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January 22, 2008 - Introduced by JOINT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ORGANIZATION,
by request of Governor James E. Doyle. Referred to Committee on Campaign
Finance Reform, Rural Issues and Information Technology.

1 **AN ACT to repeal** 11.01 (12s), 11.01 (17g) and (17r), 11.05 (3) (o), 11.06 (3r), 11.06
2 (3w), 11.21 (17), 11.265, 11.31 (2m), 11.50 (2) (i), 11.50 (3) and 11.50 (4); **to**
3 **renumber** 11.24 (2), 11.50 (1) (a) 1. and 11.50 (1) (a) 2.; **to renumber and**
4 **amend** 11.05 (1), 11.05 (2), 11.05 (2r), 11.12 (6), 11.26 (10), 11.50 (5) and 11.50
5 (9); **to amend** 5.02 (13), 7.08 (2) (c) and (cm), 8.30 (2), 8.35 (4) (a) 1. a. and b.,
6 8.35 (4) (b), 8.35 (4) (c) and (d), 11.05 (3) (c), 11.05 (5), 11.05 (9) (b), 11.05 (12)
7 (title), 11.05 (12) (b), 11.05 (13), 11.06 (1) (intro.), 11.06 (1) (e), 11.06 (2), 11.06
8 (3) (b) (intro.), 11.06 (4) (b), 11.06 (5), 11.06 (7m) (a), 11.06 (7m) (b), 11.06 (7m)
9 (c), 11.07 (1), 11.07 (5), 11.09 (3), 11.10 (1), 11.12 (2), 11.12 (2), 11.12 (4), 11.12
10 (5), 11.14 (3), 11.16 (2), 11.16 (2), 11.16 (3), 11.16 (5), 11.19 (title), 11.19 (1), 11.20
11 (1), 11.20 (7), 11.20 (9), 11.20 (10) (a), 11.20 (12), 11.21 (2), 11.21 (15), 11.21 (16),
12 11.22 (3), 11.23 (1), 11.23 (2), 11.26 (1) (intro.), 11.26 (1) (a), 11.26 (2) (intro.),
13 11.26 (2) (a), 11.26 (4), 11.26 (8), 11.26 (9) (a), 11.26 (9) (a), 11.26 (9) (b), 11.26
14 (9) (b), 11.26 (13), 11.30 (4), 11.31 (1) (intro.), 11.31 (1) (a) to (d), 11.31 (1) (d),

1 11.31 (1) (e) and (f), 11.31 (2), 11.31 (3), 11.38 (1) (a) 2., 11.38 (6), 11.38 (8) (b),
2 11.50 (1) (a) 1. a., 11.50 (2) (a), 11.50 (2) (b) 5., 11.50 (2) (c), 11.50 (2) (f), 11.50
3 (2) (g), 11.50 (5) (title), 11.50 (6), 11.50 (9) (title), 11.50 (11) (e), 11.50 (13), 11.60
4 (4), 11.61 (1) (a), 11.61 (2), 20.511 (1) (q), 20.855 (4) (b), 25.42, 71.10 (3) (a), 71.10
5 (3) (a) and 71.10 (3) (b); **to repeal and recreate** 11.05 (9) (title) and 11.26 (2)
6 (an); and **to create** 7.08 (2) (cs), 11.001 (2m), 11.01 (14m), 11.01 (16) (a) 3., 11.05
7 (1) (b), 11.05 (2) (b), 11.05 (3) (m), 11.05 (3) (r), 11.05 (3) (s), 11.05 (5r), 11.06 (2m)
8 (title), 11.06 (2m) (b) to (d), 11.12 (2m), 11.12 (6) (c) and (d), 11.12 (8) and (9),
9 11.24 (4), 11.26 (1) (am), 11.26 (2) (ad), 11.26 (2) (am), 11.26 (2) (an), 11.26 (2)
10 (au), 11.26 (9) (ba), 11.26 (10) (b), 11.31 (3p), 11.31 (9), 11.38 (2m), 11.50 (1) (a)
11 1. (intro.), 11.50 (1) (a) 2m., 11.50 (1) (am), 11.50 (1) (bm) and (cm), 11.50 (1) (e),
12 11.50 (2) (bm), 11.50 (2s), 11.50 (2w), 11.50 (4e), 11.50 (5) (b) and (c), 11.50 (9)
13 (ba) and (bb), 11.50 (14), 11.501 to 11.522, 11.60 (3s) and (3u), 20.511 (1) (r),
14 20.585 (1) (q), 20.585 (1) (r), 20.855 (4) (ba), 20.855 (4) (bb), 20.855 (4) (bc), 25.17
15 (1) (cm), 25.421, 71.07 (6n), 71.10 (4) (ds) and 806.041 of the statutes; **relating**
16 **to:** campaign financing, designations for the Wisconsin election campaign fund
17 by individuals filing state income tax returns, creating a nonrefundable
18 individual income tax credit for contributions to the Public Integrity
19 Endowment, candidate time on public broadcasting television stations and
20 public access channels, staffing of the Government Accountability Board;

- 1 providing exemptions from emergency rule procedures; granting rule-making
2 authority; making appropriations; and providing penalties.
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Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill makes numerous changes in the campaign financing law. The bill also makes changes to the income tax laws, the lobbying regulation law, and the staffing of the Government Accountability Board.

FILING OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS

Exemptions from registration and reporting

Currently, with certain limited exceptions, any individual who accepts contributions, makes disbursements, or incurs obligations, and any committee or group that makes or accepts contributions, makes or transfers disbursements (expenditures), or incurs obligations, in connection with one or more elections for state or local office or one or more state or local referenda exceeding \$25 cumulatively within a calendar year must register and file reports with the appropriate filing officer or agency identifying contributions received and disbursements made and providing certain other information.

Currently, a new registrant is generally prohibited from making a contribution or disbursement from property or funds received prior to the date of registration, except that, if a registrant holds property or funds at the time of registration that were not intended for political purposes in connection with an election for state or local office at the time that they were received, the registrant may report the property or funds as received on the date of registration and may then use the property or funds to make a contribution or disbursement.

This bill provides that no individual who or organization which is subject to a registration requirement may make any contribution prior to the date of registration. In addition, the bill provides that no registrant may accept any contribution from any individual who or organization which is subject to a registration requirement prior to the date of registration of that individual or organization.

Currently, a nonresident registrant need report only contributions and other income received from sources in this state and disbursements made and obligations incurred with respect to an election for state or local office in this state. This bill deletes this exception to reporting requirements. The bill also requires nonresident registrants to include in their reports a separate statement of contributions, transfers, loans, and other income received from sources in this state and disbursements and obligations incurred with respect to elections for state and local office in this state. The change does not affect reporting by authorized committees of candidates for the office of U.S. senator or representative in Congress.

Currently, a national political party committee need not file reports for any period covered in a report filed by the committee with the Federal Election Commission. In addition, a state political party committee which is registered with the Federal Election Commission and which makes contributions to candidates for

national office, as well as contributions to other state political party committees, need not file reports for any period covered by a report filed by the committee with the Federal Election Commission if the Government Accountability Board receives a copy of that report and the committee makes no contributions to any individual who or organization which is required to register with a filing officer under Wisconsin law. This bill deletes these exceptions to state reporting requirements.

Reporting thresholds

This bill provides that an individual who accepts contributions, makes disbursements, or incurs obligations or a group that makes or accepts contributions, makes disbursements, or incurs obligations in connection with one or more referenda is not subject to registration and reporting requirements until the individual or group engages in activity exceeding \$100 cumulatively within a calendar year.

The bill also permits an individual or committee to claim an exemption from reporting requirements if the individual or committee does not accept contributions, make disbursements, or incur obligations exceeding \$1,000 cumulatively within a calendar year with respect to an election for state office, and does not accept contributions, other than contributions made by a candidate to his or her own campaign, exceeding \$100 from a single source cumulatively within a calendar year. If an individual or committee does not accept contributions, make disbursements, or incur obligations with respect to an election for any state office but accepts contributions, makes disbursements, or incurs obligations independently of any candidate with respect to an election for local office, the bill permits the individual or committee to claim an exemption from reporting requirements if the individual or committee does not accept contributions, make disbursements, or incur obligations exceeding \$100 cumulatively within a calendar year.

Mass media activities

Currently, individuals who accept contributions, organizations that make or accept contributions, and individuals who or organizations that incur obligations or make disbursements for the purpose of influencing an election for state or local office are generally required to register with the appropriate filing officer and to file financial reports with that officer, regardless of whether they act in conjunction with or independently of any candidate who is supported or opposed. Currently, with limited exceptions, a corporation or cooperative association is prohibited from making any contribution or disbursement for the purpose of influencing an election for state or local office.

