or value in excess of \$20 \$40, together
21 with the full name and mailing address of the lender; a statement of whether the
22 lender is a commercial lending institution; the date and amount of the loan; the full
23 name and mailing address of each guarantor, if any; the original amount guaranteed
24 by each guarantor; and the balance of the amount guaranteed by each guarantor at
25 the end of the reporting period.

1 **SECTION 24.** 11.06 (1) (g) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 11.06 (1) (g) An itemized statement of every disbursement exceeding \$20 ~~\$40~~
3 in amount or value, together with the name and address of the person to whom the
4 disbursement was made, and the date and specific purpose for which the
5 disbursement was made. ✓

6 **SECTION 25.** 11.06 (1) (h) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 11.06 (1) (h) An itemized statement of every obligation exceeding \$20 ~~\$40~~ in
8 amount or value, together with the name of the person or business with whom the
9 obligation was incurred, and the date and the specific purpose for which each such
10 obligation was incurred. ✓

11 **SECTION 26.** 11.06 (1) (j) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 11.06 (1) (j) In the case of a committee or individual filing an oath under sub.
13 (7), a separate schedule showing for each independent disbursement ~~which is made~~
14 ~~independently of a candidate~~, other than a contribution made to that candidate, the
15 name of the candidate or candidates ~~on~~ in whose behalf or in opposition to whom the
16 disbursement is made, indicating whether the purpose is support or opposition. ✓

17 **SECTION 27.** 11.06 (1g) of the statutes is created to read:

18 11.06 (1g) LIMITED POLITICAL ACTIVITY EXEMPT. An individual other than a
19 candidate, or a corporation, association, or other entity not organized exclusively for
20 political purposes, that makes one or more independent disbursements is subject to
21 a reporting requirement under this section only with respect to independent
22 disbursements that the individual or entity makes and the contributions it receives
23 specifically for the purpose of making independent disbursements. ✓

24 **SECTION 28.** 11.06 (11) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

1 11.06 (11) (a) A conduit transferring a contribution of money shall, in writing,
2 identify itself to the transferee as a conduit and report to the transferee of each
3 contribution transferred by it the information about the original contributor
4 required for reporting purposes under sub. (1) (a) and (b) at the time the contribution
5 is transferred. The conduit shall include ~~the information~~ in its report under s. 11.12
6 (5) or 11.20 for the date on which the contribution is received and transferred.

7 **SECTION 29.** 11.06 (11) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

8 11.06 (11) (d) A conduit shall include in each report under s. 11.12 (5) or 11.20
9 all of the following:

10 1. A statement of the cash balance on hand at the beginning and end of the
11 reporting period.

12 2. Whether, during the reporting period, any contribution was redirected to a
13 sponsor as permitted under s. 11.185.

14 **SECTION 30.** 11.06 (13) of the statutes is created to read:

15 11.06 (13) INTERNET ACTIVITY. (a) In this subsection, “equipment and services”
16 includes computers, software, Internet domain names, Internet service providers,
17 and any other technology that is used to provide access to or use of the Internet.

18 (b) If an individual conducts Internet activity for a political purpose in his or
19 her own behalf or in behalf of another person and is not compensated specifically for
20 those services, the cost or value of any equipment and services used by the individual
21 to conduct the activity, other than professional video production services purchased
22 by the individual, is not a contribution to the registrant as provided in s. 11.01 (6) (b)
23 8., regardless of who owns the equipment and services.

24 **SECTION 31.** 11.07 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

1 11.07 (1) Every nonresident committee making contributions and every
2 nonresident ~~individual~~ or committee making disbursements to support or oppose the
3 election or nomination of a candidate at an election exceeding ~~\$25~~ \$500 cumulatively
4 in a calendar year within this state, every nonresident individual making
5 disbursements to support or oppose the election or nomination of a candidate at an
6 election exceeding \$1,000 cumulatively in a calendar year within this state, and
7 every nonresident group making contributions and every nonresident group or
8 individual making disbursements to support or oppose a particular vote at a
9 referendum exceeding ~~\$750~~ \$2,500 cumulatively in a calendar year within this state,
10 shall file name, mailing and street address and the name and the mailing and street
11 address of a designated agent within the state with the office of the secretary of state.
12 An agent may be any adult individual who is a resident of this state. After any
13 change in the name or address of such agent the new address or name of the successor
14 agent shall be filed within 30 days. Service of process in any proceeding under this
15 chapter or ch. 12, or service of any other notice or demand may be made upon such
16 agent.

17 **SECTION 32.** 11.12 (1) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 11.12 (1) (d) Paragraph (a) does not apply to disbursements and obligations
19 which are exempted from reporting under s. 11.06 (1g) or (2). ✓ ✓

20 **SECTION 33.** 11.12 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 11.12 (4) Each registrant shall report contributions, disbursements and
22 incurred obligations in accordance with s. 11.20. Except as permitted under s. 11.06
23 (1g), (2), (3) and (3m), each report shall contain the information which is required
24 under s. 11.06 (1). ✓ ✓

