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**PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

1 **AN ACT ...; relating to:** campaign finance.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This is a preliminary draft. An analysis will be provided in a subsequent version of this draft.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** 5.02 (13) of the statutes is amended to read:

3 5.02 (13) "Political party" or "party" means a state committee registered under  
4 s. 11.05 organized exclusively for political purposes under whose name candidates  
5 appear on a ballot at any election, and all county, congressional, legislative, local and  
6 other affiliated committees authorized to operate under the same name. For  
7 purposes of ch. 11, the term does not include a legislative campaign committee or a  
8 committee filing an oath under s. 11.06 (7) has the meaning given in s. 11.0101 (24).

9 **SECTION 2.** 5.05 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

1           5.05 (2) AUDITING. In addition to the facial examination of reports and  
2 statements required under s. ~~11.21 (13)~~ 11.1106 (6) (a), the board shall conduct an  
3 audit of reports and statements which are required to be filed with it to determine  
4 whether violations of ch. 11 have occurred. The board may examine records relating  
5 to matters required to be treated in such reports and statements. The board shall  
6 make official note in the file of a candidate, committee, group or individual under ch.  
7 ~~11~~, as defined in s. 11.0101 (6), of any error or other discrepancy which the board  
8 discovers and shall inform the person submitting the report or statement.

9           **SECTION 3.** 5.05 (2m) (d) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

10           5.05 (2m) (d) 2. No employee of the board, while so employed, may become a  
11 candidate, as defined in s. ~~11.01 (1)~~ 11.0101 (1), for a state or partisan local office.  
12 No individual who is retained by the board to serve as a special investigator or as  
13 special counsel may, while so retained, become a candidate, as defined in s. ~~11.01 (1)~~  
14 11.0101 (1), for any state or local office. A filing officer shall decline to accept  
15 nomination papers or a declaration of candidacy from any individual who does not  
16 qualify to become a candidate under this paragraph.

17           **SECTION 4.** 5.05 (2m) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

18           5.05 (2m) (e) No individual who serves as an employee of the board and no  
19 individual who is retained by the board to serve as a special investigator or a special  
20 counsel may, while so employed or retained, make a contribution, as defined in s.  
21 ~~11.01 (6)~~, to a candidate for state or local office. No individual who serves as an  
22 employee of the board and no individual who is retained by the board to serve as a  
23 special investigator or as special counsel, for 12 months prior to becoming so  
24 employed or retained, may have made a contribution, as defined in s. ~~11.01 (6)~~, to a

1 candidate for a partisan state or local office. In this paragraph, contribution has the  
2 meaning given in s. 11.0101 (8).

3 **SECTION 5.** 5.05 (5e) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 5.05 (5e) BIENNIAL REPORT. The board shall include in its biennial report under  
5 s. 15.04 (1) (d) the names and duties of all individuals employed by the board and a  
6 summary of its determinations and advisory opinions issued under sub. (6a). Except  
7 as authorized or required under sub. (5s) (f) 2., the board shall make sufficient  
8 alterations in the summaries to prevent disclosing the identities of individuals or  
9 organizations involved in the decisions or opinions. The board may also include in  
10 its biennial report any information compiled under s. ~~11.21 (7)~~ 11.1106 (14). The  
11 board shall make such further reports on the matters within its jurisdiction and such  
12 recommendations for further legislation as it deems desirable.

13 **SECTION 6.** 6.87 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 6.87 (3) (b) No elector may direct that a ballot be sent to the address of a  
15 ~~candidate, political party or other registrant~~ committee registered with the board  
16 under s. 11.05 chapter 11 unless the elector permanently or temporarily resides at  
17 that address. Upon receipt of reliable information that an address given by an elector  
18 is not eligible to receive ballots under this subsection, the municipal clerk shall  
19 refrain from mailing or transmitting ballots to that address. Whenever possible, the  
20 municipal clerk shall notify an elector if his or her ballot cannot be mailed or  
21 transmitted to the address directed by the elector.

22 **SECTION 7.** 7.23 (1) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 7.23 (1) (d) ~~Except as provided in s. 11.21 (11) (a), financial~~ Financial reports  
24 may be destroyed 6 years after the date of receipt. Financial registration statements  
25 may be destroyed 6 years after termination of registration.

1           **SECTION 8.** 7.40 of the statutes is amended to read:

2           **7.40 Sample ballots.** Any individual, committee ~~or candidate~~ may, at their  
3 its own expense, and subject to limitations upon contributions and disbursements  
4 under ch. 11, may print a supply of sample ballots, provided ~~they bear on their~~ each  
5 sample ballot includes on its face the information required by s. ~~11.30~~ 11.1104 (2) and  
6 ~~they contain~~ all the names shown on the official ballot. In this section, committee  
7 has the meaning given in s. 11.0101 (6).

8           **SECTION 9.** 7.50 (2) (em) of the statutes is amended to read:

9           **7.50 (2) (em)** Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, write-in votes  
10 shall only be counted if no candidates have been certified to appear on the ballot. If  
11 ~~candidates have~~ a candidate has been certified to appear on the ballot, write-in votes  
12 may only be counted for ~~candidates who file~~ a candidate that files a registration  
13 ~~statements~~ statement under s. ~~11.05 (2g)~~ 11.0202 (1) (a) no later than noon on the  
14 Friday immediately preceding the election. If a candidate certified to appear on the  
15 ballot dies or withdraws before the election, all write-in votes shall be counted.  
16 When write-in votes are counted, every vote shall be counted for the candidate for  
17 whom it was intended, if the elector's intent can be ascertained from the ballot itself.

18           **SECTION 10.** 8.05 (1) (j) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

19           **8.05 (1) (j) 2.** Upon receipt of the notice, each candidate shall file a declaration  
20 of candidacy in the manner prescribed by s. 8.21 with the municipal clerk making the  
21 notification no later than 5 p.m. on the 5th day after the notification is mailed or  
22 personally delivered to the candidate by the municipal clerk, except as authorized  
23 in this paragraph. If an incumbent whose name is certified as a nominee fails to file  
24 a declaration of candidacy within the time prescribed by this paragraph, each  
25 certified candidate for the office held by the incumbent, other than the incumbent,

1 may file a declaration of candidacy no later than 72 hours after the latest time  
2 prescribed in this paragraph. If the candidate has not filed a registration statement  
3 under s. ~~11.05~~ 11.0202 (1) (a) at the time of the notification, the candidate shall file  
4 the statement with the declaration.

5 **SECTION 11.** 8.10 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 8.10 (5) Nomination papers shall be accompanied by a declaration of candidacy  
7 under s. 8.21. If a candidate has not filed a registration statement under s. ~~11.05~~  
8 11.0202 (1) (a) at the time he or she files nomination papers, the candidate shall file  
9 the statement with the papers. A candidate for state office or municipal judge shall  
10 also file a statement of economic interests with the board under s. 19.43 (4) no later  
11 than 4:30 p.m. on the 3rd day following the last day for filing nomination papers  
12 under sub. (2) (a), or no later than 4:30 p.m. on the next business day after the last  
13 day whenever that candidate is granted an extension of time for filing nomination  
14 papers under sub. (2) (a).

15 **SECTION 12.** 8.15 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 8.15 (4) (b) Nomination papers shall be accompanied by a declaration of  
17 candidacy under s. 8.21. If a candidate for state or local office has not filed a  
18 registration statement under s. ~~11.05~~ 11.0202 (1) (a) at the time he or she files  
19 nomination papers, the candidate shall file the statement with the papers. A  
20 candidate for state office shall also file a statement of economic interests with the  
21 board under s. 19.43 (4) no later than 4:30 p.m. on the 3rd day following the last day  
22 for filing nomination papers under sub. (1), or no later than 4:30 p.m. on the next  
23 business day after the last day whenever that candidate is granted an extension of  
24 time for filing nomination papers under sub. (1).