With certain exceptions, this bill imposes registration and reporting requirements, in addition, upon any individual who and organization that, within 60 days of an election and by means of communications media, makes any communication that includes a reference to a candidate at that election, an office to be filled at that election, or a political party. The bill also requires an individual or organization who or which becomes subject to a registration requirement by making such a communication to report, upon registration, the information that would have been required to be reported if the individual or organization had been registered with respect to any obligation incurred or disbursement made for the purpose of making such a communication prior to registration. The bill, however, does not

require registration and reporting if the communication is made by a corporation, cooperative, or nonpolitical voluntary association and is limited to the corporation's, cooperative's, or association's members, shareholders, or subscribers.

The bill also creates an exception to the current prohibition on disbursements by corporations and cooperatives which permits a corporation or cooperative to make a disbursement for the purpose of making a communication within 60 days of an election by means of communications media that includes a reference to a candidate at that election, an office to be filled at that election, or a political party unless the communication is susceptible of no reasonable interpretation other than as an appeal to vote for or against a candidate for state or local office whose name is certified to appear on the ballot at the election. Under the bill, a corporation or cooperative making any such communication is subject to applicable registration and reporting requirements. The exception applies only if the communication: 1) does not mention an election, candidacy, opposing candidate, political party, or voting by the general public; and 2) does not take a position on a candidate's or officeholder's character, qualifications, or fitness for office, and either a) focuses on a legislative or executive matter or issue and urges a candidate to take a particular position or action with respect to the matter or issue or urges the public to contact a candidate with respect to the matter or issue, or b) proposes a commercial transaction, such as the purchase of a book, video, or other product or service.

Special reporting by certain registrants

Currently, a committee making contributions or a candidate or other individual or committee accepting contributions, making disbursements, or incurring obligations in support of or opposition to a candidate is generally required to file a report no later than the eighth day before a primary or election at which the candidate seeks nomination or election to office. The report must disclose contributions made or accepted, disbursements made, and obligations incurred through the 14th day prior to the primary or election. Currently, if a candidate for state office receives one or more contributions from a single contributor aggregating \$500 or more during the 14-day period preceding an election, the candidate must report to the Government Accountability Board the information currently required to be disclosed pertaining to contributions received by the candidate no later than 24 hours following receipt of any such contribution or contributions.

This bill requires each candidate at the general or a special election for a major state office (the office of governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state, state treasurer, superintendent of public instruction, justice of the supreme court, state senator, or representative to the assembly) who does not accept a public grant (see below) and who makes any disbursement after the candidate has accumulated cash in his or her campaign depository or has made disbursements in his or her campaign exceeding a combined total of 75 percent of the amount of the disbursement limitation for the office that the candidate seeks, to file daily reports, by electronic mail or facsimile transmission, with the Government Accountability Board and with each candidate whose name appears on the ballot for the office in connection with which the disbursement is made. The daily reports may be filed no later than 24 hours after each disbursement is made, and must include the

information that is currently required to be reported pertaining to disbursements made by candidates. The daily reports must be filed during the time period beginning with the later of the date of the disbursement that triggers the requirement or the seventh day after the applicable primary election or the date that a primary would be held, if required, and ending with date of the election at which the candidate seeks office.

The bill also creates additional reporting requirements, applicable to certain special interest committees. Under the bill, reporting may be required of any special interest committee, other than a conduit, that makes any disbursement (as currently defined) or incurs any obligation independently of a candidate for the purpose of advocating the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate for a major state office at the general or a special election or any applicable primary election. These additional reporting requirements do not apply to communications that are made by a corporation, cooperative, or nonpolitical voluntary association and that are limited to the corporation's, cooperative's, or association's members, shareholders, or subscribers. Under the bill, the special interest committee must file these additional reports within 24 hours after a reportable transaction occurs.

Timeliness in filing reports

Currently, where a requirement is imposed under the campaign finance law for filing of a report by a specified date, the requirement may be satisfied by depositing the report with the U.S. Postal Service no later than the date provided by law for receipt of the report.

This bill permits satisfaction of the filing requirement only by delivering a report to the appropriate filing officer or agency on or before the date provided by law for receipt of the report or by depositing the report with the U.S. Postal Service no later than the third day before that date.

DISBURSEMENT LIMITATIONS AND INDEPENDENT DISBURSEMENTS

Under current law, disbursement (expenditure) levels are specified for candidates for various state and local offices. These levels become a binding limitation upon any candidate for state office who accepts a state grant from the Wisconsin election campaign fund or who agrees to be bound by the limitation, unless the candidate is opposed by a major opponent who could have qualified for a grant but declines to accept one. A candidate for state office who accepts a grant from the Wisconsin election campaign fund and who agrees to be bound by the disbursement limitation applicable to the office which the candidate seeks may receive a grant equal to 45 percent of that disbursement limitation, less contributions accepted by the candidate from committees other than political party and legislative campaign committees, if there are sufficient moneys in the fund to finance the full amount of grants for which candidates qualify.

Current law also imposes registration and financial reporting requirements on committees and individuals making disbursements independently of a candidate in support of or in opposition to a candidate for a state or local office. One requirement is the obligation of the committee or individual to file reports with the appropriate filing officer within 24 hours of making such a disbursement, if the disbursement is

made less than 15 days before a primary or election and if the cumulative amount of such disbursements exceeds \$20.

This bill does the following:

1. It revises the current disbursement levels applicable to candidates for the offices shown below as follows:

| <i>Office</i> | <i>Current Level</i> | <i>Proposed Level</i> |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Governor | \$1,078,200 | \$4,000,000 |
| Lieutenant governor | 323,475 | 500,000 |
| Attorney general | 539,000 | 700,000 |
| Secretary of state | 215,625 | 250,000 |
| State treasurer | 215,625 | 250,000 |
| State superintendent | 215,625 | 250,000 |
| State senator | 34,500 | 150,000 |
| Representative to the assembly | 17,250 | 75,000 |

2. It creates a biennial cost-of-living adjustment that causes the statutory disbursement levels to be adjusted biennially, beginning in 2008, in accordance with a formula tied to the "consumer price index" determined by the U.S. Department of Labor.

3. It provides that the current provision requiring reports of cumulative independent disbursements exceeding \$20 made later than 15 days prior to a primary or election does not apply to a committee or individual that is required to file a special report concerning the same disbursement (see above), nor to a committee or individual that is subject to an electronic filing requirement (see above).

4. It increases the disbursement limitation of any candidate who accepts a public grant by certain amounts for which matching grants from the Wisconsin election campaign fund are potentially available (see grant eligibility requirements and amounts, below). Under the bill, the disbursement limitation of the candidate accepting the grant is increased by a total amount equal to: 1) the amount or value of disbursements made by an opponent in excess of the disbursement limitation; and 2) the amount or value of independent disbursements made to expressly advocate the defeat of the candidate or the election of his or her opponents by special interest committees during election campaign periods, as reported to the Government Accountability Board.

5. It repeals the procedure by which a candidate who would not otherwise be subject to statutory disbursement limitations may voluntarily agree to comply with these limitations.

6. It repeals the exemption from disbursement and self-contribution limitations that currently applies to any candidate who accepts a grant from the Wisconsin election campaign fund and who is opposed by a major opponent who could have qualified for a grant but declines to accept one.

CONTRIBUTION LIMITATIONS

Under current law, committees other than political party committees and legislative campaign committees are subject to limitations on the amount of contributions made cumulatively to a particular candidate. A committee may contribute up to \$43,238 to a candidate for statewide office. Current law also limits the cumulative amount of contributions that a committee may make annually to a particular political party, limits the cumulative amount of contributions that a political party may accept annually from a particular committee, and limits the aggregate total of contributions that a political party may accept during any biennium from all committees. Currently, a committee may annually contribute up to \$6,000 to a particular political party, a political party may annually accept up to \$6,000 from a particular committee, and a political party may accept up to \$150,000 in contributions from all committees during any biennium.

This bill establishes specified limitations on committee contributions to candidates for statewide office as follows: a) candidates for governor, \$45,000; b) candidates for lieutenant governor, \$15,000; c) candidates for attorney general, \$25,000; and d) candidates for secretary of state, state treasurer, or superintendent of public instruction, \$10,000. Under the bill, the limitation on committee contributions to a particular political party, and on the annual amount that a political party may accept from a particular committee, is increased to \$18,000, and the aggregate limitation on contributions that a political party may accept during a biennium from all committees is increased to \$600,000.