25 **SECTION 34.** 11.12 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

1 11.12 (5) If any contribution or contributions of \$500 or more cumulatively are
2 received by a candidate for state office or by a committee or individual from a single
3 contributor later than 15 days prior to a primary or election such that it is not
4 included in the preprimary or preelection report submitted under s. 11.20 (3), the
5 treasurer of the committee or the individual receiving the contribution shall within
6 24 ~~48~~ hours of receipt inform the appropriate filing officer of the information required
7 under s. 11.06 (1) in such manner as the board may prescribe. The information shall
8 also be included in the treasurer's or individual's next regular report. For purposes
9 of the reporting requirement under this subsection, only contributions received
10 during the period beginning with the day after the last date covered on the
11 preprimary or preelection report, and ending with the day before the primary or
12 election need be reported. ✓

13 **SECTION 35.** 11.12 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 11.12 (6) If any disbursement of more than \$20 cumulatively is made to
15 advocate the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate by an individual or
16 committee later than 15 days prior to a primary or election in which the candidate's
17 name appears on the ballot without cooperation or consultation with a candidate or
18 agent or authorized committee of a candidate who is supported or opposed, and not
19 in concert with or at the request or suggestion of such a candidate, agent or
20 committee, but such that the disbursement is not included in a preprimary or
21 preelection report submitted under s. 11.20 (3), the individual or treasurer of the
22 committee shall, within 24 ~~48~~ hours of making the disbursement, inform the
23 appropriate filing officer of the information required under s. 11.06 (1) in such
24 manner as the board may prescribe. The information shall also be included in the
25 next regular report of the individual or committee under s. 11.20. For purposes of ✓

1 this subsection, disbursements cumulate beginning with the day after the last date
2 covered on the preprimary or preelection report and ending with the day before the
3 primary or election. Upon receipt of a report under this subsection, the filing officer
4 shall, within 24 hours of receipt, mail a copy of the report to all candidates for any
5 office in support of or opposition to one of whom a disbursement identified in the
6 report is made.

7 **SECTION 36.** 11.16 (1) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 11.16 (1) (d) This subsection does not apply to disbursements and obligations
9 which are exempted from reporting under s. 11.06 (1g) or (2). ✓ ✓ ✓

10 **SECTION 37.** 11.185 of the statutes is created to read:

11 **11.185 Redirection of contributions made to conduits.** (1) In this
12 section, “sponsor” means a committee, other than a personal campaign committee,
13 support committee, political party, or legislative campaign committee, that is
14 associated with a conduit.

15 (2) A conduit may redirect any contribution received from an individual or
16 organization to a sponsor or, if there is no sponsor, to an administrative fund of the
17 conduit if all of the following apply:

18 (a) The conduit has held the contribution for at least 24 consecutive months,
19 including the 24 months immediately preceding the effective date of this paragraph
20 [LRB inserts date], over which time the individual or organization that made the
21 contribution has made no contact with the conduit.

22 (b) Either of the following apply:

23 1. The conduit has, over the 24-month period described in par. (a), attempted
24 in good faith to contact the individual or organization that made the contribution at
25 least 10 times, and has documented each such attempt, but has been unable to make

1 contact with the individual or organization. A conduit may satisfy the requirement
2 to contact the individual or organization by telephoning the individual or
3 organization at the last-known telephone number; by sending a letter or postcard
4 to the individual or organization by U.S. mail; by sending a message by electronic
5 mail; or by any combination of the foregoing. A conduit may not satisfy the
6 requirement to attempt in good faith to contact the individual or organization at least
7 10 times if all 10 attempted contacts occur within a period of 30 consecutive days.

8 2. The surviving spouse or executor of the estate of a deceased individual that
9 made the contribution authorizes the redirection of the contribution.

10 (3) If a conduit redirects a contribution under this section, the conduit shall
11 include in its report under s. 11.12 (5) or 11.20 for the reporting period during which
12 the contribution is redirected the information about the original contributor
13 required for reporting purposes under s. 11.06 (1) (a) and (b) for the dates on which
14 the contribution is received and redirected and whether the contribution is
15 redirected to a sponsor or to an administrative fund of the conduit.

16 **SECTION 38.** 11.20 (1m) of the statutes is created to read:

17 11.20 (1m) (a) Each registrant required to file reports under this paragraph
18 shall, annually, file reports on the 15th day of the month in the months of January,
19 April, July, and October.

20 (b) Each registrant required to file reports under this paragraph shall file
21 reports as follows:

22 1. In an odd-numbered year, on the 15th day of the month in the months of
23 January, April, July, and October.

24 2. In an even-numbered year, on the 15th day of the month in the months of
25 January, April, and July and on the 4th Tuesday in September.

1 **SECTION 39.** 11.20 (3) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 11.20 (3) (a) 1. and
2 amended to read:

3 11.20 (3) (a) 1. A candidate or personal campaign committee of a candidate at
4 a spring primary shall file a preprimary and preelection report and the periodic
5 reports specified in sub. (1m) (a). If a candidate for a nonpartisan state office at an
6 election is not required to participate in a spring primary, the candidate or personal
7 campaign committee of the candidate shall file a preprimary report at the time
8 prescribed in sub. (2) preceding the date specified in s. 5.02 (20) or (22) for the holding
9 of the primary, were it to be required.

10 **SECTION 40.** 11.20 (3) (a) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

11 11.20 (3) (a) 2. A candidate or personal campaign committee of a candidate at
12 a partisan primary shall file a preprimary and preelection report and the periodic
13 reports specified in sub. (1m) (b).