25 **SECTION 13.** 8.16 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

1           8.16 (2) (c) If the person is a candidate for state or local office, the person files  
2 a registration statement under s. ~~11.05~~ 11.0202 (1) (a).

3           **SECTION 14.** 8.20 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

4           8.20 (6) Nomination papers shall be accompanied by a declaration of candidacy  
5 under s. 8.21. If a candidate for state or local office has not filed a registration  
6 statement under s. ~~11.05~~ 11.0202 (1) (a) at the time he or she files nomination papers,  
7 the candidate shall file the statement with the papers. A candidate for state office  
8 shall also file a statement of economic interests with the board under s. 19.43 (4) no  
9 later than 4:30 p.m. on the 3rd day following the last day for filing nomination papers  
10 under sub. (8) (a), or no later than 4:30 p.m. on the next business day after the last  
11 day whenever that candidate is granted an extension of time for filing nomination  
12 papers under sub. (8) (a).

13           **SECTION 15.** 8.30 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

14           8.30 (2) If no registration statement has been filed by or on behalf of a candidate  
15 for state or local office in accordance with s. ~~11.05 (2g) or (2r)~~ 11.0202 (1) (a) by the  
16 applicable deadline for filing nomination papers by such candidate, or the deadline  
17 for filing a declaration of candidacy for an office for which nomination papers are not  
18 filed, the name of the candidate may not appear on the ballot. This subsection may  
19 not be construed to exempt a candidate from applicable penalties if he or she files a  
20 registration statement later than the time prescribed in ~~ss. 11.01 (1) and 11.05 (2g)~~  
21 s. 11.0202 (1) (a).

22           **SECTION 16.** 8.35 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

23           8.35 (2) (a) If a vacancy occurs after nomination due to the death of a candidate  
24 of a recognized political party for a partisan office, the vacancy may be filled by the  
25 chairperson of the committee of the proper political party under s. 7.38, or the

1 ~~personal campaign~~ candidate committee, if any, in the case of independent  
2 candidates. Similar vacancies in nominations of candidates for nonpartisan local  
3 offices may be filled by ~~the candidate's personal campaign~~ a candidate committee or,  
4 if ~~the candidate had~~ there is none, by the body which governs the local governmental  
5 unit in which the deceased person was a candidate for office. The chairperson, chief  
6 officer of the candidate committee, or clerk of the body making an appointment shall  
7 file a certificate of appointment with the official or agency with whom declarations  
8 of candidacy for the office are filed. For purposes of this paragraph, the official or  
9 agency need not recognize members of a ~~personal campaign~~ candidate committee  
10 whose names were not filed under s. ~~11.05~~ 11.0202 (1) (a) prior to the death of the  
11 candidate.

12 **SECTION 17.** 8.35 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 8.35 (2) (c) The official or agency with whom a proper certificate is filed under  
14 par. (b) shall promptly notify the candidate who is nominated and transmit to the  
15 candidate a declaration of candidacy form and, in the case of a candidate for state or  
16 local office, a ~~financial~~ registration statement form under s. ~~11.05~~ 11.0203 (1). No  
17 later than 5 p.m. on the 3rd day after notification of nomination is mailed or  
18 personally delivered to the new nominee by the official or agency, the nominee shall  
19 file a declaration of candidacy and, in the case of a candidate for state or local office,  
20 a registration statement under s. ~~11.05~~ 11.0203 (1). No later than 4:30 p.m. on the  
21 3rd day after notification of nomination is mailed or personally delivered to a new  
22 nominee for state office or municipal judge by the official or agency, the nominee shall  
23 file a statement of economic interests under s. 19.43 (4). If the nominee fails to file  
24 the declaration of candidacy, the official or agency may refuse to place the candidate's  
25 name on the ballot. If the nominee fails to file the registration statement or

1 statement of economic interests, the official or agency may not place the candidate's  
2 name on the ballot.

3 **SECTION 18.** 8.35 (4) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 8.35 (4) (c) ~~The transfer treasurer of the former candidate's committee shall be~~  
5 ~~reported to the appropriate filing officer in a special report submitted by the former~~  
6 ~~candidate's campaign treasurer~~ submit to the appropriate filing officer a special  
7 report detailing the disposition of funds under par. (a) 1. If the former candidate is  
8 deceased and was serving as the treasurer of his or her own campaign treasurer  
9 committee, the former candidate's petitioner or personal representative shall file the  
10 report. The report shall include a complete statement of all contributions,  
11 disbursements, and incurred obligations, pursuant to s. ~~11.06 (1)~~ 11.0204 (1),  
12 covering the period from the day after the last date covered on the former candidate's  
13 most recent report to the date of disposition.

14 **SECTION 19.** 8.35 (4) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 8.35 (4) (d) The newly appointed candidate shall file his or her report at the  
16 next appropriate interval under s. ~~11.20 (2) or (4)~~ 11.0204 after his or her  
17 appointment. The appointed candidate shall include any transferred funds in his or  
18 her first report.

19 **SECTION 20.** 8.35 (4) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 8.35 (4) (e) Any person who violates this subsection may be punished as  
21 provided under s. ~~11.60~~ 11.1200 or ~~11.61~~ 11.1201.

22 **SECTION 21.** 8.50 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 8.50 (3) (a) Nomination papers may be circulated no sooner than the day the  
24 order for the special election is filed and shall be filed not later than 5 p.m. 28 days  
25 before the day that the special primary will or would be held, if required, except when



1 a special election is held concurrently with the spring election or general election, the  
2 deadline for filing nomination papers shall be specified in the order and the date shall  
3 be no earlier than the date provided in s. 8.10 (2) (a) or 8.15 (1), respectively, and no  
4 later than 35 days prior to the date of the spring primary or no later than June 1  
5 preceding the partisan primary. Nomination papers may be filed in the manner  
6 specified in s. 8.10, 8.15, or 8.20. Each candidate shall file a declaration of candidacy  
7 in the manner provided in s. 8.21 no later than the latest time provided in the order  
8 for filing nomination papers. If a candidate for state or local office has not filed a  
9 registration statement under s. ~~11.05~~ 11.0202 (1) (a) at the time he or she files  
10 nomination papers, the candidate shall file the statement with the papers. A  
11 candidate for state office shall also file a statement of economic interests with the  
12 board no later than the end of the 3rd day following the last day for filing nomination  
13 papers specified in the order.

14 **SECTION 22.** 9.01 (5) (bm) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 9.01 (5) (bm) Upon the completion of its proceedings, a board of canvassers  
16 shall deliver to the board one copy of the minutes of the proceedings kept under par.  
17 (a). In addition, in the case of a recount of an election for state or national office, for  
18 each candidate whose name appears on the ballot for that office under the name of  
19 a political party, the board of canvassers shall deliver one copy of the minutes to the  
20 chief officer, if any, who is named in any registration statement filed under s. ~~11.05~~  
21 (1) 11.0302 by the state committee of that political party, and in the case of a recount  
22 of an election for county office, for each candidate whose name appears on the ballot  
23 for that office under the name of a political party, the board of canvassers shall  
24 deliver one copy of the minutes to the chief officer, if any, who is named in any

1 registration statement filed under s. ~~11.05-(1)~~ 11.0302 by the county committee of  
2 that political party.

3 **SECTION 23.** 9.10 (2) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 9.10 (2) (d) No petition may be offered for filing for the recall of an officer unless  
5 the petitioner first files a registration statement under s. ~~11.05-(1) or (2)~~ 11.0802 with  
6 the filing officer with whom the petition is filed. The petitioner shall append to the  
7 registration a statement indicating his or her intent to circulate a recall petition, the  
8 name of the officer for whom recall is sought and, in the case of a petition for the recall  
9 of a city, village, town, town sanitary district, or school district officer, a statement  
10 of a reason for the recall which is related to the official responsibilities of the official  
11 for whom removal is sought. No petitioner may circulate a petition for the recall of  
12 an officer prior to completing registration. The last date that a petition for the recall  
13 of an officer may be offered for filing is 5 p.m. on the 60th day commencing after  
14 registration. After the recall petition has been offered for filing, no name may be  
15 added or removed. No signature may be counted unless the date of the signature is  
16 within the period provided in this paragraph.

