

WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2009 Assembly	Bill 322
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Assembly Amendments 1 and 2 and Assembly Amendment 1 to Assembly Amendment 2

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2009 Assembly Bill 322 eliminates the following current provisions relating to statements of economic interests filed by state public officials:

1. The requirement that when an individual requests examination or copying of either a statement of economic interests or the list of persons who inspect such statements, the individual must provide his or her name and address and the name and address of any person the individual represents.

2. The requirement that the Government Accountability Board (GAB) must than provide the name and address of any individual who inspects or copies a statement of economic interests, and the name and address of any person the individual is representing, to the official who filed the statement.

Assembly Amendment 1 prohibits the GAB from posting on the Internet information reported on a statement of economic interests that consists of:

1. The identify of each business, organization, or lobbyist that paid \$1,000 or more to a business in which the public official (or his or her immediate family) had a 10% or greater interest and from which the official (or member of his or her immediate family) received \$1,000 or more in income (i.e., information reported under s. 19.44 (1) (f), Stats.).

2. Information related to income producing property, other than the principal residence, in which the public official (or member of his or her immediate family), has an interest of 10% or more and equity of \$5,000 or more reported under s. 19.44 (1) (d), Stats.

Assembly Amendment 2 provides that records of information relating to any real property located in this state used for residential purposes by an official required to file a statement of economic interests who is a judge or justice or by the spouse of such an official is not open for public inspection. Assembly Amendment 1 to Assembly Amendment 2 adds district attorneys to the disclosure prohibition of Assembly Amendment 2.

Legislative History

Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by Representative Voss. The Assembly Committee on Judiciary and Ethics recommended adoption of the amendment by a vote of Ayes, 10; Noes, 0. Assembly Amendment 2 was introduced by the committee. Assembly Amendment 1 to Assembly Amendment 2 was offered by the committee and recommended for adoption by a vote of Ayes, 8; Noes, 2. Assembly Amendment 2, as amended, was recommended for adoption by a vote of Ayes, 7, Noes, 3. The committee recommended passage of the proposal, as amended, by a vote of Ayes, 7; Noes, 3.

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