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# ENGROSSED 2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 387

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

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill restructures chapter 11 of the Wisconsin statutes, the campaign finance law. The bill also makes the following substantive changes:

#### REGISTRATION

The bill requires the following entities to register with the Government Accountability Board or a local filing officer before accepting a contribution, making a disbursement, or incurring an obligation:

1. Candidate committees.
2. Political parties.
3. Legislative campaign committees.
4. Political action committees.
5. Independent expenditure committees.
6. Conduits.
7. Referendum committees.
8. Recall committees.

Each entity ~~that is~~ required to register must appoint a treasurer or, in the case of a conduit, an administrator to comply with the registration and reporting requirements under the bill. A candidate may serve as the treasurer of his or her candidate committee, but the candidate may only accept contributions and make disbursements through his or her committee.

The bill defines a "political action committee" as an entity that has express advocacy as its major purpose, as specified in the committee's organizational documents or as indicated by the committee to the board.

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X Under the bill "express advocacy" means communication that contains terms such as the following or their functional equivalents with reference to a clearly identified candidate and that unambiguously relates to the campaign of that candidate:

1. "Vote for".
2. "Elect".
3. "Support".
4. "Cast your ballot for".
5. "Smith for ... (an elective office)".
6. "Vote against".
7. "Defeat".
8. "Reject".
9. "Cast your ballot against".

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The bill defines "independent expenditure committee" as any person, other than an individual, or any permanent or temporary combination of persons unrelated by marriage, formed for the major purpose of making independent expenditures. The bill defines "independent expenditure" as an expenditure for express advocacy that is not made in coordination with a candidate, candidate committee, candidate's agent, legislative campaign committee, or political party. *are*

**REPORTING**

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All committees required to register under the bill must file periodic reports with the board. The committees report all contributions, disbursements, and obligations received, made, and incurred by the committee. A conduit reports all contributions released to support or oppose a candidate or committee. Committees and conduits, generally, submit the following reports: *Each*

1. A preprimary report. Conduits are not required to submit these reports.
2. A preelection report. Conduits are not required to submit these reports.
3. With regard to a spring primary or spring election, a report filed on the 15th day of January, April, July, and October.
4. With regard to other primaries and elections, or for those holding office not up for election, in an odd-numbered year, a report on filed on the 15th day of January, April, July, and October and, in the even numbered year, a report filed on the 15th day of January, April, and July and on the fourth Tuesday in September.

Under the bill, if a political action committee, an independent expenditure committee, or a person who is not otherwise subject to reporting spends \$5,000 or more in the aggregate on express advocacy during the period beginning 60 days prior to an election and ending on the day of the election, the committee or person must submit a report to the board no later than 48 hours after making the expenditures. *made and received made*

- The report must provide all of the following: *72*
1. The dates on which the committee or person made the expenditures.
  2. The names and addresses of the persons who received the expenditures.
  3. The purpose for making the expenditures.
  4. The amount spent for each act of express advocacy.
  5. The name of the candidate affected by the expenditures.

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6. An affirmation, made under oath, that the person will comply with the prohibition on coordination, as provided under the bill.

7. The name and address of the designated agent of the committee or person.

A person which is not a committee required to register under the bill does not have to register simply because that person reports expenditures for express advocacy made during the 60-day period prior to the election.

**CONTRIBUTIONS**

The bill doubles the contribution limits under current law applicable to candidates for state or local office. Under the bill, every five years, beginning in 2021, the board will adjust the contribution limits to reflect the percentage change in the consumer price index during the preceding five-year period.

The bill allows the following contributions to be made in unlimited amounts:

1. Contributions to a political action committee.
2. Contributions transferred between political action committees.
3. Contributions to a legislative campaign committee, except that a political action committee may contribute no more than \$12,000 in any calendar year to a legislative campaign committee.
4. Contributions to a political party, except that a political action committee may contribute no more than \$12,000 in any calendar year to a political party.
5. Contributions made by a political party or legislative campaign committee to a candidate committee.
6. Contributions paid to a segregated fund established and administered by a political party or legislative campaign committee for purposes other than making contributions to a candidate committee.
7. Contributions that a candidate makes to his or her candidate committee from the candidate's personal funds.
8. Contributions transferred between the candidates for governor and lieutenant governor of the same political party.
9. Contributions used to pay legal fees and other expenses incurred as a result of a recount.
10. Contributions used to pay legal fees and other expenses incurred in connection with a recall.

11. Contributions to a recall committee.

12. Contributions to a referendum committee.

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The bill prohibits corporations, cooperatives, labor organizations, and tribes from contributing to committees, other than independent expenditure committees and referendum committees. The bill also allows corporations, cooperatives, labor organizations, and tribes to contribute to a segregated fund established and administered by a political party or legislative campaign committee for purposes other than making contributions to a candidate committee.

**COORDINATION**

The bill prohibits a person from making an expenditure for express advocacy that is coordinated with a candidate, candidate committee, candidate's agent, legislative campaign committee, or political party and that exceeds the contribution limits or violates the source restrictions established in the bill. An expenditure for

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express advocacy is coordinated with such individuals or entities if the individual or entity exercises control over or engages in substantial discussions with the person making the expenditure regarding the content, timing, form, or frequency of the express advocacy. A coordinated expenditure must be reported by the candidate committee as a contribution.

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

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

2           5.02 (13) “Political party” or “party” means a state committee registered under  
3 s. 11.05 organized exclusively for political purposes under whose name candidates  
4 appear on a ballot at any election, and all county, congressional, legislative, local and  
5 other affiliated committees authorized to operate under the same name. For  
6 purposes of ch. 11, the term does not include a legislative campaign committee or a  
7 committee filing an oath under s. 11.06 (7) has the meaning given in s. 11.0101 (26).