17 **SECTION 24.** Chapter 11 of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

18 **CHAPTER 11**

19 **CAMPAIGN FINANCING**

20 **SUBCHAPTER I**

21 **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

22 **11.0101 Definitions.** In this chapter:

23 (1) "Candidate" means an individual about whom any of the following applies:

24 (a) The individual takes any of the following affirmative actions to seek  
25 nomination or election to a state or local office:

- 1           1. Files nomination papers with the appropriate filing officer.
- 2           2. Is nominated as a candidate for state or local office by a caucus under s. 8.05
- 3           (1) or by a political party and the nomination is certified to the appropriate filing
- 4           officer.
- 5           3. Receives a contribution, makes a disbursement, or gives consent for another
- 6           person to receive a contribution or make a disbursement in order to bring about the
- 7           individual's nomination or election to a state or local office.
- 8           (b) The individual holds a state or local office and is the subject of a recall
- 9           petition.
- 10          (c) The individual holds a state or local office.
- 11          **(2)** "Candidate committee" means a committee authorized by a candidate or a
- 12          candidate's agent to accept contributions or make disbursements in support of a
- 13          candidate's campaign.
- 14          **(3)** "Charitable organization" means any organization described in section 170
- 15          (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- 16          **(4)** "Candidate's agent" means an individual who has control over the
- 17          day-to-day operation of the candidate committee, but does not include an employee
- 18          of a political party or a legislative campaign committee that is not also an employee
- 19          of the candidate.
- 20          **(5)** "Clearly identified" means any of the following with regard to a
- 21          communication supporting or opposing a candidate:
  - 22               (a) The candidate's name appears or is stated.
  - 23               (b) A photograph or drawing of the candidate appears.
  - 24               (c) The candidate's identity is apparent by unambiguous reference.

1           (6) “Committee” means a candidate committee, legislative campaign  
2 committee, political action committee, political party, recall committee, and  
3 referendum committee.

4           (7) “Conduit” means a person other than an individual that receives a  
5 contribution of money, deposits the contribution in an account held by the person,  
6 and releases the contribution to a candidate committee, legislative campaign  
7 committee, political party, or political action committee at the direction of the  
8 contributor.

9           (8) (a) Except as provided in par. (b), “contribution” means any of the following:

10           1. A gift, subscription, loan, advance, or transfer of money to a committee.

11           2. A transfer of tangible personal property or services to a committee valued  
12 at replacement value at the time of transfer.

13           3. A transfer of funds between committees.

14           4. The purchase of a ticket for a fundraising event for a committee regardless  
15 of whether the ticket is used to attend the event.

16           (b) “Contribution” does not include any of the following:

17           1. Services that an individual provides to a committee, if the individual is not  
18 specifically compensated for providing the services to the committee.

19           2. Any unreimbursed travel expenses that an individual incurs to volunteer his  
20 or her personal services to a committee.

21           3. The costs of preparing and transmitting personal correspondence.

22           4. Interest earned on an interest-bearing account.

23           5. Rebates or awards earned in connection with the use of a debit or credit card.

24           6. A loan from a commercial lending institution that the institution makes in  
25 its ordinary course of business.

1           7. The reuse of surplus materials or the use of unused surplus materials  
2 acquired in connection with a previous campaign for or against the same candidate,  
3 political party, or recall if the materials were previously reported as a contribution  
4 under subchapter IX.

5           8. The cost of invitations, food, and beverages in connection with an event held  
6 in a private residence on behalf of a candidate committee.

7           (9) “Corporation” includes a foreign limited liability company, as defined in s.  
8 183.0102 (8) and a limited liability company, as defined in s. 183.0102 (10), if the  
9 foreign limited liability company or the limited liability company elect to be treated  
10 as a corporation by the federal internal revenue service, pursuant to 26 CFR  
11 301.7701-3, or if the foreign limited liability company or the limited liability  
12 company has publicly traded shares.

13           (10) “Disbursement” means any of the following:

- 14           (a) An expenditure by a committee from the committee’s depository account.  
15           (b) The transfer of tangible personal property or services by a committee.  
16           (c) A transfer of funds between committees.

17           (11) “Express advocacy” means all of the following:

18           (a) Communications that expressly advocate for the election or defeat of a  
19 clearly identified candidate using terms such as:

- 20           1. “Vote for”.  
21           2. “Elect”.  
22           3. “Support”.  
23           4. “Cast your ballot for”.  
24           5. “Smith for ... (an elective office)”.  
25           6. “Vote against”.

1           7. “Defeat”.

2           8. “Reject”.

3           9. “Cast your ballot against”.

4           (b) Communications that are susceptible to no reasonable interpretation other  
5 than as an appeal to vote for or against a clearly identified candidate for election or  
6 nomination for election.

7           (12) “Federal account committee” means a committee of a state political party  
8 organization that makes contributions to candidates for national office and is  
9 registered with the federal election commission.

10          (13) “Federal candidate committee” means a committee of a candidate for the  
11 U.S. senate or house of representatives from this state that the candidate designates  
12 under 2 USC 432 (e).

13          (14) “Filing officer” means the board or official assigned to a committee or  
14 conduit under s. 11.0102.

15          (15) “General election” means the election held in even-numbered years on the  
16 Tuesday after the first Monday in November to elect United States senators,  
17 representatives in congress, presidential electors, state senators, representatives to  
18 the assembly, district attorneys, state officers other than the state superintendent  
19 and judicial officers, and county officers other than supervisors and county  
20 executives.

21          (16) “Independent expenditure” means an expenditure for express advocacy by  
22 a person, if the expenditure is not made in coordination with a candidate, candidate  
23 committee, candidate’s agent, legislative campaign committee, or political party  
24 committee, as prohibited under s. 11.1003.

25          (17) “Intentionally” has the meaning given in s. 939.23 (3).

1           **(18)** “Legislative campaign committee” means a committee organized in either  
2 house of the legislature to support a candidate of a political party for legislative office.

3           **(19)** “Major purpose” means a person’s major purpose as specified in the  
4 person’s organizational documents or as indicated by the person to the board. In this  
5 subsection, “person” does not include an individual.

6           **(20)** “National political party committee” means a national committee as  
7 defined in 2 USC 431 (14).

8           **(20m)** “Negotiable instrument” includes an electronic transfer of funds.

9           **(21)** “Obligation” means any express agreement to make a disbursement,  
10 including all of the following:

11           (a) A loan or loan guarantee.

12           (b) A promise or a payment to purchase, rent, or lease tangible personal  
13 property.

14           (c) A promise or a payment for a service that has been or will be performed.

15           **(22)** “Partisan primary” means the primary held the 2nd Tuesday in August  
16 to nominate candidates to be voted for at the general election.

17           **(23)** (a) Subject to par. (b), “political action committee” means an entity that  
18 satisfies all of the following:

19           1. Has express advocacy as its major purpose.

20           2. Is organized by any person, other than an individual, or by any combination,  
21 permanent or temporary, of 2 or more persons unrelated by marriage.

22           3. Makes or accepts contributions or makes disbursements with regard to a  
23 state or local office and to support or oppose any of the following:

24           a. A candidate.

25           b. A candidate committee.

1 c. A legislative campaign committee.

2 d. A political party.

3 e. A political action committee.

4 f. A recall committee.

5 (b) “Political action committee” does not include a candidate committee,  
6 legislative campaign committee, political party, or recall committee.