Under current law, the aggregate contributions accepted by a candidate for state or local office from all committees, when combined with any grant received from the Wisconsin election campaign fund, may not exceed 65 percent of the disbursement level or limitation for the office that the candidate seeks. In addition, the contributions received by a candidate for state or local office from all committees other than political party or legislative campaign committees, when combined with any grant received from the Wisconsin election campaign fund, may not exceed 45 percent of the disbursement level or limitation for the office that the candidate seeks. This bill provides that the contributions received by a candidate for state or local office from all committees other than political party committees, when combined with any nonsupplemental grant received from the Wisconsin election campaign fund, may not exceed 35 percent of the disbursement level or limitation for the office that the candidate seeks. Under the bill, a candidate who qualifies to receive a supplemental grant from the Wisconsin election campaign fund (see below) may exceed aggregate committee contribution limitations by an amount equal to the amount of the supplemental grant. The bill makes the aggregate contribution limits inapplicable to a candidate for the office of justice of the supreme court who receives a public financing benefit from the democracy trust fund (see below).

Under current law, a candidate who accepts a grant from the Wisconsin election campaign fund may not make contributions to his or her own campaign in an amount or value greater than 200 percent of the contribution limitation that applies to individuals making contributions to his or her campaign. Under the bill, if a candidate's disbursement limitation is increased as a result of disbursements made

by an opposing candidate or independent disbursements or obligations made or incurred by others, this self-contribution limitation is increased by an amount equal to the ratio that the contribution limitation otherwise applicable to the candidate bears to the disbursement limitation otherwise applicable to the candidate, multiplied by the amount of the increased disbursement limitation authorized under the bill for that candidate.

TREATMENT OF LEGISLATIVE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEES

Currently, the adherents of any political party in either house of the legislature may organize a "legislative campaign committee" to support the candidacy of members of their party for legislative office. Committees other than legislative campaign committees and political party committees are generally subject to a limitation upon the contributions that they may make to candidates for legislative office or to political parties. Legislative campaign committees are subject only to overall limitations on the aggregate contributions that may be accepted by a candidate from entities other than individuals.

This bill eliminates the special status of legislative campaign committees, thus causing them to be treated in the same manner as other special interest committees for the purpose of contribution limitations.

OTHER CONTRIBUTION RESTRICTIONS

This bill prohibits contributions to incumbent partisan state officials and candidates for partisan state office during the period from the date of introduction of the executive budget bill through the date of enactment of the biennial budget act. The prohibition does not apply to contributions made to an incumbent who is subject to a recall election or to a nonincumbent candidate at a recall election beginning on the date on which a petitioner registers an intent to circulate a petition for a recall election against the incumbent and ending on the date of the recall election, except that if the circulation period expires without offering of the recall petition for filing, the filing officer determines not to file the petition, or the incumbent resigns, the period ends on the date of that event. The prohibition also does not apply to a candidate for a partisan state office at a special election. No similar provision exists currently.

Currently, if a registrant receives a contribution, the registrant must deposit the contribution in its campaign depository account no later than the end of the fifth business day commencing after receipt, unless the registrant returns the contribution before that time. A registrant must report the occupation and principal place of employment of any individual who makes any contribution or contributions to a registrant exceeding \$100 in amount or value cumulatively within a calendar year. This bill provides that whenever a registrant receives a contribution in the form of money the registrant must obtain this information from a contributor, if required, before depositing the contributor's contribution in its campaign depository account. Under the bill, if the registrant does not obtain the required information within the period prescribed for making deposits, the registrant must return the contribution.

DISPOSITION OF RESIDUAL OR EXCESS FUNDS

Under current law, residual funds remaining when a person who is required to register under the campaign financing law disbands or ceases incurring obligations, making disbursements, or accepting contributions or excess funds received by a registrant that may not be legally expended may generally be used for any lawful political purpose, returned to the original contributors, or donated to a charitable organization or the common school fund.

This bill allows residual or excess funds to be transferred to the Wisconsin election campaign fund.

WISCONSIN ELECTION CAMPAIGN FUND

Sources and uses of funds

Under current law, the Wisconsin election campaign fund is financed through an individual income tax “checkoff.” Every individual filing a state income tax return who has a tax liability or is entitled to a tax refund may direct that \$1 of general purpose revenue be transferred to the fund. Individuals filing a joint return may separately choose whether to direct that the \$1 transfer be made. All moneys transferred to the fund are placed in accounts for specified state offices, and candidates for those offices may qualify for grants from the fund to be used for specified campaign expenses. No moneys in the fund may be used for any other purpose. The amounts of grants may be reduced if insufficient moneys are available in the fund to finance full payment of all grants for which candidates qualify.

This bill does the following:

1. It increases the amount of the individual income tax checkoff for the Wisconsin election campaign fund from \$1 to \$5, effective for tax returns filed for taxable years beginning on or after January 1 following the day on which the bill becomes law. Under the bill, individuals filing a joint return may separately choose whether to make the \$5 checkoff. The bill also permits individuals to determine whether to designate their checkoffs for a “general account,” which is distributed to all candidates who qualify for a grant, or for the account of an eligible political party, which is distributed to all candidates representing that party who qualify for a grant. In addition, if there are insufficient moneys in these accounts to permit any candidate who qualifies for a grant from receiving the full amount for which the candidate qualifies, the bill provides for the deficiency to be drawn from state general purpose revenue.

2. It directs the legal counsel to the Government Accountability Board to take steps to incorporate a nonstock, nonprofit corporation to be known as the “Public Integrity Endowment.” The bill directs the legal counsel to ensure that the corporation is structured so that contributions made to the foundation will be tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Under the bill, the sole purpose of the endowment is to solicit contributions for the purpose of supplementing the assets of the Wisconsin election campaign fund and transferring those contributions, after deduction of solicitation costs, to the general account of the fund. Currently, any person may make an unrestricted donation to the Wisconsin election campaign fund. The donation is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. However, the fund does not solicit contributions.

Grant eligibility requirements and amounts

Under current law, grants from the Wisconsin election campaign fund are available to finance specified campaign expenses of eligible candidates for the offices of state senator, representative to the assembly, governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, state treasurer, secretary of state, justice of the supreme court, and superintendent of public instruction. To receive a grant, a candidate must file an application with the state Government Accountability Board no later than the deadline for filing nomination papers. Following the primary election or the date on which a primary would be held, if required, the board determines whether a candidate who applies for a grant meets the following eligibility requirements:

1. If the candidate seeks a partisan state office at a general election, the candidate must have received at least six percent of the total votes cast in the primary and have won the primary. If the candidate seeks a partisan state office at a special election, the candidate must either: a) appear on the ballot or in the column of a political party whose candidate for the same office at the preceding general election received at least six percent of the vote; or b) receive at least six percent of the votes cast at the special election.

2. The candidate must have an opponent in the election.

3. The candidate must receive, during a specified time period, a specified amount through contributions from individuals of \$100 or less. For a candidate for the office of governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state treasurer, attorney general, justice of the supreme court, or superintendent of public instruction, the amount is five percent of the authorized disbursement level for the office which the candidate seeks. For a candidate for the office of state senator or representative to the assembly, the amount is ten percent of the authorized disbursement level for the office which the candidate seeks.

Under current law, a candidate for any office who accepts a grant must comply with statutorily prescribed contribution and disbursement limitations, unless at least one of the candidate's opponents who received at least six percent of the votes cast for all candidates for that office at a partisan primary, if a primary was held, does not accept a grant and does not voluntarily agree to comply with the contribution and disbursement limitations for that office. The maximum grant that a candidate may receive is that amount which, when added to all other contributions accepted from sources other than individuals, political party committees, and legislative campaign committees, is equal to 45 percent of the authorized disbursement level for the office which the candidate seeks. No grants are available to finance campaign expenses in primary elections.

Currently, the Government Accountability Board must notify the state treasurer that a candidate has qualified to receive a grant as soon as possible after the board is able to determine that the candidate has qualified to receive the grant. The state treasurer then has three business days to transmit the grant to the candidate.

This bill does the following:

1. It provides that a candidate for the office of state senator or representative to the assembly must receive contributions equal to only five percent of the

authorized disbursement level for the office which the candidate seeks in order to qualify for a grant, but provides that the contributions of \$100 or less from individuals used by a candidate for any state office to determine eligibility for a grant from the Wisconsin election campaign fund must be made by individuals who reside in this state and, in the case of a candidate for legislative office, at least 50 percent of those contributions must be made by individuals who reside in the district in which the candidate seeks office, except that a candidate may substitute contributions received from political party committees for not more than 50 percent of the contributions required to be received from residents of the district.

2. It provides that the maximum grant that a candidate for state office may receive is that amount which, when added to all other contributions accepted by the candidate from committees other than political party committees, is equal to 35 percent of the disbursement limitation for the office that the candidate seeks, unless the candidate qualifies to receive a supplemental grant (see below).