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

9           5.05 (2) AUDITING. In addition to the facial examination of reports and  
10 statements required under s. ~~11.21 (13)~~ 11.1304 (9), the board shall conduct an audit  
11 of reports and statements which are required to be filed with it to determine whether  
12 violations of ch. 11 have occurred. The board may examine records relating to  
13 matters required to be treated in such reports and statements. The board shall make  
14 official note in the file of a candidate, committee, group or individual under ch. 11,  
15 as defined in s. 11.0101 (6), of any error or other discrepancy which the board  
16 discovers and shall inform the person submitting the report or statement. The board  
17 may not audit reports, statements, or records beyond the 3-year period for which a  
18 committee must retain records under ch. 11.

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

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11          violations of ch. 11 have occurred. The board may examine records relating to  
12          matters required to be treated in such reports and statements. The board shall make  
13          official note in the file of a ~~candidate, committee, group or individual under ch. 11,~~  
14          as defined in s. 11.0101 (6), of any error or other discrepancy which the board  
15          discovers and shall inform the person submitting the report or statement. The board  
16          may not audit reports, statements, or records beyond the 3-year period for which a  
17          committee must retain records under ch. 11. ✓

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

19          5.05 (2m) (d) 2. No employee of the board, while so employed, may become a  
20          candidate, as defined in s. ~~11.01 (1)~~ 11.0101 (1), for a state or partisan local office.  
21          No individual who is retained by the board to serve as a special investigator or as  
22          special counsel may, while so retained, become a candidate, as defined in s. ~~11.01 (1)~~  
23          11.0101 (1), for any state or local office. A filing officer shall decline to accept  
24          nomination papers or a declaration of candidacy from any individual who does not  
25          qualify to become a candidate under this paragraph. ✓

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

2           5.05 **(2m)** (e) No individual who serves as an employee of the board and no  
3 individual who is retained by the board to serve as a special investigator or a special  
4 counsel may, while so employed or retained, make a contribution, ~~as defined in s.~~  
5 ~~11.01 (6)~~, to a candidate for state or local office. No individual who serves as an  
6 employee of the board and no individual who is retained by the board to serve as a  
7 special investigator or as special counsel, for 12 months prior to becoming so  
8 employed or retained, may have made a contribution, ~~as defined in s. 11.01 (6)~~, to a  
9 candidate for a partisan state or local office. In this paragraph, contribution has the  
10 meaning given in s. 11.0101 (8). ✓

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

12           5.05 **(5e)** BIENNIAL REPORT. The board shall include in its biennial report under  
13 s. 15.04 (1) (d) the names and duties of all individuals employed by the board and a  
14 summary of its determinations and advisory opinions issued under sub. (6a). Except  
15 as authorized or required under sub. (5s) (f) 2., the board shall make sufficient  
16 alterations in the summaries to prevent disclosing the identities of individuals or  
17 organizations involved in the decisions or opinions. The board may also include in  
18 its biennial report any information compiled under s. ~~11.21 (7)~~ 11.1304 (14). The  
19 board shall make such further reports on the matters within its jurisdiction and such  
20 recommendations for further legislation as it deems desirable.

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

22           6.87 **(3)** (b) No elector may direct that a ballot be sent to the address of a  
23 ~~candidate, political party or other registrant~~ committee registered with the board  
24 under s. 11.05 chapter 11 unless the elector permanently or temporarily resides at  
25 that address. Upon receipt of reliable information that an address given by an elector

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1 is not eligible to receive ballots under this subsection, the municipal clerk shall  
2 refrain from mailing or transmitting ballots to that address. Whenever possible, the  
3 municipal clerk shall notify an elector if his or her ballot cannot be mailed or  
4 transmitted to the address directed by the elector.

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

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

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

10 **7.40 Sample ballots.** Any ~~individual, committee or candidate~~ may, at their  
11 its own expense, and subject to limitations upon contributions and disbursements  
12 under ch. 11, ~~may~~ print a supply of sample ballots, provided ~~they bear on their~~ each  
13 sample ballot includes on its face the information required by s. ~~11.30~~ 11.1303 (2) and  
14 ~~they contain~~ all the names shown on the official ballot. In this section, committee  
15 has the meaning given in s. 11.0101 (6).

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

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

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

2           8.05 (1) (j) 2. Upon receipt of the notice, each candidate shall file a declaration  
3 of candidacy in the manner prescribed by s. 8.21 with the municipal clerk making the  
4 notification no later than 5 p.m. on the 5th day after the notification is mailed or  
5 personally delivered to the candidate by the municipal clerk, except as authorized  
6 in this paragraph. If an incumbent whose name is certified as a nominee fails to file  
7 a declaration of candidacy within the time prescribed by this paragraph, each  
8 certified candidate for the office held by the incumbent, other than the incumbent,  
9 may file a declaration of candidacy no later than 72 hours after the latest time  
10 prescribed in this paragraph. If the candidate has not filed a registration statement  
11 under s. ~~11.05~~ 11.0202 (1) (a) at the time of the notification, the candidate shall file  
12 the statement with the declaration. ✓

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

14           8.10 (5) Nomination papers shall be accompanied by a declaration of candidacy  
15 under s. 8.21. If a candidate has not filed a registration statement under s. ~~11.05~~  
16 11.0202 (1) (a) at the time he or she files nomination papers, the candidate shall file  
17 the statement with the papers. A candidate for state office or municipal judge shall  
18 also file a statement of economic interests with the board under s. 19.43 (4) no later  
19 than 4:30 p.m. on the 3rd day following the last day for filing nomination papers  
20 under sub. (2) (a), or no later than 4:30 p.m. on the next business day after the last  
21 day whenever that candidate is granted an extension of time for filing nomination  
22 papers under sub. (2) (a).