14 **SECTION 41.** 11.20 (3) (b) of the statutes is renumbered 11.20 (3) (b) 1. and
15 amended to read:

16 11.20 (3) (b) 1. A candidate or personal campaign committee of a candidate at
17 an a spring election shall file a preelection report and the periodic reports specified
18 in sub. (1m) (a).

19 **SECTION 42.** 11.20 (3) (b) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

20 11.20 (3) (b) 2. A candidate or personal campaign committee of a candidate at
21 a general election shall file a preelection report and the periodic reports specified in
22 sub. (1m) (b).

23 **SECTION 43.** 11.20 (3) (c) of the statutes is renumbered 11.20 (3) (c) 1. and
24 amended to read:

1 11.20 (3) (c) 1. A registered committee or individual other than a candidate or
2 personal campaign committee making or accepting contributions, making
3 disbursements or incurring obligations in support of or in opposition to one or more
4 candidates for office at a spring primary, or supporting or opposing other committees
5 or individuals who are engaging in such activities, shall file a preprimary and
6 preelection report and the periodic reports specified in sub. (1m) (a).

7 **SECTION 44.** 11.20 (3) (c) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

8 11.20 (3) (c) 2. A registered committee or individual other than a candidate or
9 personal campaign committee making or accepting contributions, making
10 disbursements or incurring obligations in support of or in opposition to one or more
11 candidates for office at a partisan primary, or supporting or opposing other
12 committees or individuals who are engaging in such activities, shall file a preprimary
13 and preelection report and the periodic reports specified in sub. (1m) (b).

14 **SECTION 45.** 11.20 (3) (d) of the statutes is renumbered 11.20 (3) (d) 1. and
15 amended to read:

16 11.20 (3) (d) 1. A registered committee or individual other than a candidate or
17 personal campaign committee making or accepting contributions, making
18 disbursements or incurring obligations in support of or in opposition to one or more
19 candidates for office at an a spring election, or supporting or opposing other
20 committees or individuals who are engaging in such activities, shall file a preelection
21 report and the periodic reports specified in sub. (1m) (a).

22 **SECTION 46.** 11.20 (3) (d) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

23 11.20 (3) (d) 2. A registered committee or individual other than a candidate or
24 personal campaign committee making or accepting contributions, making
25 disbursements or incurring obligations in support of or in opposition to one or more

1 candidates for office at a general election, or supporting or opposing other
2 committees or individuals who are engaging in such activities, shall file a preelection
3 report and the periodic reports specified in sub. (1m) (b).

4 **SECTION 47.** 11.20 (3) (f) of the statutes is renumbered 11.20 (3) (f) 1. and
5 amended to read:

6 11.20 (3) (f) 1. A contribution, disbursement, or obligation in support of or in
7 opposition to a candidate at a spring primary which is made, accepted, or incurred
8 during the period covered by the preprimary report is considered to be made,
9 accepted, or incurred in support of or in opposition to that candidate at the primary,
10 regardless of whether the candidate is opposed at the primary.

11 **SECTION 48.** 11.20 (3) (f) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

12 11.20 (3) (f) 2. A contribution, disbursement, or obligation in support of or in
13 opposition to a candidate at a partisan primary which is made, accepted, or incurred
14 during the period covered by the preprimary report is considered to be made,
15 accepted, or incurred in support of or in opposition to that candidate at the primary,
16 regardless of whether the candidate is opposed at the primary.

17 **SECTION 49.** 11.20 (3) (g) of the statutes is renumbered 11.20 (3) (g) 1. and
18 amended to read:

19 11.20 (3) (g) 1. A contribution, disbursement, or obligation in support of or in
20 opposition to a candidate at ~~an~~ a spring election which is made, accepted, or incurred
21 during the period covered by the preelection report is considered to be made,
22 accepted, or incurred in support of or in opposition to that candidate at the election,
23 regardless of whether the candidate is opposed at the election.

24 **SECTION 50.** 11.20 (3) (g) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

1 11.20 (3) (g) 2. A contribution, disbursement, or obligation in support of or in
2 opposition to a candidate at a general election which is made, accepted, or incurred
3 during the period covered by the preelection report is considered to be made,
4 accepted, or incurred in support of or in opposition to that candidate at the election,
5 regardless of whether the candidate is opposed at the election.

6 SECTION 51. 11.20 (3) (h) of the statutes is renumbered 11.20 (3) (h) 1. and
7 amended to read:

8 11.20 (3) (h) 1. A registrant who or which makes, accepts, or incurs a
9 contribution, disbursement, or obligation in support of or in opposition to a candidate
10 at a spring primary during the period covered by the preprimary report shall file both
11 the preprimary and preelection reports, regardless of whether the registrant
12 engages in such activity during the period covered by the preelection report.

13 SECTION 52. 11.20 (3) (h) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

14 11.20 (3) (h) 2. A registrant who or which makes, accepts, or incurs a
15 contribution, disbursement, or obligation in support of or in opposition to a candidate
16 at a partisan primary during the period covered by the preprimary report shall file
17 both the preprimary and preelection reports, regardless of whether the registrant
18 engages in such activity during the period covered by the preelection report.

19 SECTION 53. 11.20 (3) (k) of the statutes is renumbered 11.20 (3) (k) 1. and
20 amended to read:

21 11.20 (3) (k) 1. A registered group or individual making or accepting
22 contributions, making disbursements, or incurring obligations in support of or in
23 opposition to a referendum appearing on a spring primary ballot shall file a
24 preprimary and preelection report and the periodic reports specified under sub. (1m)
25 (a).