3. It provides that a candidate who accepts a grant shall receive a supplemental grant in a maximum amount equal to: a) the total amount of disbursements exceeding the amount of the disbursement limitation for that office made by an opposing candidate who does not accept a grant; and b) the total amount of any independent disbursements in close proximity to the election that are made by special interest committees to oppose that candidate, or to support that candidate's opponent, if that total amount exceeds ten percent of the disbursement limitation for the office that the candidate seeks, except that the total supplemental grant received by a candidate may not exceed an amount equal to three times the disbursement limitation for the office that the candidate seeks.

4. It requires the state treasurer to electronically transmit supplemental grants to qualifying candidates who so request as soon as possible after the candidates qualify to receive the supplemental grants, but in no case later than the end of the third business day after the Government Accountability Board notifies the treasurer that a candidate has qualified to receive a grant.

PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS

Currently, violators of the campaign finance law are subject to a forfeiture (civil penalty) of not more than \$500 for each violation, except that violators of contribution limitations are subject to a forfeiture of not more than treble the amount unlawfully contributed. In addition, currently, any person who is delinquent in filing a report is subject to a forfeiture of not more than \$50 or one percent of the annual salary of the office for which a candidate is being supported or opposed, whichever is greater, for each day of delinquency.

Currently, whoever intentionally violates certain provisions of the campaign finance law, such as registration requirements, contribution limitations, the prohibition against making contributions in the name of another person, the prohibition against using contributions for most nonpolitical purposes, and the prohibition against filing false reports and statements, may be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both, if the violation does not exceed \$100 in amount or value, and may be fined not more than \$10,000 or

imprisoned for not more than three years and six months, or both, if the violation exceeds \$100 in amount or value.

This bill provides that if any person, including a candidate or committee other than a conduit, makes a disbursement to support or oppose a candidate for a major state office (governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state, state treasurer, or state superintendent of public instruction) without first reporting to the extent required under the bill, the offender is subject to a forfeiture (civil penalty) of not more than \$500 for each day of violation. The bill also provides that if any person, including any of these candidates or committees, makes one or more disbursements or other expenditures for such a purpose in an amount that is more or less than the amount reported by that person:

1. By more than five percent but not more than ten percent, the person must forfeit four times the amount of the difference.
2. By more than ten percent but not more than 15 percent, the person must forfeit six times the amount of the difference.
3. By more than 15 percent, the person must forfeit eight times the amount of the difference.

PUBLIC BROADCASTING TELEVISION STATIONS AND PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNELS

Current law requires that free time on public broadcasting television stations and public access channels be provided to candidates for state office. Under current law, the Federal Communications Commission grants licenses for the operation of public broadcasting television stations. Also under current law, a city, village, or town is authorized to grant a franchise to a person that allows that person to operate a cable television system in the city, village, or town. Under the franchise, the person may be required to provide cable television channels that the city, village, or town may use for public, educational, or governmental purposes. A channel that is used exclusively for public, rather than educational or governmental purposes, is commonly referred to as a public access channel. A city, village, or town may operate a public access channel, or a city, village, or town may allow another person to operate the channel. Current law requires the Government Accountability Board to promulgate rules that require licensees of public broadcasting stations and operators of public access channels to provide a minimum amount of free time to candidates for state office at general, spring, and special elections. The rules must require the same amount of time for each candidate for a particular state office, but may require different amounts of time for different offices.

This bill repeals these provisions.

INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX CREDIT

This bill creates a nonrefundable individual income tax credit for contributions to the Public Integrity Endowment. Under the bill, an individual may claim as an income tax credit, up to the amount of the individual's income tax liability, any amount that he or she contributes to the Public Integrity Endowment. If a married couple files a joint return, each spouse may claim the credit.

PUBLIC FINANCING OF CAMPAIGNS FOR JUSTICE

This bill makes numerous changes in the campaign finance law affecting campaigns for the office of justice of the supreme court. The bill limits the application

of the Wisconsin election campaign fund, under which eligible candidates for certain state offices (including justice of the supreme court) may receive public grants from state general purpose revenues derived from designations made by individuals filing state income tax returns, to state offices other than the office of justice. To finance elections for the office of justice of the supreme court, the bill creates a democracy trust fund, under which eligible candidates for this office may receive public grants derived from general purpose revenues.

Under the bill, a candidate for the office of justice of the supreme court may qualify for public financing from the democracy trust fund to finance a campaign in a primary or election by receiving qualifying contributions of at least \$5 but not more than \$100 each made by an elector of this state in an aggregate amount of at least \$5,000 but not more than \$15,000. A candidate who accepts public financing may also accept “seed money” contributions in amounts of \$100 or less, subject to aggregate limitations, and may contribute personal funds in specified amounts during specified periods. In order to qualify for a public financing benefit for the primary, a candidate at the primary must have an opponent who qualifies to have his or her name appear on the ballot at the spring primary, and in order to qualify for a public financing benefit for the spring election, a candidate at the election must have an opponent who qualifies to have his or her name appear on the ballot at the election. A candidate who accepts a public financing benefit may not accept any contributions other than qualifying and seed money contributions and contributions from personal funds within the limitations permitted. Public financing benefits for eligible candidates are \$100,000 in the spring primary and \$300,000 in the spring election. The benefits are subject to a biennial cost of living adjustment. A candidate who accepts more than a specified amount of qualifying or seed money contributions has the excess deducted from his or her public financing benefit. In addition, if a candidate’s opponent declines to accept a public financing benefit and makes expenditures in a total amount that exceeds by more than 5 percent the amount permitted for a candidate who accepts a public financing benefit, the candidate who accepts a public financing benefit receives additional funding equivalent to the excess expenditures made by his or her opponent, but not more than three times the amount of the public financing benefit for the office that the candidate seeks. A candidate also receives additional public financing equivalent to any independent expenditures made against the candidate or in support of his or her opponents if those expenditures exceed 20 percent of the amount of the public financing benefit for the office that the candidate seeks (but not more than three times the amount of that benefit).

The bill provides that if a candidate makes disbursements that exceed the total amount of the public financing benefit allocated to the candidate and the total qualifying and seed money contributions lawfully accepted by the candidate, the candidate is subject to a forfeiture (civil penalty) of not more than ten times the amount by which his or her disbursements exceed the allocation. In addition, the bill provides that a candidate who accepts contributions in excess of any limitation imposed under the bill is subject to a forfeiture of not more than ten times the amount by which the contributions exceed the applicable limitation. The bill also provides

that if any candidate or agent of a candidate knowingly accepts more contributions than the candidate is entitled to receive, or makes disbursements exceeding the total amount of the public financing benefit received by the candidate and the qualifying and seed money contributions lawfully received by the candidate, the candidate or agent may be fined not more than \$25,000 or imprisoned for not more than ten years, or both. Under the bill, any person who, in connection with the receipt or disbursement of a public financing benefit, knowingly provides false information to the Government Accountability Board, or knowingly conceals or withholds information from the board, is subject to the same penalty.

Currently, a candidate for the office of justice of the supreme court may qualify to receive a grant from the Wisconsin election campaign fund for use in an election campaign only (no funding is provided for primary campaigns). In order to qualify for a grant, a candidate must qualify to have his or her name appear on the spring election ballot and must have an opponent who qualifies to have his or her name appear on that ballot. The maximum amount of a grant that a candidate may receive is \$97,031. This amount is not subject to any cost of living adjustment. In addition, this amount is reduced by the total amount of contributions received by a candidate from special interest committees and this amount may not be fully funded in a particular year if there are not sufficient moneys in the Wisconsin election campaign fund to provide full financing for all qualifying candidates. A candidate must agree to abide by spending and self-contribution limits in order to receive a grant, but this agreement does not apply if the candidate has an opponent who could have qualified for a grant but declines to do so and declines to file an affidavit of voluntary compliance with spending and self-contribution limits.

Currently, individuals and committees making political contributions to candidates for the office of justice of the supreme court are subject to limitations on the amount or value of any contribution or contributions that may be made cumulatively to any candidate in a campaign. The limitations are \$10,000 in the case of an individual making a contribution to a candidate and \$8,625 in the case of a committee making a contribution to a candidate. This bill replaces these limitations with a contribution limitation of \$1,000 applicable to an individual or committee making any contribution or contributions cumulatively during a campaign period to any candidate for the office of justice of the supreme court who is eligible to qualify for a public financing benefit but who declines to accept one.

The changes take effect on June 1, 2008.