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

24           8.15 (4) (b) Nomination papers shall be accompanied by a declaration of  
25 candidacy under s. 8.21. If a candidate for state or local office has not filed a



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1 registration statement under s. ~~11.05~~ 11.0202 (1) (a) at the time he or she files  
2 nomination papers, the candidate shall file the statement with the papers. A  
3 candidate for state office shall also file a statement of economic interests with the  
4 board under s. 19.43 (4) no later than 4:30 p.m. on the 3rd day following the last day  
5 for filing nomination papers under sub. (1), or no later than 4:30 p.m. on the next  
6 business day after the last day whenever that candidate is granted an extension of  
7 time for filing nomination papers under sub. (1).

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

9 8.16 (2) (c) If the person is a candidate for state or local office, the person files  
10 a registration statement under s. ~~11.05~~ 11.0202 (1) (a).

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

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

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

22 8.30 (2) If no registration statement has been filed by or on behalf of a candidate  
23 for state or local office in accordance with s. ~~11.05 (2g) or (2r)~~ 11.0202 (1) (a) by the  
24 applicable deadline for filing nomination papers by such candidate, or the deadline  
25 for filing a declaration of candidacy for an office for which nomination papers are not

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1 filed, the name of the candidate may not appear on the ballot. This subsection may  
2 not be construed to exempt a candidate from applicable penalties if he or she files a  
3 registration statement later than the time prescribed in ~~ss. 11.01 (1) and 11.05 (2g)~~  
4 s. 11.0202 (1) (a).

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

6 8.35 (2) (a) If a vacancy occurs after nomination due to the death of a candidate  
7 of a recognized political party for a partisan office, the vacancy may be filled by the  
8 chairperson of the committee of the proper political party under s. 7.38, or the  
9 ~~personal-campaign~~ candidate committee, if any, in the case of independent  
10 candidates. Similar vacancies in nominations of candidates for nonpartisan local  
11 offices may be filled by ~~the candidate's personal-campaign~~ a candidate committee or,  
12 if ~~the candidate had~~ there is none, by the body which governs the local governmental  
13 unit in which the deceased person was a candidate for office. The chairperson, chief  
14 officer of the candidate committee, or clerk of the body making an appointment shall  
15 file a certificate of appointment with the official or agency with whom declarations  
16 of candidacy for the office are filed. For purposes of this paragraph, the official or  
17 agency need not recognize members of a ~~personal-campaign~~ candidate committee  
18 whose names were not filed under s. ~~11.05~~ 11.0203 (1) (c) <sup>√</sup> prior to the death of the  
19 candidate.

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

21 8.35 (2) (c) The official or agency with whom a proper certificate is filed under  
22 par. (b) shall promptly notify the candidate who is nominated and transmit to the  
23 candidate a declaration of candidacy form and, in the case of a candidate for state or  
24 local office, a ~~financial~~ registration statement form under s. ~~11.05~~ 11.0203 (1). No  
25 later than 5 p.m. on the 3rd day after notification of nomination is mailed or

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1 personally delivered to the new nominee by the official or agency, the nominee shall  
2 file a declaration of candidacy and, in the case of a candidate for state or local office,  
3 a registration statement under s. ~~11.05~~ 11.0203 (1). No later than 4:30 p.m. on the  
4 3rd day after notification of nomination is mailed or personally delivered to a new  
5 nominee for state office or municipal judge by the official or agency, the nominee shall  
6 file a statement of economic interests under s. 19.43 (4). If the nominee fails to file  
7 the declaration of candidacy, the official or agency may refuse to place the candidate's  
8 name on the ballot. If the nominee fails to file the registration statement or  
9 statement of economic interests, the official or agency may not place the candidate's  
10 name on the ballot.

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

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

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

23 8.35 (4) (d) The newly appointed candidate shall file his or her report at the  
24 next appropriate interval under s. ~~11.20 (2) or (4)~~ 11.0204 after his or her

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1 appointment. The appointed candidate shall include any transferred funds in his or  
2 her first report. ✓

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

4 8.35 (4) (e) Any person who violates this subsection may be punished as  
5 provided under s. ~~11.60~~ 11.1400 or ~~11.61~~ 11.1401.

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

7 8.50 (3) (a) Nomination papers may be circulated no sooner than the day the  
8 order for the special election is filed and shall be filed not later than 5 p.m. 28 days  
9 before the day that the special primary will or would be held, if required, except when  
10 a special election is held concurrently with the spring election or general election, the  
11 deadline for filing nomination papers shall be specified in the order and the date shall  
12 be no earlier than the date provided in s. 8.10 (2) (a) or 8.15 (1), respectively, and no  
13 later than 35 days prior to the date of the spring primary or no later than June 1  
14 preceding the partisan primary. Nomination papers may be filed in the manner  
15 specified in s. 8.10, 8.15, or 8.20. Each candidate shall file a declaration of candidacy  
16 in the manner provided in s. 8.21 no later than the latest time provided in the order  
17 for filing nomination papers. 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 no later than the end of the 3rd day following the last day for filing nomination  
22 papers specified in the order.

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

24 9.01 (5) (bm) Upon the completion of its proceedings, a board of canvassers  
25 shall deliver to the board one copy of the minutes of the proceedings kept under par.