7 **(24)** (a) “Political party” means all of the following:

8 1. A state committee under whose name candidates appear on a ballot at any  
9 election and all county, legislative, local, and other affiliated committees authorized  
10 to operate under the same name.

11 2. A committee described under subd. 1. that makes and accepts contributions  
12 and makes disbursements to support or oppose a candidate for state or local office  
13 or to support or oppose a referendum held in this state.

14 (b) “Political party” does not include a legislative campaign committee.

15 **(25)** “Recall committee” means a committee formed for the purpose of  
16 supporting or opposing the recall of any of the following:

17 (a) An incumbent elective official holding a state office.

18 (b) An incumbent elective official holding a local office.

19 **(26)** “Referendum committee” means a committee that is organized by any  
20 person, other than an individual, or by any combination, permanent or temporary,  
21 of 2 or more persons unrelated by marriage that acts to support or oppose the passage  
22 or defeat of a referendum held in this state, but that does not receive contributions  
23 or make disbursements or contributions for the purpose of influencing or attempting  
24 to influence a candidate’s nomination or election.



1           (27) “Special election” means any election, other than those described in subs.  
2 (15), (22), (28), (30), and (31) to fill vacancies or to conduct a referendum.

3           (28) “Special primary” means the primary held 4 weeks before the special  
4 election, except as follows:

5           (a) If the special election is held on the same day as the general election, the  
6 special primary shall be held on the same day as the general primary.

7           (b) If the special election is held concurrently with the spring election, the  
8 primary shall be held concurrently with the spring primary.

9           (29) “Treasurer” means the individual who registers a committee or conduit  
10 with a filing officer and who makes reports on behalf of the committee or conduit.

11           (30) “Spring election” means the election held on the first Tuesday in April to  
12 elect judicial, educational, and municipal officers, nonpartisan county officers and  
13 sewerage commissioners, and to express preferences for the person to be the  
14 presidential candidate for each political party in a year in which electors for  
15 president and vice president are to be elected.

16           (31) “Spring primary” means the nonpartisan primary held on the 3rd Tuesday  
17 in February to nominate nonpartisan candidates to be voted for at the spring  
18 election.

19           **11.0102 Determination of filing officer and duty to file; fees.** (1) Each  
20 committee and conduit required to register and report under this chapter shall have  
21 and shall file each registration statement and report required under this chapter  
22 with one filing officer as follows:

23           (a) The following shall file with the board:

24           1. A candidate committee of a candidate for state office, as defined in s. 5.02  
25 (23).

- 1           2. A conduit.
- 2           3. A legislative campaign committee.
- 3           4. A political action committee.
- 4           5. A political party.
- 5           6. A recall committee as defined in s. 11.0101 (25) (a).
- 6           7. Except as provided in pars. (f) and (g), a referendum committee.
- 7           (b) Subject to pars. (c) and (d), a candidate committee for a candidate seeking
- 8 local office shall file with the clerk of the most populous jurisdiction for which the
- 9 candidate seeks office.
- 10          (c) A candidate committee for a candidate for municipal judge elected under s.
- 11 755.01 (4) shall file with the county clerk or board of election commissioners of the
- 12 county having the largest portion of the population in the jurisdiction served by the
- 13 judge.
- 14          (d) A candidate committee for a candidate for school board member shall file
- 15 with the school district clerk.
- 16          (e) A recall committee as defined in s. 11.0101 (25) (b) shall file with the filing
- 17 officer for candidates for that office.
- 18          (f) A referendum committee acting to support or oppose any local referendum,
- 19 other than a school district referendum, shall file with the clerk of the most populous
- 20 jurisdiction in which the referendum will be conducted.
- 21          (g) A referendum committee acting to support or oppose a school district
- 22 referendum shall file with the school district clerk.
- 23          **(2)** (a) Except as provided in pars. (c) and (d), each committee that is required
- 24 to register under this chapter shall annually pay a filing fee of \$100 to the board. The
- 25 board may accept payment under this subsection by credit card, debit card, or other

1 electronic payment mechanism, and may charge a surcharge to that committee to  
2 recover the actual costs associated with the acceptance of that electronic payment.

3 (b) Except as provided in s. 11.0104 (1), a committee that is subject to par. (a)  
4 shall pay the fee specified in par. (a) together with the report filed by that committee  
5 on the 15th day of the month of January in each year. If a committee that is subject  
6 to par. (a) registers under this chapter or changes status so that par. (a) becomes  
7 applicable to the committee during a calendar year, the committee shall pay the fee  
8 for that year with the filing of the committee's registration statement or at any time  
9 before the change in status becomes effective.

10 (c) Paragraph (a) does not apply to a candidate committee.

11 (d) Paragraph (a) does not apply to any committee for any year during which  
12 the committee does not make disbursements exceeding a total of \$2,500.

13 **(3)** Each filing officer, other than the board, shall do all of the following:

14 (a) Obtain the forms and manuals prescribed by the board under s. 11.1106 (1)  
15 and (3) and election laws provided by the board under s. 7.08 (4).

16 (b) Develop a filing, coding, and cross-indexing system consonant with the  
17 purposes of this chapter.

18 (c) Make all of the following available, without charge, to any committee  
19 required to file reports or statements with the officer:

20 1. Forms prescribed by the board for the making of reports and statements. The  
21 filing officer shall notify the committee that all forms are available on the board's  
22 Internet site. Whenever a filing officer sends a form or notice of the filing  
23 requirements under this chapter to the treasurer of a candidate committee, the filing  
24 officer shall also send a notice to the candidate.

25 2. Upon request, copies of manuals under par. (a).

1 (d) The filing officer shall provide copies of manuals and election laws to  
2 persons other than a committee under par. (c) at cost.

3 (e) Notify the board, in writing, of any facts within the filing officer's knowledge  
4 or evidence in the officer's possession, including errors or discrepancies in reports or  
5 statements and delinquencies in filing which may be grounds for civil action or  
6 criminal prosecution. The board may transmit a copy of the notification submitted  
7 under this paragraph to the district attorney.

8 (f) Make available a list of delinquents for public inspection.

9 (g) Compile and maintain on an electronic system a current list of all reports  
10 and statements received by or required of and pertaining to each committee  
11 registered under this chapter.

12 (h) Make the reports and statements filed with the officer available for public  
13 inspection and copying, commencing as soon as practicable but not later than the end  
14 of the 2nd day following the day during which they are received.

15 (i) Upon the request of any person, permit copying of any report or statement  
16 described under par. (g) at cost.

17 (j) Determine whether each report or statement required to be filed under this  
18 chapter has been filed in the form and by the time prescribed by law, and whether  
19 it conforms on its face to the requirements of this chapter. The officer shall  
20 immediately send to any committee that is delinquent in filing, or that has filed  
21 otherwise than in the proper form, a notice that the committee has failed to comply  
22 with this chapter. Whenever a candidate committee has appointed an individual  
23 other than the candidate as campaign treasurer, the board shall send the notice to  
24 both the candidate and the treasurer of the candidate committee.

1           **11.0103 Reporting; general.** (1) REPORT MUST BE COMPLETE. (a) Each  
2 committee required to file a report under this chapter shall make a good faith effort  
3 to obtain all required information.

4           (b) Failure to receive a form or notice from a filing officer does not exempt a  
5 committee or conduit from a reporting requirement under this chapter.

6           **(2) CONTRIBUTIONS; WHEN RECEIVED; WHEN REPORTED.** (a) 1. A contribution is  
7 received by a candidate committee for purposes of this chapter when it is under the  
8 control of the candidate or the treasurer or agent of the candidate.

9           2. A contribution is received by a conduit or committee for purposes of this  
10 chapter when it is under the control of the treasurer or agent of the conduit or  
11 committee.

12           (b) Unless it is returned or donated within 15 days of receipt under par. (a), a  
13 contribution must be reported as received on the date received.