1 **SECTION 54.** 11.20 (3) (k) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

2 11.20 (3) (k) 2. A registered group or individual making or accepting
3 contributions, making disbursements, or incurring obligations in support of or in
4 opposition to a referendum appearing on a partisan primary ballot shall file a
5 preelection report and the periodic reports specified under sub. (1m) (b).

6 **SECTION 55.** 11.20 (3) (L) of the statutes is renumbered 11.20 (3) (L) 1. and
7 amended to read:

8 11.20 (3) (L) 1. A registered group or individual making or accepting
9 contributions, making disbursements, or incurring obligations in support of or in
10 opposition to a referendum appearing on an a spring election ballot shall file a
11 preelection report and the periodic reports specified under sub. (1m) (a).

12 **SECTION 56.** 11.20 (3) (L) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

13 11.20 (3) (L) 2. A registered group or individual making or accepting
14 contributions, making disbursements, or incurring obligations in support of or in
15 opposition to a referendum appearing on a general election ballot shall file a
16 preelection report and the periodic reports specified under sub. (1m) (b).

17 **SECTION 57.** 11.20 (4) of the statutes is renumbered 11.20 (4) (a) and amended
18 to read:

19 11.20 (4) (a) ~~Continuing reports under s. 11.06 (1) by committees~~ Committees
20 or individuals supporting or opposing candidates for office at a spring primary or
21 spring election, including committees of a political party, and by individuals, groups,
22 or corporations supporting or opposing a referendum appearing on a spring ballot
23 shall ~~be received by~~ submit continuing reports required under s. 11.06 (1) to the
24 appropriate filing officer ~~no earlier than January 1 and no later than January 31; and~~

1 ~~no earlier than July 1 and no later than July 20. Individuals, on the 15th day of the~~
2 ~~month in the months of January, April, July, and October.~~

3 (c) Individuals, committees, groups, and corporations to which s. 11.055 (1)
4 applies shall pay the fee imposed under that subsection with their continuing reports
5 filed in January of each year.

6 **SECTION 58.** 11.20 (4) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

7 11.20 (4) (b) Committees or individuals supporting or opposing candidates for
8 office at a partisan primary or general election, including committees of a political
9 party, and individuals, groups, or corporations supporting or opposing a referendum
10 appearing on a general election ballot shall submit continuing reports required
11 under s. 11.06 (1) to the appropriate filing officer as follows:

12 1. In an odd-numbered year, on the 15th day of the month in the months of
13 January, April, July, and October.

14 2. In an even-numbered year, on the 15th day of the month in April and July
15 and on the 4th Tuesday in September.

16 **SECTION 59.** 11.20 (8) (intro.) and (b) of the statutes are amended to read:

17 11.20 (8) (intro.) Reports filed under subs. (2), (2m), (3), (4), and (4m) shall
18 include all contributions received and transactions made as of the end of:

19 (b) ~~December 31~~ The last day of the immediately preceding month in the case
20 of the continuing report reports required by ~~January 31~~ under sub. (4).

21 **SECTION 60.** 11.20 (8) (c) of the statutes is repealed.

22 **SECTION 61.** 11.20 (12) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 11.20 (12) If a candidate is unopposed in a primary or election, the obligation
24 to file the reports required by this chapter does not cease. Except as provided in ss.
25 11.05 (2r) and 11.19 (2), a registrant who makes or receives no contributions, makes

1 no disbursements or incurs no obligations shall so report on the dates designated in
2 subs. (2), (3), and (4).

3 SECTION 62. 11.21 (16) of the statutes is amended to read:


4 11.21 (16) Require each registrant for whom the board serves as filing officer
5 and who or which accepts contributions in a total amount or value of \$20,000 or more
6 during a campaign period to file each campaign finance report that is required to be
7 filed under this chapter in an electronic format, and accept from any other registrant
8 for whom the board serves as a filing officer any campaign finance report that is
9 required to be filed under this chapter in an electronic format. A registrant who or
10 which becomes subject to a requirement to file reports in an electronic format under
11 this subsection shall initially file the registrant's report in an electronic format for
12 the period which includes the date on which the registrant becomes subject to the
13 requirement. To facilitate implementation of this subsection, the board shall specify,
14 by rule, a type of software that is suitable for compliance with the electronic filing
15 requirement under this subsection. The software shall allow a registrant to provide
16 an electronic signature, as defined in s. 137.11 (8), that is subject to a security
17 procedure, as defined in s. 137.11 (13). The board shall provide copies of the software
18 to registrants at a price fixed by the board that may not exceed cost. ~~Each registrant~~
19 ~~who or which files a report under this subsection in an electronic format shall also~~
20 ~~file a copy of the report with the board that is recorded on a medium specified by the~~
21 ~~board. The copy shall be signed by an authorized individual and filed with the board~~
22 ~~by each registrant no later than the time prescribed for filing of the report under this~~
23 ~~chapter. A registrant who or which files a report under this subsection in an~~
24 ~~electronic format may file with the board that portion of the report signed by an~~
25 ~~authorized individual rather than submit the electronic signature of that individual.~~

1 The board shall provide complete instructions to any registrant who or which files
2 a report under this subsection. In this subsection, the "campaign period" of a
3 candidate, personal campaign committee or support committee begins and ends with
4 the "campaign" of the candidate whose candidacy is supported, as defined in s. 11.26
5 (17), and the "campaign period" of any other registrant begins on January 1 of each
6 odd-numbered year and ends on December 31 of the following year.

