2021 SENATE BILL 529

August 26, 2021 – Introduced by Senators LARSON, CARPENTER, AGARD and JOHNSON, cosponsored by Representatives BROSTOFF, ANDERSON, SINICKI, HEBL, SHANKLAND, OHNSTAD, BALDEH, NEUBAUER, SNODGRASS, SPREITZER, MILROY, CONSIDINE, POPE, CONLEY, SHELTON and ANDRACA. Referred to Committee on Elections, Election Process Reform and Ethics.

AN ACT to amend 11.1112 of the statutes; relating to: contributions by corporations, cooperative associations, labor organizations, and federally recognized American Indian Tribes.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill prohibits a corporation, cooperative association, labor organization, or federally recognized American Indian Tribe from making a contribution to a segregated fund established and administered by a political party or legislative campaign committee. Current law authorizes these entities to make contributions to a segregated fund of up to $12,000 in the aggregate in a calendar year. Current law specifies that a segregated fund is a fund established by a political party or legislative campaign committee for purposes other than making contributions to a candidate committee or making disbursements for express advocacy.

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

SECTION 1. 11.1112 of the statutes is amended to read:

11.1112 Corporations, cooperatives, and tribes. No foreign or domestic corporation, no association organized under ch. 185 or 193, no labor organization,
and no federally recognized American Indian Tribe may make a contribution to a committee, other than an independent expenditure committee or referendum committee, but may make a contribution to a segregated fund as provided under s. 11.1104 (6) in amounts not to exceed $12,000 in the aggregate in a calendar year.

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