NONSEVERABILITY

Currently, if any part of an act is found by a court to be invalid, those parts that are valid are severed from the invalid part and the severed parts continue in force. This bill provides that, if any of the following parts of the bill is unconstitutional, then all of the following parts are void: 1) parts relating to the reporting of certain expenditures and obligations by candidates and special interest committees; and 2) parts relating to the provision of supplemental grants to candidates whose opponents exceed disbursement limitations or who are opposed or whose opponents are supported by any reportable disbursements by candidates or independent disbursements or obligations, including those that are reportable under current law.

INITIAL APPLICABILITY

All campaign finance changes under the bill apply to elections held on or after January 1, 2008, except that the directive to incorporate a Public Integrity Endowment takes effect on the day on which the bill becomes law. Under the bill, changes to the income tax checkoff and the creation of an individual income tax credit for contributions to the endowment apply to taxable years beginning on January 1 of the year in which the bill becomes law, if the bill becomes law by July 31, in any year, or otherwise to taxable years beginning on January 1 of the following year.

Because this bill creates a new crime or revises a penalty for an existing crime, the Joint Review Committee on Criminal Penalties may be requested to prepare a report concerning the proposed penalty and the costs or savings that are likely to result if the bill is enacted.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

1 **SECTION 1.** 5.02 (13) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 5.02 (13) “Political party” or “party” means a state committee registered under
3 s. 11.05 and organized exclusively for political purposes under whose name
4 candidates appear on a ballot at any election, and all county, congressional,
5 legislative, local and other affiliated committees authorized to operate under the
6 same name. For purposes of ch. 11, the term does not include ~~a legislative campaign~~
7 ~~committee or a committee filing an oath under s. 11.06 (7).~~

8 **SECTION 2.** 7.08 (2) (c) and (cm) of the statutes are amended to read:

9 7.08 (2) (c) As soon as possible after the canvass of the spring and September
10 primary votes, but no later than the first Tuesday in March and the 4th Tuesday in
11 September, transmit to the state treasurer a certified list of all eligible candidates
12 for state office who have filed applications under s. 11.50 (2) and whom the board
13 determines ~~to be~~ are eligible to receive payments grants from the Wisconsin election
14 campaign fund. The board shall also electronically transmit a similar list containing

1 the name of each candidate whom the board determines is eligible to receive a grant
2 under s. 11.50 (9) (ba) or (bb) within 24 hours after the candidate qualifies to receive
3 such a grant. Each list shall contain each candidate's name, the mailing address
4 indicated upon the candidate's registration form, the office for which the individual
5 is a candidate and the party or principle which he or she represents, if any.

6 (cm) As soon as possible after the canvass of a special primary, or the date that
7 the primary would be held, if required, transmit to the state treasurer a certified list
8 of all eligible candidates for state office who have filed applications under s. 11.50 (2)
9 and whom the board determines to be eligible to receive ~~a grant~~ grants from the
10 Wisconsin election campaign fund prior to the election. The board shall also transmit
11 a similar list of candidates, if any, who have filed applications under s. 11.50 (2) and
12 whom the board determines to be eligible to receive ~~a grant~~ grants under s. 11.50 (1)
13 (a) ~~2. 1. b.~~ after the special election. The board shall electronically transmit a similar
14 list containing the name of each candidate whom the board determines is eligible to
15 receive a grant under s. 11.50 (9) (ba) or (bb) within 24 hours after the candidate
16 qualifies to receive such a grant. Each list shall contain each candidate's name, the
17 mailing address indicated upon the candidate's registration form, the office for which
18 the individual is a candidate and the party or principle which he or she represents,
19 if any.

20 **SECTION 3.** 7.08 (2) (cs) of the statutes is created to read:

21 7.08 (2) (cs) In each even-numbered year, certify to the state treasurer for the
22 period beginning with the month following certification and ending with the month
23 in which the next certification is made by the board:

24 1. No later than July 1, the name of each political party that qualifies under
25 s. 11.50 (1) (am) 1. as an eligible political party as of the preceding June 1 and whose

1 state chairperson has filed a written request to establish an account for the party
2 under s. 11.50 (2s) (a).

3 2. No later than December 15, the name of each political party that qualifies
4 under s. 11.50 (1) (am) 2. as an eligible political party as of the date of the preceding
5 general election and whose state chairperson has filed a written request to establish
6 an account for the party under s. 11.50 (2s) (a).

7 **SECTION 4.** 8.30 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 8.30 (2) If no registration statement has been filed by or on behalf of a candidate
9 for state or local office in accordance with s. 11.05 (2g) ~~or (2r)~~ by the applicable
10 deadline for filing nomination papers by ~~such~~ the candidate, or the deadline for filing
11 a declaration of candidacy for an office for which nomination papers are not filed, the
12 name of the candidate may not appear on the ballot. This subsection may not be
13 construed to exempt ~~a candidate~~ an individual from applicable penalties if the
14 individual is a candidate, as defined in s. 11.01 (1), and he or she files a registration
15 statement later than the time prescribed in ~~ss. 11.01 (1) and~~ s. 11.05 (2g).

16 **SECTION 5.** 8.35 (4) (a) 1. a. and b. of the statutes are amended to read:

17 8.35 (4) (a) 1. a. ~~Donated to the former candidate's local or state political party~~
18 ~~if~~ If the former candidate was a partisan candidate ~~or, donated to the former~~
19 ~~candidate's local or state political party,~~ donated to the a charitable organization of
20 ~~the former candidate's choice or the charitable organization chosen, or transferred~~
21 to the board for deposit in the Wisconsin election campaign fund, as instructed by the
22 former candidate or, if the candidate left no instruction, as instructed by the former
23 candidate's next of kin ~~if the former candidate is deceased, or if no choice is made~~
24 ~~returned to the donors on a proportional basis; or~~

1 b. If the former candidate was a nonpartisan candidate, donated to the a
2 charitable organization of the former candidate's choice or the or the charitable
3 organization chosen or transferred to the board for deposit in the Wisconsin election
4 campaign fund, as instructed by the former candidate or, if the candidate left no
5 instruction, as instructed by the former candidate's next of kin if the former
6 candidate is deceased; or

7 **SECTION 6.** 8.35 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 8.35 (4) (b) Notwithstanding par. (a), any unspent and unencumbered moneys
9 received by a candidate from the Wisconsin election campaign fund shall be
10 immediately transferred to any candidate who is appointed to replace such
11 candidate, upon filing of a proper application therefor under s. 11.50 (2). If there is
12 no candidate appointed or if no proper application is filed within 7 days of the date
13 on which the vacancy occurs, such moneys shall revert to the state as provided in s.
14 11.50 (8). Notwithstanding par. (a), any unspent and unencumbered moneys
15 received by a candidate from the democracy trust fund shall be immediately
16 transferred to any candidate who is appointed to replace that candidate upon filing
17 of a proper application therefor under s. 11.502 (1). For purposes of qualification,
18 contributions received and disbursements made by the former candidate are
19 considered to have been received or made by the replacement candidate. If there is
20 no candidate appointed or if no proper application is filed within 7 days of the date
21 on which a vacancy occurs, the moneys shall revert to the state.

22 **SECTION 7.** 8.35 (4) (c) and (d) of the statutes are amended to read:

23 8.35 (4) (c) The transfer to the replacement candidate under par. (b) shall be
24 made and reported to the appropriate filing officer in a special report submitted in
25 ~~a special report submitted~~ by the former candidate's campaign treasurer. If the

1 former candidate is deceased and was serving as his or her own campaign treasurer,
2 the former candidate's petitioner or personal representative shall ~~file the report and~~
3 ~~make the transfer required by par. (b), if any~~ and file the report. The report shall be
4 made at the appropriate interval under s. 11.20 (2) or (4) or in the manner required
5 under s. 11.21 (16), if applicable, and shall include a complete statement of all
6 contributions, disbursements and incurred obligations pursuant to s. 11.06 (1)
7 covering the period from the day after the last date covered on the former candidate's
8 most recent report to the date of disposition.

9 (d) The newly appointed candidate shall file his or her report at the next
10 appropriate interval under s. 11.20 (2) or (4) after his or her appointment or in the
11 manner required under s. 11.21 (16), if applicable. The appointed candidate shall
12 include any transferred funds moneys in his or her first report.

13 **SECTION 8.** 11.001 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:

14 11.001 (2m) The legislature finds a compelling justification for minimal
15 disclosure of all communications made near the time of an election that include a
16 reference to a clearly identified candidate at that election, an office to be filled at that
17 election, or a political party in order to permit increased funding for candidates who
18 are affected by those communications. The legislature finds that this minimal
19 disclosure burden is outweighed by the need to establish an effective funding
20 mechanism for affected candidates to effectively respond to communications that
21 may impact an election.