7 **SECTION 63.** 11.23 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 11.23 (1) Any group or individual may promote or oppose a particular vote at
9 any referendum in this state. Except as authorized in s. 11.05 (12) (b) and (13), before
10 a group makes or accepts contributions, makes disbursements, or incurs obligations
11 in excess of ~~\$750~~ \$2,500 in the aggregate in a calendar year for such purposes, and
12 before an individual accepts contributions, makes disbursements, or incurs
13 obligations in excess of ~~\$750~~ \$2,500 in the aggregate in a calendar year for such
14 purposes, the group or individual shall file a registration statement under s. 11.05
15 (1), (2) or (2r). In the case of a group the name and mailing address of each of its
16 officers shall be given in the statement. Every group and every individual under this
17 section shall designate a campaign depository account under s. 11.14. Every group
18 shall appoint a treasurer, who may delegate authority but is jointly responsible for
19 the actions of his or her authorized designee for purposes of civil liability under this
20 chapter. The appropriate filing officer shall be notified by a group of any change in
21 its treasurer within 10 days of the change under s. 11.05 (5). The treasurer of a group
22 shall certify the correctness of each statement or report submitted by it under this
23 chapter.

X 24 **SECTION 64.** 11.25 (4) of the statutes is created to read:



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~~11.25 (4)~~ No independent disbursement committee that accepts any contribution from an entity specified in s. 11.38 (1) (a) 1. may make any contribution that the entity is prohibited from making under s. 11.38 (1) (a) 1.

SECTION 65. 11.26 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

11.26 (1) (intro.) No Except as provided in sub. (18), no individual may make any contribution or contributions to a candidate for election or nomination to any of the following offices and to any individual or committee under s. 11.06 (7) acting solely in support of such a candidate or solely in opposition to the candidate's opponent to the extent of more than a total of the amounts specified per candidate:

SECTION 66. 11.26 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

11.26 (1) (a) Candidates for governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state treasurer, attorney general, state superintendent, or justice, ~~\$10,000~~ \$20,000.

SECTION 67. 11.26 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

11.26 (1) (b) Candidates for state senator, ~~\$1,000~~ \$2,000.

SECTION 68. 11.26 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

11.26 (1) (c) Candidates for representative to the assembly, ~~\$500~~ \$1,000.

SECTION 69. 11.26 (1) (cc) of the statutes is amended to read:

11.26 (1) (cc) Candidates for court of appeals judge in districts which contain a county having a population of more than 500,000, ~~\$3,000~~ \$6,000.

SECTION 70. 11.26 (1) (cg) of the statutes is amended to read:

11.26 (1) (cg) Candidates for court of appeals judge in other districts, ~~\$2,500~~ \$5,000.

SECTION 71. 11.26 (1) (cn) of the statutes is amended to read:

1 11.26 (1) (cn) Candidates for circuit judge in circuits having a population of
2 more than 300,000, or candidates for district attorney in prosecutorial units having
3 a population of more than 300,000, ~~\$3,000~~ \$6,000. ✓

4 **SECTION 72.** 11.26 (1) (cw) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 11.26 (1) (cw) Candidates for circuit judge in other circuits or candidates for
6 district attorney in other prosecutorial units, ~~\$1,000~~ \$2,000. ✓

7 **SECTION 73.** 11.26 (2) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 11.26 (2) (intro.) ~~No~~ Except as provided in sub. (18), no committee other than
9 a political party committee or legislative campaign committee may make any
10 contribution or contributions to a candidate for election or nomination to any of the
11 following offices and to any individual or committee under s. 11.06 (7) acting solely
12 in support of such a candidate or solely in opposition to the candidate's opponent to
13 the extent of more than a total of the amounts specified per candidate: ✓

14 **SECTION 74.** 11.26 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 11.26 (2) (a) Candidates for governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state,
16 state treasurer, attorney general, state superintendent, or justice, 4 percent of the
17 value of the disbursement level specified in the schedule under s. 11.31 (1), \$87,000. ✓

18 **SECTION 75.** 11.26 (2) (ab) of the statutes is created to read:

19 11.26 (2) (ab) Candidates for lieutenant governor, \$26,000. ✓

20 **SECTION 76.** 11.26 (2) (ac) of the statutes is created to read:

21 11.26 (2) (ac) Candidates for attorney general, \$44,000.

22 **SECTION 77.** 11.26 (2) (ad) of the statutes is created to read:

23 11.26 (2) (ad) Candidates for secretary of state, state treasurer, state
24 superintendent, or justice, \$18,000. ✓

25 **SECTION 78.** 11.26 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read: ✓

1 11.26 (2) (b) Candidates for state senator, ~~\$1,000~~ \$2,000.

2 SECTION 79. 11.26 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

3 11.26 (2) (c) Candidates for representative to the assembly, ~~\$500~~ \$1,000.

4 SECTION 80. 11.26 (2) (cc) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 11.26 (2) (cc) Candidates for court of appeals judge in districts which contain
6 a county having a population of more than 500,000, ~~\$3,000~~ \$6,000.

7 SECTION 81. 11.26 (2) (cg) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 11.26 (2) (cg) Candidates for court of appeals judge in other districts, ~~\$2,500~~
9 \$5,000.