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1 (a). In addition, in the case of a recount of an election for state or national office, for  
2 each candidate whose name appears on the ballot for that office under the name of  
3 a political party, the board of canvassers shall deliver one copy of the minutes to the  
4 chief officer, if any, who is named in any registration statement filed under s. ~~11.05~~  
5 ~~(1) 11.0302~~ by the state committee of that political party, and in the case of a recount  
6 of an election for county office, for each candidate whose name appears on the ballot  
7 for that office under the name of a political party, the board of canvassers shall  
8 deliver one copy of the minutes to the chief officer, if any, who is named in any  
9 registration statement filed under s. ~~11.05~~ ~~(1) 11.0302~~ by the county committee of  
10 that political party.

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

12 9.10 (2) (d) No petition may be offered for filing for the recall of an officer unless  
13 the petitioner first files a registration statement under s. ~~11.05~~ ~~(1) or (2) 11.0902~~ with  
14 the filing officer with whom the petition is filed. The petitioner shall append to the  
15 registration a statement indicating his or her intent to circulate a recall petition, the  
16 name of the officer for whom recall is sought and, in the case of a petition for the recall  
17 of a city, village, town, town sanitary district, or school district officer, a statement  
18 of a reason for the recall which is related to the official responsibilities of the official  
19 for whom removal is sought. No petitioner may circulate a petition for the recall of  
20 an officer prior to completing registration. The last date that a petition for the recall  
21 of an officer may be offered for filing is 5 p.m. on the 60th day commencing after  
22 registration. After the recall petition has been offered for filing, no name may be  
23 added or removed. No signature may be counted unless the date of the signature is  
24 within the period provided in this paragraph. ✓

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

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**11.0100 Construction.** This chapter shall be construed to impose the least possible restraint on persons whose activities do not directly affect the elective process, consistent with the right of the public to have a full, complete, and readily understandable accounting of those activities expressly advocating for or against candidates for office or for or against referendums. Nothing in this chapter may be construed to regulate issue discussion, debate, or advocacy; grassroots outreach or lobbying; nonpartisan voter registration or turnout efforts; or the rights of the media.

**11.0101 Definitions.** In this chapter:

(1) “Candidate” means an individual about whom any of the following applies:

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

1. Files nomination papers with the appropriate filing officer.

2. Is nominated as a candidate for state or local office by a caucus under s. 8.05

(1) or by a political party and the nomination is certified to the appropriate filing officer.

3. Receives a contribution, makes a disbursement, or gives consent for another person to receive a contribution or make a disbursement in order to bring about the individual’s nomination or election to a state or local office.

(b) The individual holds a state or local office and is the subject of a recall petition.

(c) The individual holds a state or local office. ✓

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1           (2) “Candidate committee” means a committee authorized by a candidate or a  
2 candidate’s agent to make or accept contributions or make disbursements in support  
3 of a candidate’s campaign.

4           (3) “Charitable organization” means any organization described in section 170  
5 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

6           (4) “Candidate’s agent” means an individual who has control over the  
7 day-to-day operation of the candidate committee, but does not include an employee  
8 of a political party or a legislative campaign committee that is not also an employee  
9 of the candidate.

10          (5) “Clearly identified” means any of the following with regard to a  
11 communication supporting or opposing a candidate:

12           (a) The candidate’s name appears or is stated.

13           (b) A photograph or drawing of the candidate appears.

14           (c) The candidate’s identity is apparent by unambiguous reference.

15          (6) “Committee” means a candidate committee, legislative campaign  
16 committee, political action committee, independent expenditure committee, political  
17 party, recall committee, and referendum committee.

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

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

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

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1           2. With the committee's consent under s. 11.1109, a transfer of tangible  
2 personal property or services to a committee, valued as provided under s. 11.1105.

3           3. A transfer of funds between committees.

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

6           (b) "Contribution" does not include any of the following:

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

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

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

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

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

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

16           7. The reuse of surplus materials or the use of unused surplus materials  
17 acquired in connection with a previous campaign for or against the same candidate,  
18 political party, or recall if the materials were previously reported as a contribution.

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

21           9. Any communication that does not expressly advocate for the election or  
22 defeat of a clearly identified candidate.

23           10. A communication made exclusively between an organization and its  
24 members. In this subdivision, a member of an organization means a shareholder,



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1 employee, or officer of the organization, or an individual who has affirmatively  
2 manifested an interest in joining, supporting, or aiding the organization.

3 11. Any cost incurred to conduct Internet activity by an individual acting in his  
4 or her own behalf, or acting in behalf of another person if the individual is not  
5 compensated specifically for those services, including the cost or value of any  
6 computers, software, Internet domain names, Internet service providers, and any  
7 other technology that is used to provide access to or use of the Internet, but not  
8 including professional video production services purchased by the individual.

9 12. Any news story, commentary, or editorial by a broadcasting station, cable  
10 television operator, producer, or programmer, Internet site, or newspaper or other  
11 periodical publication, including an Internet or other electronic publication unless  
12 a committee owns the medium in which news story, commentary, or editorial  
13 appears.

14 13. An expenditure of funds by a sponsoring organization for a political action  
15 committee's administrative or solicitation expenses.

16 14. An expenditure of funds by a sponsoring organization for an independent  
17 expenditure committee's administrative or solicitation expenses.

18 15. An expenditure of funds by a sponsor, as defined in s. 11.0705 (1), for a  
19 conduit's administrative or solicitation expenses. ✓

20 (9) "Corporation" includes a foreign limited liability company, as defined in s.  
21 183.0102 (8) and a limited liability company, as defined in s. 183.0102 (10), if the  
22 foreign limited liability company or the limited liability company elect to be treated  
23 as a corporation by the federal internal revenue service, pursuant to 26 CFR  
24 301.7701-3, or if the foreign limited liability company or the limited liability  
25 company has publicly traded shares.

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

2           1. An expenditure by a committee from the committee’s depository account.

3           2. The transfer of tangible personal property or services by a committee.

4           3. A transfer of funds between committees.