14           **(3) CONTENTS OF REPORT; FILING DATES; CERTIFICATION; SHORT FORM; CONTENTS.** (a)  
15 A committee shall begin each report filed under this chapter with the first  
16 contribution received, disbursement made, or obligation incurred during the  
17 reporting period, and shall include all contributions received, disbursements made,  
18 and obligations incurred as of the end of:

19           1. The 15th day preceding the primary or election in the case of the preprimary  
20 and preelection report.

21           2. The last day of the immediately preceding month in the case of a continuing  
22 report required under this chapter.

23           3. The 22nd day following the special election in the case of a postelection report  
24 required under this chapter.

1 (b) Each committee shall ensure that each report is filed with the appropriate  
2 filing officer on the dates designated in this chapter. In the event that any report is  
3 required to be filed under this chapter on a nonbusiness day, a committee may file  
4 the report on the next business day thereafter.

5 (c) 1. Except as provided in subd. 2., the committee's treasurer shall certify to  
6 the correctness of each report filed under this chapter.

7 2. Either the candidate or the treasurer of the candidate's committee shall  
8 certify to the correctness of each report filed under this chapter.

9 (d) The board shall prescribe a simplified, short form for compliance with this  
10 section by a committee treasurer who has not engaged in any financial transaction  
11 since the last date included on the treasurer's preceding report.

12 (4) PREPRIMARY AND PREELECTION REPORTS; INACTIVITY. (a) A contribution,  
13 disbursement, or obligation to support or oppose a candidate at a primary that is  
14 accepted, made, or incurred during the period covered by the preprimary report is  
15 considered to be accepted, made, or incurred to support or oppose that candidate at  
16 the primary, regardless of whether the candidate is opposed at the primary.

17 (b) A contribution, disbursement, or obligation to support or oppose a candidate  
18 at an election that is accepted, made, or incurred during the period covered by the  
19 preelection report is considered to be accepted, made, or incurred to support or  
20 oppose that candidate at the election, regardless of whether the candidate is opposed  
21 at the election.

22 (c) 1. a. Except as provided in subd. 2., a committee that accepts, makes, or  
23 incurs a contribution, disbursement, or obligation to support or oppose a candidate  
24 at a primary during the period covered by the preelection report, but does not engage

1 in such activity during the period covered by the preprimary report, is not required  
2 to file a preprimary report.

3 b. Except as provided in subd. 2., a committee that accepts, makes, or incurs  
4 a contribution, disbursement, or obligation to support or oppose a candidate at an  
5 election during the period covered by the report that follows the preelection report,  
6 but does not engage in such activity during the period covered by the preelection  
7 report, is not required to file a preelection report.

8 2. A candidate committee that accepts, makes, or incurs a contribution,  
9 disbursement, or obligation to support or oppose a candidate at a primary during the  
10 period covered by the preprimary report shall file both the preprimary and  
11 preelection reports, regardless of whether the candidate committee engages in such  
12 activity during the period covered by the preelection report.

13 **11.0104 Reporting exemptions: limited activity.** (1) (a) Except as  
14 provided in par. (b), any committee which does not anticipate accepting  
15 contributions, making disbursements, or incurring obligations in an aggregate  
16 amount exceeding \$2,000 in a calendar year may file an amended registration  
17 statement with the appropriate filing officer indicating that fact. The committee  
18 shall certify the amended registration in the manner required under s. 11.0103 (3)  
19 (c) and shall include the information required to be reported by that committee on  
20 its continuing reports.

21 (b) In no case may a candidate committee file an amended registration under  
22 this section covering any period ending sooner than the date of the election in which  
23 the candidate committee is participating.

24 (2) Upon receipt of a properly executed amended registration by a committee,  
25 the appropriate filing officer shall suspend the requirement imposed upon that

1 committee by this chapter to file continuing reports. An indication of limited activity  
2 under this section is effective only for the calendar year in which it is granted, unless  
3 the committee alters its status before the end of such year or files a termination  
4 report under s. 11.0105.

5 (3) An indication of limited activity made under sub. (1) may be revoked. If  
6 revoked, the committee shall comply with the reporting requirements applicable to  
7 the committee under this chapter as of the date of revocation, or the date that  
8 aggregate contributions, disbursements, or obligations for the calendar year exceed  
9 \$2,000. If the revocation is not timely, the committee violates s. 11.1002.

10 (4) A committee that files an amended registration statement under sub. (1)  
11 is not required to file a termination report under s. 11.0105.

12 (5) If a committee files an amended registration statement under sub. (1) and  
13 within 60 days thereafter receives and accepts an unanticipated contribution, the  
14 committee shall do one of the following within 60 days after receipt of the  
15 unanticipated contribution:

16 (a) File an amended registration statement. An amended registration  
17 statement supersedes the previous registration statement. The individual who  
18 certifies to the accuracy of the registration statement shall also certify that the  
19 amended registration statement is filed on account of the receipt of unanticipated  
20 contributions and the failure to file a correct registration statement was not  
21 intentional.

22 (b) Return the contribution to the contributor or donate the contribution to the  
23 common school fund or to a charitable organization.

24 **11.0105 Reporting exemptions: dissolution of committee or conduit**  
25 **and termination reports. (1) (a) Except as provided in par. (b) and s. 11.0104 (4),**



1 whenever any committee or conduit dissolves or determines that obligations will no  
2 longer be incurred, contributions will no longer be received or, in the case of a conduit,  
3 accepted and released, and disbursements will no longer be made during a calendar  
4 year, and the committee has no outstanding incurred obligations, the committee or  
5 conduit shall file with the appropriate filing officer a termination report that  
6 indicates a cash balance of zero at the end of the reporting period. The committee  
7 or conduit shall certify the termination report in the manner required under s.  
8 11.0103 (3) (c) and the committee shall include the information required to be  
9 reported by that committee on its continuing reports.

10 (b) In no case may a candidate committee file a termination report covering any  
11 period ending sooner than the date of the election in which the candidate committee  
12 is participating.

13 (2) A committee to which s. 11.0102 (2) applies shall pay the fee imposed under  
14 that subsection with a termination report filed under this section.

15 (3) The committee shall include in the termination report filed under this  
16 section the manner in which residual funds were disposed. Residual funds may be  
17 used for any purpose not prohibited by law, returned to the donors in an amount not  
18 exceeding the original contribution, or donated to a charitable organization or the  
19 common school fund.

20 (4) If a committee files a termination report under sub. (1) and within 60 days  
21 thereafter receives and accepts an unanticipated contribution, the committee shall  
22 do one of the following within 60 days after receipt of the unanticipated contribution:

23 (a) File an amended termination report. An amended report supersedes the  
24 previous report. The individual who certifies to the accuracy of the report shall also  
25 certify to a statement that the amended report is filed on account of the receipt of

1 unanticipated contributions and the failure to file a correct termination report was  
2 not intentional.

3 (b) Return the contribution to the contributor or donate the contribution to the  
4 common school fund or to a charitable organization.

5 **11.0106 Disbursements; form.** Every disbursement which is made by a  
6 committee registered under this chapter from the committee's depository account  
7 shall be made by negotiable instrument.

8 **11.0107 Nonapplicability.** Federal account committees, federal candidate  
9 committees, and national political party committees are not required to register or  
10 report under this chapter.

## 11 SUBCHAPTER II

### 12 CANDIDATE COMMITTEES

13 **11.0201 Registration; treasurer and depositories.** (1) Each candidate  
14 shall either appoint a treasurer of his or her candidate committee to comply with the  
15 registration and reporting requirements under this subchapter or serve as the  
16 treasurer and comply with the registration and reporting requirements under this  
17 subchapter. If the candidate appoints a treasurer, the candidate and the candidate's  
18 treasurer shall cosign the registration statement of the candidate's committee.

19 (2) (a) The treasurer shall ensure that all funds received are deposited in the  
20 candidate committee depository account.