10 SECTION 82. 11.26 (2) (cn) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 11.26 (2) (cn) Candidates for circuit judge in circuits having a population of
12 more than 300,000, or candidates for district attorney in prosecutorial units having
13 a population of more than 300,000, ~~\$3,000~~ \$6,000.

14 SECTION 83. 11.26 (2) (cw) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 11.26 (2) (cw) Candidates for circuit judge in other circuits or candidates for
16 district attorney in other prosecutorial units, ~~\$1,000~~ \$2,000.

17 SECTION 84. 11.26 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 11.26 (4) ~~No~~ Except as provided in sub. (18), no individual may make any
19 contribution or contributions to all candidates for state and local offices and to any
20 individuals who or committees which are subject to a registration requirement under
21 s. 11.05, including legislative campaign committees and committees of a political
22 party, to the extent of more than a total of ~~\$10,000~~ \$20,000 in any calendar year.

23 SECTION 85. 11.26 (8) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 11.26 (8) (a) ~~No~~ Except as provided in sub. (18), no political party as defined
25 in s. 5.02 (13) may receive more than a total of ~~\$150,000~~ \$300,000 in value of its

1 contributions in any biennium from all other committees, excluding contributions
2 from legislative campaign committees and transfers between party committees of
3 the party. In this paragraph, a biennium commences with January 1 of each
4 odd-numbered year and ends with December 31 of each even-numbered year.

5 **SECTION 86.** 11.26 (8) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 11.26 (8) (b) ~~No~~ Except as provided in sub. (18), no such political party may
7 receive more than a total of \$6,000 \$12,000 in value of its contributions in any
8 calendar year from any specific committee or its subunits or affiliates, excluding
9 legislative campaign and political party committees.

10 **SECTION 87.** 11.26 (8) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 11.26 (8) (c) ~~No~~ Except as provided in sub. (18), no committee, other than a
12 political party or legislative campaign committee, may make any contribution or
13 contributions, directly or indirectly, to a political party under s. 5.02 (13) in a
14 calendar year exceeding a total value of \$6,000 \$12,000.

15 **SECTION 88.** 11.26 (9) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 11.26 (9) (a) (intro.) and
16 amended to read:

17 11.26 (9) (a) (intro.) ~~No~~ Except as provided in sub. (18), no individual who is a
18 candidate for state or local office may receive and accept more than 65 percent of the
19 value of the total disbursement level determined under s. 11.31 the following
20 amounts for the office for which he or she is a candidate during any primary and
21 election campaign combined from all committees ~~subject to a filing requirement,~~
22 ~~including political party and legislative campaign committees.~~ subject to a filing
23 requirement, not including any transfer from any personal campaign committee to
24 another personal campaign committee:

25 **SECTION 89.** 11.26 (9) (a) 1. to 12. of the statutes are created to read:

- 1 11.26 (9) (a) 1. Candidates for governor, \$432,000.
- 2 2. Candidates for lieutenant governor, \$130,000.
- 3 3. Candidates for attorney general, \$108,000.
- 4 4. Candidates for secretary of state, state treasurer, state superintendent, or
- 5 justice, \$87,000.
- 6 5. Candidates for court of appeals judge, \$35,000.
- 7 6. Candidates for state senator, \$14,000.
- 8 7. Candidates for representative to the assembly, \$7,000.
- 9 8. Candidates for circuit judge, \$35,000.
- 10 9. Candidates for district attorney in any prosecutorial unit with a population
- 11 of 500,000 or less, \$35,000.
- 12 10. In any jurisdiction or district, other than a judicial district or circuit, with
- 13 a population of 500,000 or more according to the most recent federal census covering
- 14 the entire jurisdiction or district, for the following countywide offices:
- 15 a. Candidates for county executive, \$54,000.
- 16 b. Candidates for district attorney, \$67,000.
- 17 c. Candidates for county supervisor, \$4,000.
- 18 d. Candidates for any other countywide elective office, not including candidates
- 19 specified under subd. 5. or 8., \$22,000.
- 20 11. In any jurisdiction or district, other than a judicial district or circuit, with
- 21 a population of 500,000 or more according to the most recent federal census covering
- 22 the entire jurisdiction or district, for the following offices in cities of the 1st class:
- 23 a. Candidates for mayor, \$54,000.
- 24 b. Candidates for city attorney, \$34,000.
- 25 c. Candidates for any other city-wide elective office, \$22,000.

1 ~~d. Candidates for alderperson, \$4,000.~~

2 12. Candidates for any local office, who are elected from a jurisdiction or district
3 with less than 500,000 inhabitants according to the latest federal census or census
4 information on which the district is based, as certified by the appropriate filing
5 officer, an amount equal to the greater of the following:

6 a. Two hundred dollars.

7 b. Eleven percent of the annual salary for the office sought, rounded to the
8 nearest multiple of \$25.

9 c. Six cents per inhabitant of the jurisdiction or district, not to exceed \$9,000.