22 **SECTION 9.** 11.01 (12s) of the statutes is repealed.

23 **SECTION 10.** 11.01 (14m) of the statutes is created to read:

1 11.01 (14m) "Partisan state office" means the office of governor, lieutenant
2 governor, secretary of state, state treasurer, attorney general, state senator, state
3 representative to the assembly, or district attorney.

4 **SECTION 11.** 11.01 (16) (a) 3. of the statutes is created to read:

5 11.01 (16) (a) 3. A communication that is made by means of one or more
6 communications media, other than a communication that is exempt from reporting
7 under s. 11.29, that is made during the period beginning on the 60th day preceding
8 an election and ending on the date of that election, and that includes a reference to
9 a candidate whose name is certified under s. 7.08 (2) (a) or 8.50 (1) (d) to appear on
10 the ballot at that election, a reference to an office to be filled at that election, or a
11 reference to a political party.

12 **SECTION 12.** 11.01 (17g) and (17r) of the statutes are repealed.

13 **SECTION 13.** 11.05 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 11.05 (1) (a) and amended
14 to read:

15 11.05 (1) (a) Except as provided in s. 9.10 (2) (d), every committee, other than
16 a personal campaign committee, ~~and every political group subject to a registration~~
17 ~~requirement under s. 11.23 which~~ that makes or accepts contributions, incurs
18 obligations, or makes disbursements in a calendar year in an aggregate amount in
19 excess of \$25 shall file a statement with the appropriate filing officer giving the
20 information required by sub. (3). ~~In the case of any committee other than a personal~~
21 ~~campaign committee, the~~ The statement shall be filed by the treasurer. A personal
22 campaign committee shall register under sub. (2g) ~~or (2r)~~.

23 **SECTION 14.** 11.05 (1) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

24 11.05 (1) (b) Every political group subject to registration under s. 11.23 that
25 makes or accepts contributions, incurs obligations, or makes disbursements in a

1 calendar year in an aggregate amount in excess of \$100 shall file a statement with
2 the appropriate filing officer giving the information required by sub. (3).

3 **SECTION 15.** 11.05 (2) of the statutes is renumbered 11.05 (2) (a) and amended
4 to read:

5 11.05 (2) (a) Except as provided in s. 9.10 (2) (d), every individual, other than
6 a candidate or agent of a candidate, who accepts contributions, incurs obligations,
7 or makes disbursements with respect to one or more elections for state or local office
8 in a calendar year in an aggregate amount in excess of \$25 shall file a statement with
9 the appropriate filing officer giving the information required by sub. (3). An
10 individual who guarantees a loan on which an individual, committee or group subject
11 to a registration requirement defaults is not subject to registration under this
12 subsection paragraph solely as a result of such default.

13 **SECTION 16.** 11.05 (2) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

14 11.05 (2) (b) Every individual who accepts contributions, incurs obligations, or
15 makes disbursements with respect to one or more referenda in a calendar year in an
16 aggregate amount in excess of \$100 shall file a statement with the appropriate filing
17 officer giving the information required by sub. (3).

18 **SECTION 17.** 11.05 (2r) of the statutes is renumbered 11.06 (2m) (a) and
19 amended to read:

20 11.06 (2m) (a) Any person, committee or group, other than ~~a committee or an~~
21 individual or committee required to file an oath under s. ~~11.06 (7) sub. (7)~~, who or
22 which does not anticipate accepting contributions, making disbursements, or
23 incurring obligations in an aggregate amount in excess of \$1,000 in a calendar year
24 and does not anticipate accepting any contribution or contributions from a single
25 source, other than contributions made by a candidate to his or her own campaign,

1 exceeding \$100 in ~~that~~ any calendar year may indicate on its registration statement
2 that the person, committee, or group will not accept contributions, incur obligations,
3 or make disbursements in the aggregate in excess of \$1,000 in any calendar year and
4 will not accept any contribution or contributions from a single source, other than
5 contributions made by a candidate to his or her own campaign, exceeding \$100 in
6 ~~such~~ any calendar year. Any registrant making such an indication is not subject to
7 any filing requirement if the statement is true. The registrant need not file a
8 termination report. A registrant not making such an indication on a registration
9 statement is subject to a filing requirement. The indication may be revoked and the
10 registrant is then subject to a filing requirement as of the date of revocation, or the
11 date that aggregate contributions, disbursements, or obligations for the calendar
12 year exceed \$1,000, or the date on which the registrant accepts any contribution or
13 contributions exceeding \$100 from a single source, other than contributions made by
14 a candidate to his or her own campaign, during ~~that~~ any calendar year, whichever
15 is earlier. ~~If the revocation is not timely, the registrant violates s. 11.27 (1).~~

16 **SECTION 18.** 11.05 (3) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 11.05 (3) (c) In the case of a committee, a statement as to whether the
18 committee is a personal campaign committee, a political party committee, ~~a~~
19 ~~legislative campaign committee,~~ a support committee, or a special interest
20 committee.

21 **SECTION 19.** 11.05 (3) (m) of the statutes is created to read:

22 11.05 (3) (m) In the case of a personal campaign committee, the name of the
23 candidate on whose behalf the committee was formed or intends to operate and the
24 office or offices that the candidate seeks.

25 **SECTION 20.** 11.05 (3) (o) of the statutes is repealed.

1 **SECTION 21.** 11.05 (3) (r) of the statutes is created to read:

2 11.05 **(3)** (r) In the case of a candidate or personal campaign committee of a
3 candidate, the telephone number or numbers and a facsimile transmission number
4 or electronic mail address, if any, at which the candidate may be contacted.

5 **SECTION 22.** 11.05 (3) (s) of the statutes is created to read:

6 11.05 **(3)** (s) In the case of a registrant that has made a communication
7 identified in s. 11.01 (16) (a) 3., a report containing the information specified in s.
8 11.06 (1) with respect to any obligation to make a disbursement incurred or any
9 disbursement made for the purpose of making such a communication prior to
10 registration.

11 **SECTION 23.** 11.05 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 11.05 **(5)** CHANGE OF INFORMATION. Any change in information previously
13 submitted in a statement of registration shall be reported by the registrant to the
14 appropriate filing officer within 10 days following the change. This period does not
15 apply in case of change of an indication made under ~~sub. (2r)~~ s. 11.06 (2m), which
16 shall be reported no later than the date that a registrant is subject to a filing
17 requirement under ~~sub. (2r)~~ s. 11.06 (2m). Any such change may be reported only by
18 the individual or by the officer who has succeeded to the position of an individual who
19 signed the original statement; but in the case of a personal campaign committee, a
20 candidate or campaign treasurer may report a change in the statement except as
21 provided in s. 11.10 (2), and in the case of any other committee or group, the chief
22 executive officer or treasurer indicated on the statement may report a change. If a
23 preexisting support committee is adopted by a candidate as his or her personal
24 campaign committee, the candidate shall file an amendment to the committee's

1 statement under this subsection indicating that all information contained in the
2 statement is true, correct and complete.

3 **SECTION 24.** 11.05 (5r) of the statutes is created to read:

4 11.05 (5r) CONTRIBUTION PRIOR TO REGISTRATION PROHIBITED. (a) Except as
5 provided in sub. (13), no person, committee, or group that is subject to a registration
6 requirement may make any contribution prior to the date of registration under this
7 section.

8 (b) No registrant may accept any contribution received from a person,
9 committee, or group that is subject to a registration requirement prior to the date of
10 registration of that person, committee, or group.

11 **SECTION 25.** 11.05 (9) (title) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

12 11.05 (9) (title) DEPOSIT OF CONTRIBUTIONS; CONDUITS.

13 **SECTION 26.** 11.05 (9) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 11.05 (9) (b) An individual who or a committee or group which receives a
15 contribution of money and transfers the contribution to another individual,
16 committee, or group while acting as a conduit is not subject to registration under this
17 section unless the individual, committee, or group transfers the contribution to a
18 candidate or a personal campaign, legislative campaign, political party, or support
19 committee.

20 **SECTION 27.** 11.05 (12) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 11.05 (12) (title) TIME OF REGISTRATION; ACCEPTANCE OF UNLAWFUL CONTRIBUTIONS.

22 **SECTION 28.** 11.05 (12) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 11.05 (12) (b) Except as authorized under sub. (13), a committee, group or
24 individual other than a candidate or agent of a candidate shall comply with sub. (1)
25 or (2) no later than the 5th business day commencing after receipt of the first

1 contribution by such committee, group or individual, and before making any
2 disbursement. No committee, group or individual, other than a candidate or agent
3 of a candidate, may accept any contribution or contributions exceeding \$25 in the
4 aggregate the amount specified in sub. (1) or (2) during a calendar year at any time
5 when the committee, group or individual is not registered under this section except
6 within the initial 5-day period authorized by this paragraph.