21 (b) Notwithstanding par. (a), any candidate who serves as his or her own  
22 treasurer and who is authorized to file and files an amended registration statement  
23 under s. 11.0104 may designate a single personal account as his or her candidate  
24 committee depository account, and may intermingle personal and other funds with  
25 campaign funds. If a candidate establishes a separate candidate committee

1 depository account, the candidate shall transfer all campaign funds in the personal  
2 account to the new depository account. Disbursements made from a personal  
3 account under this paragraph need not be identified in accordance with s. 11.0106.

4 (3) No disbursement may be made or obligation incurred by or on behalf of a  
5 candidate committee without the authorization of the treasurer or a designated  
6 agent.

7 (4) The treasurer shall maintain the records of the candidate committee in an  
8 organized and legible manner for not less than 3 years after the date of the election  
9 in which the candidate committee participates.

10 **11.0202 Registration; timing; candidate committee required.** (1) TIME  
11 OF REGISTRATION. (a) Each candidate, through his or her candidate committee, shall  
12 file a registration statement with the appropriate filing officer giving the  
13 information required under s. 11.0203 as soon as practicable after the individual  
14 qualifies as a candidate under s. 11.0101 (1).

15 (b) A candidate who receives no contributions, makes no disbursements, and  
16 incurs no obligations shall file the registration statement as provided in this  
17 subsection, but need not designate a campaign depository account until the first  
18 contribution is received, disbursement is made, or obligation is incurred.

19 (2) CANDIDATE COMMITTEE REQUIRED. (a) Except as provided in par. (b), no  
20 candidate may accept contributions, make disbursements, or incur obligations  
21 except through a candidate committee registered under this subchapter.

22 (b) A candidate does not violate this subsection by taking any of the following  
23 actions:

24 1. Accepting a contribution, making a disbursement, or incurring an obligation  
25 in the amount required to rent a postal box, or in the minimum amount required by

1 a bank or trust company to open a checking account, prior to the time of registration,  
2 if the disbursement is properly reported on the first report submitted under s.  
3 11.0204 after the date that the candidate committee is registered, whenever a  
4 reporting requirement applies to the candidate committee.

5 2. Accepting a contribution, making a disbursement, or incurring an obligation  
6 required for the production of nomination papers.

7 (c) Except as provided in par. (d), no candidate may establish more than one  
8 candidate committee.

9 (d) An individual who holds a state or local elective office may establish a  
10 second candidate committee under this subchapter for the purpose of pursuing a  
11 different state or local office.

12 **11.0203 Registration; required information. (1) REQUIRED INFORMATION.**

13 The candidate committee shall include all of the following, where applicable, on the  
14 registration statement:

15 (a) The name and mailing address of the candidate committee.

16 (b) The name and mailing address of the candidate committee treasurer and  
17 any other custodian of books and accounts. Unless otherwise directed by the  
18 treasurer on the registration form and except as otherwise provided in this chapter  
19 or any rule of the board, all mailings that are required by law or by rule of the board  
20 shall be sent to the treasurer at the treasurer's address indicated upon the form.

21 (c) In the case of a candidate committee of an independent candidate for  
22 partisan office or a candidate for nonpartisan county or municipal office, a list of the  
23 members of the committee, in addition to those specified in par. (b), if any, whom the  
24 filing officer shall recognize as eligible to fill a nomination vacancy if the candidate  
25 dies before the election.

1 (d) The name and address of the depository account of the candidate committee  
2 and of any other institution where funds of the committee are kept.

3 (2) CERTIFICATION. The individual responsible for filing or amending a  
4 candidate committee's registration statement and any form or report required of the  
5 committee under this chapter shall certify that all information contained in the  
6 statement, form, or report is true, correct, and complete.

7 (3) CHANGE OF INFORMATION. (a) The candidate committee shall report any  
8 change in information previously submitted in a registration statement within 10  
9 days following the change. Except as provided in par. (b), any such change may be  
10 reported only by the individual or by the officer who has succeeded to the position of  
11 an individual who signed the original statement.

12 (b) A candidate or the treasurer of the candidate's committee may report a  
13 change in the candidate committee's registration statement.

14 **11.0204 Reporting.** (1) CONTRIBUTIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS. (a) Each  
15 candidate, through his or her candidate committee, shall make full reports, upon a  
16 form prescribed by the board and certified as required under s. 11.0103 (3) (c), of all  
17 contributions, disbursements, and obligations received, made, and incurred by the  
18 candidate committee. The candidate committee shall include in each report the  
19 following information, covering the period since the last date covered on the previous  
20 report:

21 1. An itemized statement giving the date, full name, and street address of each  
22 person who has made a contribution to the candidate committee, together with the  
23 amount of the contribution.

1           2. An itemized statement giving the date, full name, and street address of each  
2 committee to which the candidate committee has made a contribution, together with  
3 the amount of the contribution.

4           3. The name of the principal place of employment, if any, of each individual  
5 contributor whose cumulative contributions to the candidate committee for the  
6 calendar year are in excess of \$200.

7           4. An itemized statement of each contribution made anonymously. If the  
8 contribution exceeds \$10, the candidate committee shall specify whether the  
9 candidate committee donated the contribution to the common school fund or to a  
10 charitable organization, and shall include the full name and mailing address of the  
11 donee.

12           5. A statement of totals during the reporting period of contributions received  
13 and contributions donated as provided in subd. 4.

14           6. A statement of the cash balance on hand at the beginning and end of the  
15 reporting period.

16           7. An itemized statement of each loan of money made to the candidate  
17 committee in an aggregate amount or value in excess of \$20, together with all of the  
18 following:

19           a. The full name and mailing address of the lender.

20           b. A statement of whether the lender is a commercial lending institution.

21           c. The date and amount of the loan.

22           d. The full name and mailing address of each guarantor, if any.

23           e. The original amount guaranteed by each guarantor.

24           f. The balance of the amount guaranteed by each guarantor at the end of the  
25 reporting period.

1           8. An itemized statement of every disbursement exceeding \$20 in amount or  
2 value, together with the name and address of the person to whom the disbursement  
3 was made, and the date and specific purpose for which the disbursement was made.

4           9. An itemized statement of every obligation exceeding \$20 in amount or value,  
5 together with the name of the person or business with whom the obligation was  
6 incurred, and the date and the specific purpose for which each such obligation was  
7 incurred.

8           10. A statement of totals during the reporting period of disbursements made,  
9 including transfers made to and received from any other committees, other income,  
10 and loans.

11           11. A statement of the balance of obligations incurred as of the end of the  
12 reporting period.

13           (b) The candidate committee shall begin each report filed under this chapter  
14 with the first contribution received, disbursement made, or obligation incurred  
15 during the reporting period.

16           (2) REPORTS; CANDIDATES AT SPRING PRIMARY. A candidate committee of a  
17 candidate at a spring primary or of a candidate at a special primary held to nominate  
18 nonpartisan candidates to be voted for at a special election held to fill a vacancy in  
19 one or more of the nonpartisan state or local offices voted for at the spring election  
20 shall do all of the following:

21           (a) File a preprimary report no earlier than 14 days and no later than 8 days  
22 preceding the primary. If a candidate for a nonpartisan state office at an election is  
23 not required to participate in a spring primary, the candidate committee shall file a  
24 preprimary report at the time prescribed in s. 11.0103 (4) preceding the date specified  
25 for the holding of the primary, were it to be required.

1 (b) File a preelection report no earlier than 14 days and no later than 8 days  
2 preceding the election.

3 (c) Annually in each year of an election cycle, file a report on the 15th day of  
4 the month in the months of January, April, July, and October.