5           (b) “Disbursement” does not include any of the following:

6           1. A communication made exclusively between an organization and its  
7 members. In this subdivision, a member of an organization means a shareholder,  
8 employee, or officer of the organization, or an individual who has affirmatively  
9 manifested an interest in joining, supporting or aiding the organization.

10          2. A communication or Internet activity by an individual acting in his or her  
11 own behalf, or acting in behalf of another person if the individual is not compensated  
12 specifically for those services, including the cost or value of computers, software,  
13 Internet domain names, Internet service providers, and any other technology that  
14 is used to provide access to or use of the Internet, but not including professional video  
15 production services purchased by the individual.

16          3. Any news story, commentary, or editorial by a broadcasting station, cable  
17 television operator, producer, or programmer, Internet site, or newspaper or other  
18 periodical publication, including an Internet or other electronic publication unless  
19 a committee owns the medium in which news story, commentary, or editorial  
20 appears.

21          4. A nominal fee paid for a communication to the general public.

22          5. An expenditure of funds by a sponsoring organization for a political action  
23 committee’s administrative or solicitation expenses.

24          6. An expenditure of funds by a sponsoring organization for an independent  
25 expenditure committee’s administrative or solicitation expenses. ✓

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1           7. An expenditure of funds by a sponsor, as defined in s. 11.0705 (1), for a  
2 conduit's administrative or solicitation expenses.

3           8. An expenditure of funds for a political action committee's fundraising and  
4 administrative expenses.

5           9. An expenditure of funds for an independent expenditure committee's  
6 fundraising and administrative expenses.

7           10. An expenditure of funds for a conduit's fundraising and administrative  
8 expenses. ✓

9           (11) "Express advocacy" means a communication that contains terms such as  
10 the following (10) with reference to a clearly identified candidate and that  
11 unambiguously relates to the election or defeat of that candidate: ✓

12           (a) "Vote for".

13           (b) "Elect".

14           (c) "Support".

15           (d) "Cast your ballot for".

16           (e) "Smith for ... (an elective office)".

17           (f) "Vote against".

18           (g) "Defeat".

19           (h) "Reject".

20           (i) "Cast your ballot against".

21           (12) "Federal account committee" means a committee of a state political party  
22 organization that makes contributions to candidates for national office and is  
23 registered with the federal election commission. ✓

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

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

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

12           (16) “Independent expenditure” means an expenditure for express advocacy by  
13 a person, if the expenditure is not made in coordination with a candidate, candidate  
14 committee, candidate’s agent, legislative campaign committee, or political party, as  
15 prohibited under s. 11.1203.

16           (17) “Independent expenditure committee” means any person, other than an  
17 individual, or any permanent or temporary combination of 2 or more persons  
18 unrelated by marriage that satisfies any of the following:

19           1. It has the major purpose of making independent expenditures, as specified  
20 in the person’s organizational or governing documents, the person’s bylaws,  
21 resolutions of the person’s governing body, or registration statements filed by the  
22 person under this chapter. ✓

23           2. It uses more than 50 percent of its total spending in a 12-month period on  
24 independent expenditures and expenditures made to support or defeat a

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1 referendum. In this subdivision, total spending does not include a committee's  
2 fundraising or administrative expenses. ✓

3 (18) "Intentionally" has the meaning given in s. 939.23 (3). ✓

4 (18m) "Internet activity" includes sending or forwarding an electronic  
5 message; providing a hyperlink or other direct access on a person's Internet site to  
6 an Internet site operated by another person; blogging; creating, maintaining, or  
7 hosting an Internet site; payment by a person of a nominal fee for the use of an  
8 Internet site operated by another person; or any other form of communication  
9 distributed over the Internet. ✓

10 (19) "Legislative campaign committee" means a committee organized in either  
11 house of the legislature to support a candidate of a political party for legislative office. ✓

12 (20) (a) "Major purpose" means all of the following: ✓

13 1. A person's major purpose as specified in the person's organizational or  
14 governing documents, the person's bylaws, resolutions of the person's governing  
15 body, or registration statements filed by the person under this chapter. ✓

16 2. The use of more than 50 percent of a person's total spending in a 12-month  
17 period on expenditures for express advocacy, expenditures made to support or defeat  
18 a referendum, or contributions made to a candidate committee, legislative campaign  
19 committee, or political party. In this subdivision, total spending does not include a  
20 committee's fundraising or administrative expenses. ✓

21 (b) In this subsection, "person" does not include an individual. ✓

22 (21) "National political party committee" means a national committee as  
23 defined in 2 USC 431 (14).

24 (22) "Negotiable instrument" includes an electronic transfer of funds.

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1           (23) “Obligation” means any express agreement to make a disbursement,  
2 including all of the following:

3           (a) A loan or loan guarantee.

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

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

7           (24) “Partisan primary” means the primary held the 2nd Tuesday in August  
8 to nominate candidates to be voted for at the general election. ✓

9           (25) (a) Subject to par. (b), “political action committee” means an entity that  
10 is organized by any person, other than an individual, or by any combination,  
11 permanent or temporary, of 2 or more persons unrelated by marriage and that  
12 satisfies any of the following:

13           1. Has express advocacy as its major purpose. ✓

14           2. Makes or accepts contributions or makes disbursements with regard to a  
15 state or local office and to support or oppose any of the following:

16           a. A candidate.

17           b. A candidate committee.

18           c. A legislative campaign committee. ✓

19           d. A political party.

20           e. A political action committee.

21           f. A recall committee.