7 **SECTION 29.** 11.05 (13) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 11.05 (13) BANK ACCOUNT AND POSTAL BOX; EXEMPTION. An individual, committee
9 or group does not violate this section by accepting a contribution and making a
10 disbursement in the amount required to rent a postal box, or in the minimum amount
11 required by a bank or trust company to open a checking account, prior to the time of
12 registration, if the disbursement is properly reported on the first report submitted
13 under s. 11.20 or 11.21 (16) after the date that the individual, committee or group is
14 registered, whenever a reporting requirement applies to the registrant.

15 **SECTION 30.** 11.06 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 11.06 (1) CONTENTS OF REPORT. (intro.) Except as provided in subs. (2), ~~(3)~~ and
17 ~~(3m)~~ and ss. 11.05 ~~(2r)~~ and (2m) and s. 11.19 (2), each registrant under s. 11.05 shall
18 make full reports, upon a form prescribed by the board and signed by the appropriate
19 individual under sub. (5), of all contributions received, contributions or
20 disbursements made, and obligations incurred. Each report shall contain the
21 following information, covering the period since the last date covered on the previous
22 report, unless otherwise provided:

23 **SECTION 31.** 11.06 (1) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 11.06 (1) (e) An itemized statement of contributions over \$20 from a single
25 source donated to a charitable organization or to the common school fund, with the

1 full name and mailing address of the donee, and a statement of contributions over
2 \$20 transferred to the board for deposit in the Wisconsin election campaign fund.

3 **SECTION 32.** 11.06 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 11.06 (2) DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN INDIRECT DISBURSEMENTS. Notwithstanding
5 sub. (1), if a disbursement is made or obligation incurred by an individual other than
6 a candidate or by a committee or group which is not primarily organized for political
7 purposes, and the disbursement does not constitute a contribution to any candidate
8 or other individual, committee, or group, and the disbursement is not made or the
9 obligation is not incurred for the purpose of making a communication specified in s.
10 11.01 (16) (a) 3., the disbursement or obligation is required to be reported only if the
11 purpose is to expressly advocate the election or defeat of a clearly identified
12 candidate or the adoption or rejection of a referendum. The exemption provided by
13 this subsection shall in no case be construed to apply to a political party, legislative
14 campaign, personal campaign or support committee.

15 **SECTION 33.** 11.06 (2m) (title) of the statutes is created to read:

16 11.06 (2m) (title) GENERAL REPORTING EXEMPTIONS.

17 **SECTION 34.** 11.06 (2m) (b) to (d) of the statutes are created to read:

18 11.06 (2m) (b) Any individual or committee who or which is required to file an
19 oath under sub. (7) and who or which accepts contributions, makes disbursements,
20 or incurs obligations for the purpose of supporting or opposing one or more
21 candidates for state office and who or which does not anticipate accepting
22 contributions, making disbursements, or incurring obligations in an aggregate
23 amount in excess of \$1,000 in a calendar year and does not anticipate accepting any
24 contribution or contributions from a single source exceeding \$100 in any calendar
25 year may indicate on its registration statement that the individual or committee will

1 not accept contributions, incur obligations, or make disbursements in the aggregate
2 in excess of \$1,000 in any calendar year and will not accept any contribution or
3 contributions from a single source exceeding \$100 in any calendar year. Any
4 registrant making such an indication is not subject to any filing requirement if the
5 statement is true. The registrant need not file a termination report. A registrant not
6 making such an indication on a registration statement is subject to a filing
7 requirement. The indication may be revoked and the registrant is then subject to a
8 filing requirement as of the date of revocation, or the date on which aggregate
9 contributions, disbursements, or obligations for the calendar year exceed \$1,000, or
10 the date on which the registrant accepts any contribution or contributions exceeding
11 \$100 from a single source during any calendar year, whichever is earlier.

12 (c) Any individual or committee who or which is required to file an oath under
13 sub. (7) and who or which accepts contributions, makes disbursements, or incurs
14 obligations for the purpose of supporting or opposing one or more candidates for local
15 office but not for the purpose of supporting or opposing any candidate for state office
16 and who or which does not anticipate accepting contributions, making
17 disbursements, or incurring obligations in an aggregate amount in excess of \$100 in
18 a calendar year and does not anticipate accepting any contribution or contributions
19 from a single source exceeding \$100 in any calendar year may indicate on its
20 registration statement that the individual or committee will not accept
21 contributions, incur obligations, or make disbursements in the aggregate in excess
22 of \$100 in any calendar year and will not accept any contribution or contributions
23 from a single source exceeding \$100 in any calendar year. Any registrant making
24 such an indication is not subject to any filing requirement if the statement is true.
25 The registrant need not file a termination report. A registrant not making such an

1 indication on a registration statement is subject to a filing requirement. The
2 indication may be revoked and the registrant is then subject to a filing requirement
3 as of the date of revocation, or the date that aggregate contributions, disbursements,
4 or obligations for the calendar year exceed \$100, or the date on which the registrant
5 accepts any contribution or contributions exceeding \$100 from a single source during
6 any calendar year, whichever is earlier.

7 (d) If a revocation by a registrant under this subsection is not timely, the
8 registrant violates s. 11.27 (1).

9 **SECTION 35.** 11.06 (3) (b) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 11.06 (3) (b) (intro.) ~~Notwithstanding sub. (1), a~~ A nonresident registrant shall
11 report on a form prescribed by the board the applicable information ensure that the
12 report under sub. (1) separately states information under sub. (1) concerning all of
13 the following, in a manner prescribed by the board:

14 **SECTION 36.** 11.06 (3r) of the statutes is repealed.

15 **SECTION 37.** 11.06 (3w) of the statutes is repealed.

16 **SECTION 38.** 11.06 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 11.06 (4) (b) Unless it is returned or donated within 15 days of receipt, a
18 contribution must be reported as received and accepted on the date received. This
19 ~~subsection paragraph~~ applies notwithstanding the fact that the contribution is not
20 deposited in the a campaign depository account by the closing date for the reporting
21 period as provided in s. 11.20 (8) or the reporting deadline provided in s. 11.21 (16)
22 if applicable.

23 **SECTION 39.** 11.06 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 11.06 (5) **REPORT MUST BE COMPLETE.** A registered individual or treasurer of a
25 group or committee shall make a good faith effort to obtain all required information.

1 The first report shall commence no later than the date that the first contribution is
2 received and accepted or the first disbursement is made. Each report shall be filed
3 with the appropriate filing officer on the dates designated in s. 11.20 and, if the
4 registrant files reports under s. 11.21 (16), at the times specified in s. 11.21 (16). The
5 individual or the treasurer of the group or committee shall certify to the correctness
6 of each report. In the case of a candidate, the candidate or treasurer shall certify to
7 the correctness of each report. If a treasurer is unavailable, any person designated
8 as a custodian under s. 11.05 (3) (e) may certify to the correctness of a report.

9 **SECTION 40.** 11.06 (7m) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 11.06 (7m) (a) If a committee which was registered under s. 11.05 as a political
11 party committee ~~or legislative campaign committee~~ supporting candidates of a
12 political party files an oath under sub. (7) affirming that it does not act in cooperation
13 or consultation with any candidate who is nominated to appear on the party ballot
14 of the party at a general or special election, that the committee does not act in concert
15 with, or at the request or suggestion of, such a candidate, that the committee does
16 not act in cooperation or consultation with such a candidate or agent or authorized
17 committee of such a candidate who benefits from a disbursement made in opposition
18 to another candidate, and that the committee does not act in concert with, or at the
19 request or suggestion of, such a candidate or agent or authorized committee of such
20 a candidate who benefits from a disbursement made in opposition to another
21 candidate, the committee filing the oath may not make any contributions in support
22 of any candidate of the party at the general or special election or in opposition to any
23 such candidate's opponents exceeding the amounts specified in s. 11.26 (2), except as
24 authorized in par. (c).

25 **SECTION 41.** 11.06 (7m) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

1 11.06 (7m) (b) If the committee has already made contributions in excess of the
2 amounts specified in s. 11.26 (2) at the time that it files an oath under sub. (7), each
3 candidate to whom contributions are made shall promptly return a sufficient amount
4 of contributions to bring the committee ~~in~~ into compliance with this subsection and
5 the committee may not make any additional contributions in violation of this
6 subsection.