5 **(3) REPORTS; CANDIDATES AT SPRING ELECTIONS.** A candidate committee of a  
6 candidate at a spring election or of a candidate at a special election held to fill a  
7 vacancy in one or more of the nonpartisan state or local offices voted for at the spring  
8 election shall do all of the following:

9 (a) File a preelection report no earlier than 14 days and no later than 8 days  
10 preceding the election.

11 (b) Annually in each year of an election cycle, file a report on the 15th day of  
12 the month in the months of January, April, July, and October.

13 (c) Unless a continuing report is required to be filed under this subsection on  
14 or before the 45th day after the special election, file a postelection report no earlier  
15 than 23 days and no later than 45 days after each special election.

16 **(4) REPORTS; CANDIDATES AT PARTISAN PRIMARY.** A candidate committee of a  
17 candidate at a partisan primary or of a special primary held to nominate candidates  
18 to be voted for at a special election held to fill a vacancy in one or more of the state  
19 or local offices voted for at the general election shall do all of the following:

20 (a) File a preprimary report no earlier than 14 days and no later than 8 days  
21 preceding the primary.

22 (b) File a preelection report no earlier than 14 days and no later than 8 days  
23 preceding the election.

24 (c) In an odd-numbered year, file a report on the 15th day of the month in the  
25 months of January, April, July, and October.



1 (d) In an even-numbered year, file a report on the 15th day of the month in the  
2 months of January, April, and July, and on the 4th Tuesday in September.

3 **(5) REPORTS; CANDIDATES AT GENERAL ELECTIONS.** A candidate committee of a  
4 candidate at a general election or of a candidate at a special election held to fill a  
5 vacancy in one or more of the state or local offices voted for at the general election  
6 shall do all of the following:

7 (a) File a preelection report no earlier than 14 days and no later than 8 days  
8 preceding the election.

9 (b) In an odd-numbered year, file a report on the 15th day of the month in the  
10 months of January, April, July, and October.

11 (c) In an even-numbered year, file a report on the 15th day of the month in the  
12 months of January, April, and July, and on the 4th Tuesday in September.

13 (d) Unless a continuing report is required to be filed under this subsection on  
14 or before the 45th day after the special election, file a postelection report no earlier  
15 than 23 days and no later than 45 days after each special election.

16 **(6) REPORTS; CANDIDATES HOLDING OFFICE BUT NOT UP FOR ELECTION AT GENERAL**  
17 **ELECTION.** A candidate committee of a candidate holding an office voted for at the  
18 general election but not up for election in the current election cycle shall do all of the  
19 following:

20 (a) In an odd-numbered year, file a report on the 15th day of the month in the  
21 months of January, April, July, and October.

22 (b) In an even-numbered year, file a report on the 15th day of the month in the  
23 months of January, April, and July, and on the 4th Tuesday in September.

24 **(7) REPORTS OF LATE CONTRIBUTIONS.** If any contribution or contributions of  
25 \$1,000 or more cumulatively are received by a candidate committee for a candidate

1 for state office from a single contributor later than 15 days prior to a primary or  
2 election and the contribution or contributions are not included in the preprimary or  
3 preelection report required of the committee under this chapter, the treasurer of the  
4 committee or the individual receiving the contribution shall, within 48 hours of  
5 receipt, provide the appropriate filing officer with the information required to be  
6 reported for contributions received by the committee under this subchapter in such  
7 manner as the board may prescribe. The information shall also be included in the  
8 committee's next regular report.

9 **11.0205 Transfers between candidates for governor and lieutenant**  
10 **governor.** The candidate committee for governor and the candidate committee for  
11 lieutenant governor of the same political party may receive contributions and make  
12 disbursements for both candidates from either candidate committee's depository  
13 account.

### 14 SUBCHAPTER III

### 15 POLITICAL PARTIES

16 **11.0301 Registration; treasurer and depositories.** (1) Each political party  
17 required to register under this chapter shall designate a treasurer to comply with the  
18 registration and reporting requirements under this subchapter.

19 (2) The treasurer shall ensure that all funds received are deposited in the  
20 political party depository account.

21 (3) No disbursement may be made or obligation incurred by or on behalf of the  
22 political party without the authorization of the treasurer or a designated agent.

23 (4) The treasurer shall maintain the records of the political party in an  
24 organized and legible manner for not less than 3 years after the date of the election  
25 in which the political party participates.

1           **11.0302 Registration; timing.** Every political party that accepts, makes, or  
2 incurs contributions, disbursements, or obligations to support or oppose a candidate  
3 in a calendar year shall, upon its inception and prior to accepting, making, or  
4 incurring any such contribution, disbursement, or obligation file a registration  
5 statement giving the information required by s. 11.0303.

6           **11.0303 Registration; required information. (1) REQUIRED INFORMATION.**

7           The political party shall include all of the following on the registration statement:

8           (a) The name and mailing address of the political party.

9           (b) The name and mailing address of the treasurer and any other custodian of  
10 books and accounts. Unless otherwise directed by the treasurer on the registration  
11 form and except as otherwise provided in this chapter or any rule of the board, all  
12 mailings that are required by law or by rule of the board shall be sent to the treasurer  
13 at the treasurer's address indicated upon the form.

14           (c) The name and address of the depository account of the political party and  
15 of any other institution where funds of the political party are kept.

16           **(2) CERTIFICATION.** The individual responsible for filing or amending a political  
17 party's registration statement and any form or report required of the political party  
18 under this chapter shall certify that all information contained in the statement,  
19 form, or report is true, correct, and complete.

20           **(3) CHANGE OF INFORMATION.** (a) The political party shall report any change in  
21 information previously submitted in a registration statement within 10 days  
22 following the change. Except as provided in par. (b), any such change may be  
23 reported only by the individual or by the officer who has succeeded to the position of  
24 an individual who signed the original statement.

1 (b) The administrator or treasurer of a political party may report a change in  
2 the political party's registration statement.

3 **11.0304 Reporting. (1) CONTRIBUTIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS.** (a) Each political  
4 party shall make full reports, upon a form prescribed by the board and certified as  
5 required under s. 11.0103 (3) (c), of all contributions, disbursements, and obligations  
6 received, made, and incurred by the political party. The political party shall include  
7 in each report the following information, covering the period since the last date  
8 covered on the previous report:

9 1. An itemized statement giving the date, full name, and street address of each  
10 person who has made a contribution to the political party, together with the amount  
11 of the contribution.

12 2. An itemized statement giving the date, full name, and street address of each  
13 committee to which the political party has made a contribution, together with the  
14 amount of the contribution.

15 3. The name of the principal place of employment, if any, of each individual  
16 contributor whose cumulative contributions to the political party for the calendar  
17 year are in excess of \$200.

18 4. An itemized statement of each contribution made anonymously to the  
19 political party. If the contribution exceeds \$10, the political party committee shall  
20 specify whether the committee donated the contribution to the common school fund  
21 or to a charitable organization, and shall include the full name and mailing address  
22 of the donee.

23 5. A statement of totals during the reporting period of contributions received  
24 and contributions donated as provided in subd. 4.

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

3           7. An itemized statement of each loan of money made to the political party in  
4 an aggregate amount or value in excess of \$20, together with all of the following:

5           a. The full name and mailing address of the lender.

6           b. A statement of whether the lender is a commercial lending institution.

7           c. The date and amount of the loan.

8           d. The full name and mailing address of each guarantor, if any.

9           e. The original amount guaranteed by each guarantor.

10          f. The balance of the amount guaranteed by each guarantor at the end of the  
11 reporting period.

12          8. An itemized statement of every disbursement exceeding \$20 in amount or  
13 value, together with the name and address of the person to whom the disbursement  
14 was made, and the date and specific purpose for which the disbursement was made.

15          9. An itemized statement of every obligation exceeding \$20 in amount or value,  
16 together with the name of the person or business with whom the obligation was  
17 incurred, and the date and the specific purpose for which each such obligation was  
18 incurred.

