2015 SENATE BILL 630

January 22, 2016 – Introduced by Senators C. LARSON, VINEHOUT and HARRIS DODD, cosponsored by Representatives BERCEAU, BARCA, MASON, OHNSTAD, SARGENT, SUBECK, CONSIDINE, SPREITZER, BROSTOFF and POPE. Referred to Committee on Elections and Local Government.

AN ACT to amend 11.0304 (1) (a) (intro.), 11.0304 (1) (a) 1., 11.0304 (1) (a) 8., 11.0404 (1) (a) (intro.), 11.0404 (1) (a) 1., 11.0404 (1) (a) 8., 11.0604 (1) (a) (intro.) and 11.0804 (1) (a) (intro.) of the statutes; relating to: reporting of contributions received by political parties, legislative campaign committees, independent expenditure committees, and referendum committees from corporations, cooperatives, and American Indian tribes.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill clarifies the reporting requirements made applicable to political parties and certain committees authorized to receive contributions from corporations, cooperatives, and American Indian tribes by 2015 Wisconsin Act 117.

Act 117 permits corporations, cooperatives, and American Indian Tribes to make contributions of up to $12,000 a year to a segregated fund established and administered by a political party or a legislative campaign committee. Act 117 also permits corporations, cooperatives, and American Indian tribes to make unlimited contributions to independent expenditure committees and referendum committees. Act 117 requires each such political party and committee to prepare itemized reports of contributions received and disbursements made by the political party or committee.

This bill requires political parties and legislative campaign committees to separately itemize contributions made to a segregated fund by corporations,
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cooperatives, and American Indian tribes. The bill also requires independent expenditure committees and referendum committees to separately itemize contributions received by corporations, cooperatives, and American Indian tribes. Finally, the bill requires political parties and legislative campaign committees to separately itemize on their campaign finance reports disbursements made from their segregated funds.

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

SECTION 1. 11.0304 (1) (a) (intro.) of the statutes, as created by 2015 Wisconsin Act 117, is amended to read:

11.0304 (1) (a) (intro.) Each political party shall make full reports, upon a form prescribed by the board and certified as required under s. 11.0103 (3) (c), of all contributions, received by the political party, including contributions permitted under s. 11.1112 to a segregated fund established and administered by the political party as described under s. 11.1104 (6), and of all disbursements, made and obligations received, made, and incurred by the political party. The political party shall include in each report the following information, covering the period since the last date covered on the previous report:

SECTION 2. 11.0304 (1) (a) 1. of the statutes, as created by 2015 Wisconsin Act 117, is amended to read:

11.0304 (1) (a) 1. An itemized statement giving the date, full name, and street address of each person who has made a contribution to the political party and of each person who has made a contribution to a segregated fund established and administered by the political party as described under s. 11.1104 (6), together with the amount of the contribution.

SECTION 3. 11.0304 (1) (a) 8. of the statutes, as created by 2015 Wisconsin Act 117, is amended to read:
11.0304 (1) (a) 8. An itemized statement of every disbursement exceeding $20 in amount or value, including every such disbursement made from a segregated fund established and administered by the political party as described under s. 11.1104 (6), together with the name and address of the person to whom the disbursement was made, and the date and specific purpose for which the disbursement was made.

**SECTION 4.** 11.0404 (1) (a) (intro.) of the statutes, as created by 2015 Wisconsin Act 117, is amended to read:

11.0404 (1) (a) (intro.) Each legislative campaign committee shall make full reports, upon a form prescribed by the board and certified as required under s. 11.0103 (3) (c), of all contributions, received by the legislative campaign committee, including contributions permitted under s. 11.1112 to a segregated fund established and administered by the legislative campaign committee as described under s. 11.1104 (6), and of all disbursements, made and obligations received, made, and incurred by the committee. The legislative campaign committee shall include in each report the following information, covering the period since the last date covered on the previous report:

**SECTION 5.** 11.0404 (1) (a) 1. of the statutes, as created by 2015 Wisconsin Act 117, is amended to read:

11.0404 (1) (a) 1. An itemized statement giving the date, full name, and street address of each person who has made a contribution to the legislative campaign committee and of each person who has made a contribution to a segregated fund established and administered by the legislative campaign committee as described under s. 11.1104 (6), together with the amount of the contribution.

**SECTION 6.** 11.0404 (1) (a) 8. of the statutes, as created by 2015 Wisconsin Act 117, is amended to read:
11.0404 (1) (a) 8. An itemized statement of every disbursement exceeding $20 in amount or value, including every such disbursement made from a segregated fund established and administered by the legislative campaign committee as described under s. 11.1104 (6), together with the name and address of the person to whom the disbursement was made, and the date and specific purpose for which the disbursement was made.

**SECTION 7.** 11.0604 (1) (a) (intro.) of the statutes, as created by 2015 Wisconsin Act 117, is amended to read:

11.0604 (1) (a) (intro.) Each independent expenditure committee shall make full reports, upon a form prescribed by the board and certified as required under s. 11.0103 (3) (c), of all contributions, received by the independent expenditure committee, including contributions permitted under s. 11.1112, and of all disbursements, made and obligations received, made, and incurred by the committee. The independent expenditure committee shall include in each report the following information, covering the period since the last date covered on the previous report:

**SECTION 8.** 11.0804 (1) (a) (intro.) of the statutes, as created by 2015 Wisconsin Act 117, is amended to read:

11.0804 (1) (a) (intro.) Each referendum committee shall make full reports, upon a form prescribed by the board and certified as required under s. 11.0103 (3) (c), of all contributions, received by the referendum committee, including contributions permitted under s. 11.1112, and of all disbursements, made and obligations received, made, or incurred by the committee. The referendum
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committee shall include in each report the following information, covering the period since the last date covered on the previous report:

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