

**2019 DRAFTING REQUEST**

**Bill**

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**Pre Topic:**

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**Topic:**

Exempt Governor-Declared Emergency Communications from 50 Piece Rule

**Instructions:**

See attached

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**PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

1     **AN ACT** *to create* 11.1205 (2) (e) of the statutes; **relating to:** exempting  
2             communications relating to a state of emergency or a public health emergency  
3             from the 50 piece rule.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

Currently, under Wisconsin's campaign finance law, a person elected to a state or local government elective office who becomes a candidate for a national, state, or local government office may not use public funds to pay the cost of materials or distribution for 50 or more pieces of substantially identical material during the campaign season. This bill exempts from this prohibition communications relating to a state of emergency or a public health emergency, declared by the governor, made during the emergency period and for 30 days after termination of the emergency.

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

4             **SECTION 1.** 11.1205 (2) (e) of the statutes is created to read:





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**CAMPAIGN FINANCE**

***Communications relating to state of emergency or public health emergency***

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

3             **SECTION 1. Nonstatutory provisions.**

4             (1) COMMUNICATIONS LIMITATIONS UNDER CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAW. Section 11.1205

5             (1) does not apply to communications during the public health emergency declared

**SECTION 1**

1 on March 12, 2020, by executive order 72, including any extension under s. 323.10,  
2 if the communications relate to the public health emergency.

3 (END)



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6             termination of, the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by

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2 relate to the public health emergency.

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