22           (b) “Political action committee” does not include a candidate committee, ✓

23           (25) (a) Subject to par. (b), “political action committee” means any person, other  
24 than an individual, or any permanent or temporary combination of 2 or more persons  
25 unrelated by marriage that satisfies any of the following:

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1           1. It has the major purpose of express advocacy, as specified in the person's  
2           organizational or governing documents, the person's bylaws, resolutions of the  
3           person's governing body, or registration statements filed by the person under this  
4           chapter.

5           2. It uses more than 50 percent of its total spending in a 12-month period on  
6           expenditures for express advocacy, expenditures made to support or defeat a  
7           referendum, and contributions made to a candidate committee, legislative campaign  
8           committee, or political party. In this subdivision, total spending does not include a  
9           committee's fundraising or administrative expenses.

10          (b) "Political action committee" does not include a candidate committee,  
11          legislative campaign committee, political party, or recall committee. ✓

12          **(26)** (a) "Political party" means all of the following:

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

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

19          (b) "Political party" does not include a legislative campaign committee.

20          **(27)** "Recall committee" means a committee formed for the purpose of  
21          supporting or opposing the recall of any of the following:

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

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

24          **(28)** "Referendum committee" means an entity that satisfies all of the  
25          following:

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1 (a) It has supporting or opposing the passage or defeat of a referendum in this  
2 state as its major purpose.

3 (b) It is organized by any person, other than an individual, or by any  
4 combination, permanent or temporary, of 2 or more persons unrelated by marriage.

5 (c) It does not receive contributions or make disbursements or contributions for  
6 the purpose of influencing or attempting to influence a candidate's nomination or  
7 election.

8 **(28)** "Referendum committee" means an entity that satisfies all of the  
9 following:

10 (a) It satisfies either of the following:

11 1. It has the major purpose of making expenditures to support or defeat a  
12 referendum, as specified in the entity's organizational or governing documents, the  
13 entity's bylaws, resolutions of the entity's governing body, or registration statements  
14 filed by the entity under this chapter.

15 2. It uses more than 50 percent of its total spending in a 12-month period on  
16 expenditures made to support or defeat a referendum. In this subdivision, total  
17 spending does not include a committee's fundraising or administrative expenses.

18 (b) It is organized by any person, other than an individual, or by any permanent  
19 or temporary combination of 2 or more persons unrelated by marriage.

20 (c) It does not receive contributions or make disbursements or contributions for  
21 the purpose of influencing or attempting to influence a candidate's nomination or  
22 election. ✓

23 **(29)** "Special election" means any election, other than those described in subs.  
24 (15), (24), (30), (32), and (33) to fill vacancies or to conduct a referendum. ✓



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1           **(30)** “Special primary” means the primary held 4 weeks before the special  
2 election, except as follows:

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

5           (b) If the special election is held concurrently with the spring election, the  
6 primary shall be held concurrently with the spring primary. ✓

7           **(31)** “Sponsoring organization” means an entity that establishes, administers,  
8 or financially supports a political action committee or an independent expenditure  
9 committee. ✓

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

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

18           **(34)** “Treasurer” means the individual who registers a committee with a filing  
19 officer and who makes reports on behalf of the committee. ○

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

24           (a) The following shall file with the board: ✓

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1           1. A candidate committee of a candidate for state office, as defined in s. 5.02

2           (23). ✓

3           2. A conduit. ✓

4           3. A legislative campaign committee. ✓

5           4. A political action committee. ✓

6           5. A political party. ✓

7           4m. An independent expenditure committee.

8           6. A recall committee as defined in s. 11.0101 (27) (a).

9           7. Except as provided in pars. (f) and (g), a referendum committee.

10           (b) Subject to pars. (c) and (d), a candidate committee for a candidate seeking  
11 local office shall file with the clerk of the most populous jurisdiction for which the  
12 candidate seeks office.

13           (c) A candidate committee for a candidate for municipal judge elected under s.  
14 755.01 (4) shall file with the county clerk or board of election commissioners of the  
15 county having the largest portion of the population in the jurisdiction served by the  
16 judge.

17           (d) A candidate committee for a candidate for school board member shall file  
18 with the school district clerk.

19           (e) A recall committee as defined in s. 11.0101 (27) (b) shall file with the filing  
20 officer for candidates for that office.

21           (f) A referendum committee acting to support or oppose any local referendum,  
22 other than a school district referendum, shall file with the clerk of the most populous  
23 jurisdiction in which the referendum will be conducted.

24           (g) A referendum committee acting to support or oppose a school district  
25 referendum shall file with the school district clerk.

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1           **(2)** (a) Except as provided in pars. (c) and (d), each committee that is required  
2 to register under this chapter shall annually pay a filing fee of \$100 to the board. The  
3 board may accept payment under this subsection by credit card, debit card, or other  
4 electronic payment mechanism, and may charge a surcharge to that committee to  
5 recover the actual costs associated with the acceptance of that electronic payment. ✓

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

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

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

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

17           (a) Obtain the forms and manuals prescribed by the board under s. 11.1304 (1)  
18 and (3) and election laws provided by the board under s. 7.08 (4). ✓

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

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

23           1. Forms prescribed by the board for the making of reports and statements. The  
24 filing officer shall notify the committee that all forms are available on the board's  
25 Internet site. Whenever a filing officer sends a form or notice of the filing

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1 requirements under this chapter to the treasurer of a candidate committee, the filing  
2 officer shall also send a notice to the candidate.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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1 other than the candidate as campaign treasurer, the board shall send the notice to  
2 both the candidate and the treasurer of the candidate committee. ✓

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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 made  
13 or accepted, a disbursement made, or an obligation incurred to support or oppose a  
14 candidate at a primary that is made, accepted, or incurred during the period covered  
15 by the preprimary report is considered to be made, accepted, or incurred to support  
16 or oppose that candidate at the primary, regardless of whether the candidate is  
17 opposed at the primary. ✓

