AN ACT to create 11.0101 (25) (a) 3. of the statutes; relating to: the definition of political action committee for campaign finance purposes.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under this bill, for campaign finance purposes, a political action committee includes a person, other than an individual, that spends more than $1,000 in a 12-month period on expenditures for express advocacy, expenditures made to support or defeat a referendum, and contributions made to a candidate committee, legislative campaign committee, or political party.

Current law provides that a political action committee is a person, other than an individual, that either has express advocacy as its major purpose or spends more than 50 percent of its total spending in a 12-month period on expenditures for express advocacy, expenditures made to support or defeat a referendum, and contributions made to a candidate committee, legislative campaign committee, or political party.

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

SECTION 1. 11.0101 (25) (a) 3. of the statutes is created to read:

11.0101 (25) (a) 3. It spends more than $1,000 in a 12-month period on expenditures for express advocacy, expenditures made to support or defeat a
referendum, and contributions made to a candidate committee, legislative campaign
committee, or political party. In this subdivision, spending does not include a
committee’s fundraising or administrative expenses.

(END)