10 SECTION 90. 11.26 (9) (b) of the statutes is renumbered 11.26 (9) (b) (intro.) and
11 amended to read:

12 11.26 (9) (b) (intro.) ~~No~~ Except as provided in sub. (18), no individual who is a
13 candidate for state or local office may receive and accept more than 45 percent of the
14 value of the total disbursement level determined under s. 11.31 the following
15 amounts for the office for which he or she is a candidate during any primary and
16 election campaign combined from all committees other than political party and
17 legislative campaign committees subject to a filing requirement, but including any
18 transfer from any personal campaign committee to another personal campaign
19 committee:

20 SECTION 91. 11.26 (9) (b) 1. to 12. of the statutes are created to read:

21 11.26 (9) (b) 1. Candidates for governor, \$971,000.

22 2. Candidates for lieutenant governor, \$292,000.

23 3. Candidates for attorney general, \$486,000.

24 4. Candidates for secretary of state, state treasurer, state superintendent, or
25 justice, \$195,000.

- 1 5. Candidates for court of appeals judge, \$78,000.
- 2 6. Candidates for state senator, \$31,000.
- 3 7. Candidates for representative to the assembly, \$16,000.
- 4 8. Candidates for circuit judge, \$78,000.
- 5 9. Candidates for district attorney in any prosecutorial unit with a population
6 of 500,000 or less, \$78,000.
- 7 10. In any jurisdiction or district, other than a judicial district or circuit, with
8 a population of 500,000 or more according to the most recent federal census covering
9 the entire jurisdiction or district, for the following countywide offices:
- 10 a. Candidates for county executive, \$122,000.
- 11 b. Candidates for district attorney, \$146,000.
- 12 c. Candidates for county supervisor, \$8,000.
- 13 d. Candidates for any other countywide elective office, not including candidates
14 specified under subd. 5. or 8., \$49,000.
- 15 11. In any jurisdiction or district, other than a judicial district or circuit, with
16 a population of 500,000 or more according to the most recent federal census covering
17 the entire jurisdiction or district, for the following offices in cities of the 1st class:
- 18 a. Candidates for mayor, \$122,000.
- 19 b. Candidates for city attorney, \$73,000.
- 20 c. Candidates for any other city-wide elective office, \$49,000.
- 21 d. Candidates for alderperson, \$8,000.
- 22 12. Candidates for any local office, who are elected from a jurisdiction or district
23 with less than 500,000 inhabitants according to the latest federal census or census
24 information on which the district is based, as certified by the appropriate filing
25 officer, an amount equal to the greater of the following:

- 1 a. Five hundred dollars.
- 2 b. Twenty-four percent of the annual salary for the office sought, rounded to
- 3 the nearest multiple of \$25.
- 4 c. Fifteen cents per inhabitant of the jurisdiction or district, not to exceed
- 5 \$20,000.

6 **SECTION 92.** 11.26 (18) of the statutes is created to read:

7 11.26 (18) (a) Beginning on July 1, 2015, and every 2 years thereafter, the board
8 shall modify the dollar amounts under subs. (1), (2), (4), (8), and (9), rounded to the
9 nearest multiple of \$25, to adjust for the change in the consumer price index, all
10 items, U.S. city average, published by the federal Department of Labor for the
11 preceding 2-year period ending on December 31.

12 (b) In any year in which a special election is called, any amounts under subs.
13 (1), (2), (4), (8), and (9), as adjusted under par. (a), made or received before the date
14 on which the special election is called do not count towards the limits under subs. (1),
15 (2), (4), (8), and (9), as adjusted under par. (a).

16 **SECTION 93.** 11.29 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 11.29 (1) ~~Nothing in this chapter restricts any~~ A corporation, cooperative,
18 unincorporated cooperative association, or voluntary association, other than a
19 political party or personal campaign committee ~~from making disbursements, may~~
20 make a disbursement for the purpose of communicating only with its members,
21 shareholders, or subscribers, to the exclusion of all other persons, with respect to
22 ~~endorsements of candidates, positions~~ the endorsement of a candidate, taking a
23 position on a referendum ~~or explanation of, explaining~~ its views or interests, ~~or~~
24 providing information about how to make a contribution to a candidate endorsed by
25 the corporation, cooperative, or association without reporting such activity. No such

1 corporation, cooperative, or association may solicit contributions from persons who
2 are not members, shareholders, or subscribers to be used for such purposes activity.

3 **SECTION 94.** 11.30 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 11.30 (2) (a) The source of every printed advertisement, billboard, handbill,
5 sample ballot, television or radio advertisement or other communication which is
6 paid for by or through any contribution, disbursement or incurred obligation shall
7 clearly appear thereon. This paragraph does not apply to communications for which
8 reporting is not required under s. 11.06 (1g) or (2). ✓

9 **SECTION 95.** 11.30 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 11.30 (4) No owner or other person with a financial interest in a
11 communications medium may utilize such medium in support of or in opposition to
12 a candidate or referendum except as provided in this chapter.

13 **(4m)** This chapter shall not be construed to restrict fair coverage of bona fide
14 news stories, interviews with candidates and other politically active individuals,
15 editorial comment or endorsement. Such activities editorials by any broadcasting
16 station, cable television operator or producer, Internet site, or newspaper or other
17 periodical publication, including an Internet or electronic publication, unless the
18 communication is made by a candidate, personal campaign committee, support
19 committee of a candidate authorized under s. 11.05 (3) (p), or a political party.
20 Activities that are not restricted under this subsection are not subject to an
21 attribution requirement under sub. (2) and need not be reported as a contribution or
22 disbursement.