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

23 (c) 1. a. Except as provided in subd. 2., a committee that makes or accepts a  
24 contribution, makes a disbursement, or incurs an obligation to support or oppose a  
25 candidate at a primary during the period covered by the preelection report, but does

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

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

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

13 (5) NONRESIDENT REPORTING. Notwithstanding the reporting requirements that  
14 would otherwise apply under this chapter, but subject to the applicable thresholds  
15 for submitting reports, a committee that does not maintain an office or a street  
16 address in this state shall submit reports on a form prescribed by the board of all  
17 disbursements made and obligations incurred with respect to an election for a state  
18 or local office in this state and contributions from sources in this state. ✓

19 **11.0104 Reporting exemptions: limited activity.** (1) (a) Except as  
20 provided in par. (b), any committee which does not anticipate accepting or making  
21 contributions, making disbursements, or incurring obligations, and any conduit  
22 which does not anticipate accepting or releasing contributions, in an aggregate  
23 amount exceeding \$2,000 in a calendar year may file an amended registration  
24 statement with the appropriate filing officer indicating that fact. The committee or  
25 conduit shall certify the amended registration in the manner required under s.

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1 11.0103 (3) (c) and shall include the information required to be reported by that  
2 committee or conduit on its continuing reports. ✓

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

6 (2) Upon receipt of a properly executed amended registration by a committee  
7 or conduit, the appropriate filing officer shall suspend the requirement imposed  
8 upon that committee or conduit by this chapter to file continuing reports. An  
9 indication of limited activity under this section is effective only for the calendar year  
10 makes or accepts a contribution, makes a disbursement, or incurs an obligation (24;  
11 *AA1-AB387; Page: 27, Line: 3; Could not find pattern match.*) in which it is  
12 granted, unless the committee or conduit alters its status before the end of such year  
13 or files a termination report under s. 11.0105. ✓

14 (3) An indication of limited activity made under sub. (1) may be revoked. If  
15 revoked, the committee or conduit shall comply with the reporting requirements  
16 applicable to the committee or conduit under this chapter as of the date of revocation,  
17 or the date that aggregate contributions, disbursements, or obligations for the  
18 calendar year exceed \$2,000. If the revocation is not timely, the committee or conduit  
19 violates s. 11.1201.

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

22 (5) If a committee or conduit files an amended registration statement under  
23 sub. (1) and within 60 days thereafter receives and accepts an unanticipated  
24 contribution, the committee or conduit shall do one of the following within 60 days  
25 after receipt of the unanticipated contribution: ✓



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1 (a) File an amended registration statement. An amended registration  
2 statement supersedes the previous registration statement. The individual who  
3 certifies to the accuracy of the registration statement shall also certify that the  
4 amended registration statement is filed on account of the receipt of unanticipated  
5 contributions and the failure to file a correct registration statement was not  
6 intentional.

7 (b) Return the contribution to the contributor or donate the contribution to the  
8 common school fund or to a charitable organization. ✓

9 **11.0105 Reporting exemptions: dissolution of committee or conduit**  
10 **and termination reports. (1)** (a) Except as provided in par. (b) and s. 11.0104 (4),  
11 whenever any committee or conduit dissolves or determines that obligations will no  
12 longer be incurred, contributions will no longer be received or, in the case of a conduit,  
13 accepted and released, and disbursements will no longer be made during a calendar  
14 year, and the committee has no outstanding incurred obligations, the committee or  
15 conduit shall file with the appropriate filing officer a termination report that  
16 indicates a cash balance of zero at the end of the reporting period. The committee  
17 or conduit shall certify the termination report in the manner required under s.  
18 11.0103 (3) (c) and the committee shall include the information required to be  
19 reported by that committee on its continuing reports.

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

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

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

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

9           (a) File an amended termination report. An amended report supersedes the  
10 previous report. The individual who certifies to the accuracy of the report shall also  
11 certify to a statement that the amended report is filed on account of the receipt of  
12 unanticipated contributions and the failure to file a correct termination report was  
13 not intentional. √

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

16           **11.0106 Disbursements; form.** Every disbursement which is made by a  
17 committee registered under this chapter from the committee's depository account  
18 shall be made by negotiable instrument.

19           **11.0107 Nonapplicability.** Federal account committees, federal candidate  
20 committees, and national political party committees are not required to register or  
21 report under this chapter. √

**SUBCHAPTER II****CANDIDATE COMMITTEES**

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24           **11.0201 Registration; treasurer and depositories.** (1) Each candidate  
25 shall either designate a treasurer of his or her candidate committee to comply with

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1 the registration and reporting requirements under this subchapter or serve as the  
2 treasurer and comply with the registration and reporting requirements under this  
3 subchapter. If the candidate appoints a treasurer, the candidate and the candidate's  
4 treasurer shall cosign the registration statement of the candidate's committee. ✓

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

7 (b) Notwithstanding par. (a), any candidate who serves as his or her own  
8 treasurer and who is authorized to file and files an amended registration statement  
9 under s. 11.0104 may designate a single personal account as his or her candidate  
10 committee depository account, and may intermingle personal and other funds with  
11 campaign funds. If a candidate establishes a separate candidate committee  
12 depository account, the candidate shall transfer all campaign funds in the personal  
13 account to the new depository account. Disbursements made from a personal  
14 account under this paragraph need not be identified in accordance with s. 11.0106.

