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AMENDMENT MEMO



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2023 Assembly Bill 335

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Under 2023 Assembly Bill 335, if a candidate for public office is adjudged guilty of certain felony violations of campaign finance or election fraud laws, the court in the criminal case must order that the candidate's candidate committee be dissolved and unencumbered campaign funds be returned to the donors in amounts not exceeding the original contributions or donated to the common school fund. Additionally, the bill requires the court to appoint a new treasurer for the candidate committee to carry out the court's dissolution order.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1

Under Assembly Amendment 1, campaign donations may be returned to the donors or donated to the school fund after the campaign's outstanding debts are paid, except that donations from the candidate's personal funds may not be returned to the candidate. The amendment also requires the court to notify the Wisconsin Elections Commission of its actions and to bar the candidate and the candidate's campaign treasurer from having access to the campaign's depository fund.

BILL HISTORY

On October 3, 2023, the Assembly Committee on Campaigns and Elections voted to introduce LRB-a0451/1 as Assembly Amendment 1 and to recommend adoption of the amendment on a vote of Ayes, 9; Noes, 0. The committee voted to recommend passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 8; Noes, 1.

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's [bill history page](#).

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