



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2005 Wisconsin Act 176
[2005 Assembly Bill 65]

**Nonresident Reporting Under the
Campaign Finance Law**

2005 Wisconsin Act 176 amends the law relating to the reporting of information by nonresident registrants under the campaign finance law.

Wisconsin law generally provides that a committee, a group, or an individual accepting contributions, incurring obligations, or making disbursements for influencing state or local elections, recalls, recounts, or referenda must file campaign financing reports. Prior to Act 176, a registrant not residing in Wisconsin was required to report the following:

1. Contributions, including transfers and loans, and other income received from sources in Wisconsin.
2. Disbursements made and obligations incurred with respect to an election for state or local office in Wisconsin.

Act 176 requires that a nonresident registrant report all of the information that is required to be reported by resident registrants, including the identification of contributors of more than \$20 cumulatively within a calendar year and the occupation and principal place of employment of a contributor providing more than \$100 in a calendar year. The nonresident registrant then must ensure that the report separately states, as under prior law, the following information:

1. Contributions, including transfers and loans, and other income received from sources in Wisconsin.
2. Disbursements made and obligations incurred with respect to an election for state or local office in Wisconsin.

Effective Date: The Act takes effect on April 6, 2006 and first applies to reporting periods beginning on or after that date.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.