19          10. A statement of totals during the reporting period of disbursements made,  
20 including transfers made to and received from other committees, other income, and  
21 loans.

22          11. A statement of the balance of obligations incurred as of the end of the  
23 reporting period.

1           (b) The political party shall begin each report filed under this chapter with the  
2 first contribution received, disbursement made, or obligation incurred during the  
3 reporting period.

4           **(2) REPORTS TO SUPPORT OR OPPOSE CANDIDATES AT SPRING PRIMARY.** A political  
5 party that accepts, makes, or incurs contributions, disbursements, or obligations to  
6 support or oppose one or more candidates for office at a spring primary or a candidate  
7 at a special primary held to nominate nonpartisan candidates to be voted for at a  
8 special election held to fill a vacancy in one or more of the nonpartisan state or local  
9 offices voted for at the spring election, or to support or oppose committees engaging  
10 in such activities, shall do all the following:

11           (a) File a preprimary report no earlier than 14 days and no later than 8 days  
12 preceding the primary. If a candidate for a nonpartisan state office at an election is  
13 not required to participate in a spring primary, the political party shall file a  
14 preprimary report at the time prescribed in s. 11.0103 (4) preceding the date specified  
15 for the holding of the primary, were it to be required.

16           (b) File a preelection report no earlier than 14 days and no later than 8 days  
17 preceding the election.

18           (c) Annually in each year of an election cycle, file a report on the 15th day of  
19 the month in the months of January, April, July, and October.

20           **(3) REPORTS TO SUPPORT OR OPPOSE CANDIDATES AT SPRING ELECTION.** A political  
21 party that accepts, makes, or incurs contributions, disbursements, or obligations to  
22 support or oppose one or more candidates for office at a spring election or a candidate  
23 at a special election held to fill a vacancy in one or more of the nonpartisan state or  
24 local offices voted for at the spring election, or to support or oppose committees  
25 engaging in such activities, shall do all the following:

1           (a) File a preelection report no earlier than 14 days and no later than 8 days  
2 preceding the election.

3           (b) Annually in each year of an election cycle, file a report on the 15th day of  
4 the month in the months of January, April, July, and October.

5           (c) Unless a continuing report is required to be filed under this subsection on  
6 or before the 45th day after the special election, file a postelection report no earlier  
7 than 23 days and no later than 45 days after each special election.

8           **(4) REPORTS TO SUPPORT OR OPPOSE CANDIDATES AT PARTISAN PRIMARY.** A political  
9 party that accepts, makes, or incurs contributions, disbursements, or obligations to  
10 support or oppose one or more candidates for office at a partisan primary or a  
11 candidate at a special primary held to nominate candidates to be voted for at a special  
12 election held to fill a vacancy in one or more of the state or local offices voted for at  
13 the general election, or to support or oppose committees engaging in such activities,  
14 shall do all the following:

15           (a) File a preprimary report no earlier than 14 days and no later than 8 days  
16 preceding the primary.

17           (b) File a preelection report no earlier than 14 days and no later than 8 days  
18 preceding the election.

19           (c) In an odd-numbered year, file a report on the 15th day of the month in the  
20 months of January, April, July, and October.

21           (d) In an even-numbered year, file a report on the 15th day of the month in the  
22 months of January, April, and July, and on the 4th Tuesday in September.

23           **(5) REPORTS TO SUPPORT OR OPPOSE CANDIDATES AT GENERAL ELECTION.** A political  
24 party that accepts, makes, or incurs contributions, disbursements, or obligations to  
25 support or oppose one or more candidates for office at a general election or a

1 candidate at a special election held to fill a vacancy in one or more of the state or local  
2 offices voted for at the general election, or to support or oppose committees engaging  
3 in such activities shall do all of the following:

4 (a) File a preelection report no earlier than 14 days and no later than 8 days  
5 preceding the election.

6 (b) In an odd-numbered year, file a report on the 15th day of the month in the  
7 months of January, April, July, and October.

8 (c) In an even-numbered year, file a report on the 15th day of the month in the  
9 months of January, April, and July, and on the 4th Tuesday in September.

10 (d) Unless a continuing report is required to be filed under this subsection on  
11 or before the 45th day after the special election, file a postelection report no earlier  
12 than 23 days and no later than 45 days after each special election.

13 **(6) REPORTS BY POLITICAL PARTY COMMITTEES.** Every committee of a political  
14 party that is required to file statements and reports under this subchapter shall file  
15 all statements and reports with the board. A congressional, legislative, county, or  
16 local party committee may designate a state committee of a political party as its  
17 reporting agent for purposes of this subchapter, but such designation does not permit  
18 combining reports. The state committee treasurer shall inform the board of a  
19 designation made under this subsection.

20 **(7) REPORTS OF LATE CONTRIBUTIONS.** If any contribution or contributions of  
21 \$1,000 or more cumulatively are received by a political party from a single  
22 contributor later than 15 days prior to a primary or election and the contribution or  
23 contributions are not included in the preprimary or preelection report required of the  
24 political party under this chapter, the treasurer of the political party shall, within  
25 48 hours of receipt, provide the appropriate filing officer with the information



1 required to be reported for contributions received by the political party under this  
2 subchapter in such manner as the board may prescribe. The information shall also  
3 be included in the political party's next regular report.

#### 4 SUBCHAPTER IV

#### 5 LEGISLATIVE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEES

6 **11.0401 Registration; treasurer and depositories.** (1) Each legislative  
7 campaign committee required to register under this chapter shall designate a  
8 treasurer to comply with the registration and reporting requirements under this  
9 subchapter.

10 (2) The treasurer shall ensure that all funds received are deposited in the  
11 legislative campaign committee depository account.

12 (3) No disbursement may be made or obligation incurred by or on behalf of a  
13 legislative campaign committee without the authorization of the treasurer or a  
14 designated agent.

15 (4) The treasurer shall maintain the records of the legislative campaign  
16 committee in an organized and legible manner for not less than 3 years after the date  
17 of the election in which the legislative campaign committee participates.

18 **11.0402 Registration; timing.** Every legislative campaign committee that  
19 accepts, makes, or incurs contributions, disbursements, or obligations to support or  
20 oppose a candidate in a calendar year shall, upon its inception and prior to accepting,  
21 making, or incurring any such contribution, disbursement, or obligation, file a  
22 registration statement giving the information required by s. 11.0403.

23 **11.0403 Registration; required information.** (1) REQUIRED INFORMATION.  
24 The legislative campaign committee shall include all of the following on the  
25 registration statement:

1 (a) The name and mailing address of the legislative campaign committee.

2 (b) The name and mailing address of the treasurer and any other custodian of  
3 books and accounts. Unless otherwise directed by the treasurer on the registration  
4 form and except as otherwise provided in this chapter or any rule of the board, all  
5 mailings that are required by law or by rule of the board shall be sent to the treasurer  
6 at the treasurer's address indicated upon the form.

7 (c) The name and address of the depository account of the legislative campaign  
8 committee and of any other institution where funds of the legislative campaign  
9 committee are kept.

10 (d) A statement signed by the leader of the party in the house for which the  
11 legislative campaign committee is established attesting to the fact that the  
12 legislative campaign committee is the only authorized legislative campaign  
13 committee for that party in that house.

14 (2) CERTIFICATION. The individual responsible for filing or amending a  
15 legislative campaign committee's registration statement and any form or report  
16 required of the committee under this chapter shall certify that all information  
17 contained in the statement, form, or report is true, correct, and complete.

18 (3) CHANGE OF INFORMATION. (a) The legislative campaign committee shall  
19 report any change in information previously submitted in a registration statement  
20 within 10 days following the change. Except as provided in par. (b), any such change  
21 may be reported only by the individual or by the officer who has succeeded to the  
22 position of an individual who signed the original statement.

23 (b) The administrator or treasurer of a legislative campaign committee may  
24 report a change in the committee's registration statement.