X 23 **SECTION 96.** 11.38 (title) and (1) (a) 1. of the statutes are amended to read:

24 **11.38 (title) Contributions and disbursements by corporations and**
25 **cooperatives, certain associations, and other entities. (1) (a) 1. No foreign or**

1 domestic corporation, or association organized under ch. 185 or 193, may make any
2 contribution ~~or disbursement~~, directly or indirectly, ~~either independently or through~~
3 ~~any political party, committee, group, candidate or individual for any purpose other~~
4 ~~than to promote or defeat a referendum~~ except to an individual or group for the
5 purpose of advocating the adoption or rejection of a referendum question or to an
6 independent disbursement committee and except that such a corporation or
7 association may make a contribution to a committee that is operated exclusively for
8 the purpose of financing the purchase, lease, or maintenance of space for exclusive
9 use by a political party or legislative campaign committee.

10 SECTION 97. 11.38 (1) (a) 3. of the statutes is repealed. ✓

11 SECTION 98. 11.38 (1) (a) 4. to 7. of the statutes are created to read: ✓

12 11.38 (1) (a) 4. Any foreign or domestic corporation, association organized
13 under ch. 185 or 193, or other entity that is not organized exclusively for political
14 purposes may make an independent disbursement. A corporation, association, or
15 other entity that makes an independent disbursement is not subject to a reporting
16 requirement under s. 11.06 (1) on account of such activity. ✓

17 5. A corporation, association, or other entity that makes one or more
18 independent disbursements in a total amount or value exceeding \$2,500 in the
19 aggregate during a calendar year shall file a registration statement with the
20 appropriate filing officer before making any independent disbursement or
21 disbursements exceeding that amount or value. The corporation, association, or
22 other entity shall also file an oath prescribed by the board affirming its independence
23 from any candidate or candidate's agent or authorized committee. The registration
24 statement shall be filed on a form prescribed by the board, which shall include the
25 name and mailing address of the corporation, association, or other entity, the identity

1 of the custodian of records for the corporation, association, or other entity and the
2 address where the records are kept, and the name and address of a financial
3 institution at which the corporation, association, or other entity has established an
4 account and from which the entity makes the independent disbursements.

X 5 6. A corporation, association, or other entity that makes one or more
6 independent disbursements shall file reports with the appropriate filing officer
7 showing the amount of each independent disbursement, the date on which it is made,
8 and the name of the candidate or candidates on whose behalf or in opposition to
9 whom the disbursement is made, indicating whether the purpose is support or
10 opposition. Except during the period specified in s. 11.12 (6), the reports shall be filed
11 within 72 hours after the independent disbursement is made to the general public.
12 During the period specified in s. 11.12 (6), the reports shall be filed within 24 hours
13 after the independent disbursement is made to the general public. The reports shall
14 include the identity of any donor to the corporation, association, or other entity who
15 made a donation specifically in support of any independent disbursement.

X 16 7. A corporation, association, or other entity that makes one or more
17 independent disbursements shall include in each communication an oral or written
18 attribution identifying the corporation, association, or entity with the words "Paid
19 for by" followed by the name of the corporation, association, or entity and the words
20 "Not authorized by any candidate or political party or their respective agents."

21 **SECTION 99.** 11.38 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 11.38 (1) (b) No political party, committee, group, candidate or individual may
23 accept any contribution or ~~disbursement~~ made to or on behalf of such individual or
24 entity which is prohibited by this section.

25 **SECTION 100.** 11.38 (2) (c) of the statutes is repealed.

1 **SECTION 101.** 11.38 (8) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 11.38 (8) (b) Except as authorized in s. 11.05 (11g), (12) (b) and (13), prior to
3 making any disbursement exceeding the amount specified under s. 11.23 (1) on
4 behalf of a political group which is promoting or opposing a particular vote at a
5 referendum and prior to accepting any contribution or making any disbursement
6 exceeding that amount to promote or oppose a particular vote at a referendum, a
7 corporation or association organized under ch. 185 or 193 that becomes subject to a
8 registration requirement under s. 11.23 (1) shall register with the appropriate filing
9 officer specified in s. 11.02 and appoint a treasurer. The registration form of the
10 corporation or association under s. 11.05 shall designate an account separate from
11 all other corporation or association accounts as a campaign depository account,
12 through which all moneys received or expended for the adoption or rejection of the
13 referendum shall pass. The corporation or association shall file periodic reports
14 under s. 11.20 providing the information required under s. 11.06 (1) except as
15 authorized in s. 11.06 (1g).

16 **SECTION 102.** 13.625 (1) (c) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 13.625 (1) (c) (intro.) Except as permitted in this subsection, make a campaign
18 contribution, as defined in s. 11.01 (6), to a partisan elective state official for the
19 purpose of promoting the official's election to any national, state, or local office; or
20 to a candidate for a partisan elective state office to be filled at the general election
21 or a special election; or to the official's or candidate's personal campaign committee.
22 A lobbyist may make a campaign contribution to a partisan elective state official or
23 candidate for partisan elective state office or his or her to the personal campaign
24 committee may be made of the official or candidate in the year of a candidate's
25 election between June 1 the first day authorized by law for the circulation of

1 nomination papers as a candidate at a general election or special election and the day
2 of the general election or special election, except that:

3 **SECTION 103. Initial applicability.**

4 (1) The treatment of section 11.01 (16) (intro.) and (b) 1. of the statutes first
5 applies with respect to communications made on the effective date of this subsection. ✓

6 (END)