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

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

21 **11.0202 Registration; timing; candidate committee required.** (1) TIME  
22 OF REGISTRATION. (a) Each candidate, through his or her candidate committee, shall  
23 file a registration statement with the appropriate filing officer giving the  
24 information required under s. 11.0203 as soon as practicable after the individual  
25 qualifies as a candidate under s. 11.0101 (1). ✓

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

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

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

10 1. Accepting a contribution, making a disbursement, or incurring an obligation  
11 in the amount required to rent a postal box, or in the minimum amount required by  
12 a bank or trust company to open a checking account, prior to the time of registration,  
13 if the disbursement is properly reported on the first report submitted under s.  
14 11.0204 after the date that the candidate committee is registered, whenever a  
15 reporting requirement applies to the candidate committee.

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

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

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

23 **11.0203 Registration; required information.** (1) REQUIRED INFORMATION.

24 The candidate committee shall indicate on the registration statement that it is

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1 registering as a candidate committee and shall include all of the following, where  
2 applicable, on the registration statement: ✓

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

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

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

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

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

20 **(3) CHANGE OF INFORMATION.** (a) The candidate committee shall report any  
21 change in information previously submitted in a registration statement within 10  
22 days 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.

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

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

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

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

16 3. The occupation, if any, of each individual contributor whose cumulative  
17 contributions to the candidate committee for the calendar year are in excess of \$200. ✓

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

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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 candidate  
4 committee in an aggregate amount or value in excess of \$20, together with all of the  
5 following:

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

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

8           c. The date and amount of the loan.

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

10          e. The original amount guaranteed by each guarantor.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

12 (7) REPORTS OF LATE CONTRIBUTIONS. If any contribution or contributions of  
13 \$1,000 or more cumulatively are received by a candidate committee for a candidate  
14 for state office from a single contributor later than 15 days prior to a primary or  
15 election and the contribution or contributions are not included in the preprimary or  
16 preelection report required of the committee under this chapter, the treasurer of the  
17 committee or the individual receiving the contribution shall, within 72 hours of  
18 receipt, provide the appropriate filing officer with the information required to be  
19 reported for contributions received by the committee under this subchapter in such  
20 manner as the board may prescribe. The information shall also be included in the  
21 committee's next regular report.

22 **11.0205 Transfers between candidates for governor and lieutenant**  
23 **governor.** The candidate committee for governor and the candidate committee for  
24 lieutenant governor of the same political party may receive contributions and make

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1 disbursements for both candidates from either candidate committee's depository  
2 account.

3 **11.0206 Soliciting funds on behalf of certain organizations.**

4 Notwithstanding s. 19.45 (2), a candidate may solicit a donation for use by a nonprofit  
5 organization with which he or she is associated, as defined in s. 19.42 (2). ✓

6 **11.0207 Continuing compliance.** An individual does not cease to be a  
7 candidate for purposes of compliance with this chapter or ch. 12 after the date of an  
8 election and no candidate or candidate committee is released from any requirement  
9 or liability otherwise imposed under this chapter or ch. 12 simply because the  
10 election date has passed.

11 SUBCHAPTER III

12 POLITICAL PARTIES

13 **11.0301 Registration; treasurer and depositories.** (1) Each political party  
14 required to register under this chapter shall designate a treasurer to comply with the  
15 registration and reporting requirements under this subchapter.

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

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

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

23 **11.0302 Registration; timing.** Every political party that makes or accepts  
24 contributions, makes disbursements, or incurs obligations to support or oppose a  
25 candidate in a calendar year shall, upon its inception and prior to making or

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1 accepting any such contribution, making any such disbursement, or incurring any  
2 such obligation file a registration statement giving the information required by s.  
3 11.0303. ✓

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

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5 The political party shall indicate on the registration statement that it is registering  
6 as a political party and shall include all of the following on the registration  
7 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.

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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 occupation, if any, of each individual contributor whose cumulative  
16 contributions to the political party for the calendar year are in excess of \$200. ✓

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

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

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

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

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

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

5           c. The date and amount of the loan.

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

7           e. The original amount guaranteed by each guarantor.

8           f. The balance of the amount guaranteed by each guarantor at the end of the  
9 reporting period.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 **(5) REPORTS TO SUPPORT OR OPPOSE CANDIDATES AT GENERAL ELECTION.** A political  
22 party that makes or accepts contributions, makes disbursements, or incurs  
23 obligations to support or oppose one or more candidates for office at a general election  
24 or a candidate at a special election held to fill a vacancy in one or more of the state



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1 or local offices voted for at the general election, or to support or oppose committees  
2 engaging in such activities shall do all of the following:

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

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

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

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

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

19 **(7) REPORTS OF LATE CONTRIBUTIONS.** If any contribution or contributions of  
20 \$1,000 or more cumulatively are received by a political party from a single  
21 contributor later than 15 days prior to a primary or election and the contribution or  
22 contributions are not included in the preprimary or preelection report required of the  
23 political party under this chapter, the treasurer of the political party shall, within  
24 72 hours of receipt, provide the appropriate filing officer with the information  
25 required to be reported for contributions received by the political party under this

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1 subchapter in such manner as the board may prescribe. The information shall also  
2 be included in the political party's next regular report. ✓

**SUBCHAPTER IV****LEGISLATIVE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEES**

5 **11.0401 Registration; treasurer and depositories.** (1) Each legislative  
6 campaign committee required to register under this chapter shall designate a  
7 treasurer to comply with the registration and reporting requirements under this  
8 subchapter.

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

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

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

17 **11.0402 Registration; timing.** Every legislative campaign committee that  
18 makes or accepts contributions, makes disbursements, or incurs obligations to  
19 support or oppose a candidate in a calendar year shall, upon its inception and prior  
20 to making or accepting any such contribution, making any such disbursement, or  
21 incurring any such obligation, file a registration statement giving the information  
22 required by s. 11.0403. ✓

23 **11.0403 Registration; required information.** (1) REQUIRED INFORMATION.  
24 The legislative campaign committee shall indicate on the registration statement