7 **SECTION 42.** 11.06 (7m) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 11.06 (7m) (c) A committee filing an oath under sub. (7) which desires to change
9 its status to a political party committee ~~or legislative campaign committee~~ may do
10 so as of December 31 of any even-numbered year. Section 11.26 does not apply to
11 contributions received by such a committee prior to the date of the change. Such a
12 committee may change its status at other times only by filing a termination
13 statement under s. 11.19 (1) and reregistering as a newly organized committee under
14 s. 11.05.

15 **SECTION 43.** 11.07 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 11.07 (1) Every nonresident committee or group making contributions and
17 every nonresident individual, committee or group making disbursements exceeding
18 ~~\$25-cumulatively~~ the amount specified in s. 11.05 (1) or (2) in a calendar year within
19 this state shall file the name, mailing and street address and the name and the
20 mailing and street address of a designated agent within the state with the office of
21 the secretary of state. An agent may be any adult individual who is a resident of this
22 state. After any change in the name or address of such agent the new address or
23 name of the successor agent shall be filed within 30 days of the date on which the
24 change occurs. Service of process in any proceeding under this chapter or ch. 12, or
25 service of any other notice or demand may be made upon such agent.

1 **SECTION 44.** 11.07 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 11.07 (5) Any campaign treasurer or individual who knowingly receives a
3 contribution made by an unregistered nonresident in violation of this section may
4 not use or expend such contribution but shall immediately return it to the source or
5 at the option of the campaign treasurer or individual, donate the contribution to a
6 charitable organization or to the common school fund or transfer the contribution to
7 the board for deposit in the Wisconsin election campaign fund.

8 **SECTION 45.** 11.09 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 11.09 (3) Each registrant whose filing officer is the board, who or which makes
10 disbursements in connection with elections for offices which serve or referenda
11 which affect only one county or portion thereof, except a candidate, personal
12 campaign committee, political party committee, or other committee making
13 disbursements in support of or in opposition to a candidate for state senator,
14 representative to the assembly, court of appeals judge, or circuit judge, shall file a
15 duplicate original of each financial report filed with the board with the county clerk
16 or board of election commissioners of the county in which the elections in which the
17 registrant participates are held. Such reports shall be filed no later than the dates
18 specified under s. 11.20 (2) and (4) for the filing of each report with the board. This
19 subsection does not apply to a registrant who or which files reports under s. 11.21
20 (16).

21 **SECTION 46.** 11.10 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 11.10 (1) Each candidate in an election shall appoint one campaign treasurer.
23 Except as provided in s. 11.14 (3), each candidate shall designate one campaign
24 depository account within 5 business days after the candidate receives his or her first
25 contribution and before the candidate makes or authorizes any disbursement in

1 behalf of his or her candidacy. If a candidate adopts a preexisting support committee
2 as his or her personal campaign committee, the candidate shall make such
3 designation within 5 business days of adoption. The person designated as campaign
4 treasurer shall be the treasurer of the candidate's personal campaign committee, if
5 any. The candidate may appoint himself or herself or any other elector as campaign
6 treasurer. A registration statement under s. 11.05 (2g) ~~or (2r)~~ must be filed jointly
7 by every candidate and his or her campaign treasurer. The candidate does not
8 qualify for ballot placement until this requirement is met. Except as authorized
9 under s. 11.06 (5), the campaign treasurer or candidate shall certify as to the
10 correctness of each report required to be filed, and the candidate bears the
11 responsibility for the accuracy of each report for purposes of civil liability under this
12 chapter, whether or not the candidate certifies it personally.

13 **SECTION 47.** 11.12 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 11.12 (2) Any anonymous contribution exceeding \$10 received by a campaign
15 or committee treasurer or by an individual under s. 11.06 (7) may not be used or
16 expended. The contribution shall be donated to the common school fund or to any
17 charitable organization, or transferred to the board for deposit in the Wisconsin
18 election campaign fund, at the option of the treasurer.

19 **SECTION 48.** 11.12 (2) of the statutes, as affected by 2007 Wisconsin Act (this
20 act), is amended to read:

21 11.12 (2) ~~Any~~ No registrant, except a candidate who receives a public financing
22 benefit from the democracy trust fund, may accept an anonymous contribution
23 exceeding \$10 ~~received by a campaign or committee treasurer or by an individual~~
24 under s. 11.06 (7) may not be used or expended. ~~The.~~ No candidate who receives a
25 public financing benefit from the democracy trust fund may accept an anonymous

1 contribution exceeding \$5. Any anonymous contribution that may not be accepted
2 under this subsection shall be donated to the common school fund or to any a
3 charitable organization, or transferred to the board for deposit in the Wisconsin
4 election campaign fund, at the option of the registrant's treasurer.

5 **SECTION 49.** 11.12 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:

6 11.12 (2m) If the campaign treasurer of a registrant receives a contribution in
7 the form of money that is made by an individual who has made contributions to the
8 registrant cumulatively within a calendar year exceeding \$100 in amount or value,
9 and the contributor has not provided to the treasurer the information required under
10 s. 11.06 (1) (b), the treasurer shall obtain the information from the contributor before
11 depositing the contribution in the campaign depository account. If the treasurer does
12 not receive the information within the period prescribed under s. 11.14 (1), the
13 treasurer shall return the contribution to the contributor.

14 **SECTION 50.** 11.12 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 11.12 (4) Each registrant shall report contributions, disbursements, and
16 incurred obligations in accordance with s. 11.20 and, if the registrant files reports
17 under s. 11.21 (16), in accordance with s. 11.21 (16). Except as permitted under s.
18 11.06 (2),~~(3)~~ and (3m), each report shall contain the information which is required
19 under s. 11.06 (1).

20 **SECTION 51.** 11.12 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 11.12 (5) If any contribution or contributions of \$500 or more cumulatively are
22 received by a candidate for state office or by a committee or individual from a single
23 contributor later than 15 days prior to a primary or election such that ~~it is~~ they are
24 not included in the preprimary or preelection report submitted under s. 11.20 (3), the
25 treasurer of the committee or the individual receiving the contribution shall, within

1 24 hours of receipt, inform the appropriate filing officer of the information required
2 under s. 11.06 (1) in such manner as the board may prescribe. The information shall
3 also be included in the treasurer's or individual's next regular report. For purposes
4 of the reporting requirement under this subsection, only contributions received
5 during the period beginning with the day after the last date covered on the
6 preprimary or preelection report, and ending with the day before the primary or
7 election need be reported.

8 **SECTION 52.** 11.12 (6) of the statutes is renumbered 11.12 (6) (a) and amended
9 to read:

10 11.12 (6) (a) If ~~any~~ an individual or committee incurs an obligation or makes
11 a disbursement of more than \$20 cumulatively is made to advocate the election or
12 defeat of a clearly identified candidate by an individual or committee later than 15
13 days prior to a primary or election in which the candidate's name appears on the
14 ballot without cooperation or consultation with a candidate or agent or authorized
15 committee of a candidate who is supported or whose opponent is opposed, and not in
16 concert with or at the request or suggestion of such a candidate, agent or committee,
17 the individual or treasurer of the committee shall, within 24 hours of after incurring
18 the obligation or making the disbursement, inform the appropriate filing officer of
19 the information required under s. 11.06 (1) in such manner as the board may
20 prescribe. The information shall also be included in the next regular report of the
21 individual or committee under s. 11.20. For purposes of this subsection, paragraph,
22 obligations and disbursements cumulate beginning with the day after the last date
23 covered on the preprimary or preelection report and ending with the day before the
24 primary or election. Upon receipt of a report under this subsection paragraph, the
25 filing officer shall, within 24 hours of receipt, mail a copy of the report to all

1 candidates for any office in support of or opposition to one of whom ~~a~~ an incurred
2 obligation or disbursement identified in the report is incurred or made. A committee
3 that files a report pertaining to a disbursement under par. (c) is not required to file
4 a report pertaining to the same disbursement under this paragraph.

5 **SECTION 53.** 11.12 (6) (c) and (d) of the statutes are created to read:

6 11.12 (6) (c) If any committee identified under s. 11.05 (3) (c) as a special
7 interest committee, other than a conduit, makes any disbursement for the purpose
8 of advocating the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate for a state office
9 specified in s. 11.31 (1) (a) to (d), (e), or (f) at the general or a special election, or any
10 such candidate who seeks a nomination for such an office at a primary election, or
11 for a purpose described in s. 11.01 (16) (a) 3., without cooperation or consultation with
12 a candidate or agent or authorized committee of a candidate who is supported or
13 whose opponent is opposed, and not in concert with or at the request or suggestion
14 of such a candidate, agent, or committee, the committee shall report to the board
15 within 24 hours thereafter, in such manner as the board may prescribe, the total
16 amount of disbursements made for such a purpose in support of or opposition to that
17 candidate, the amount and date of each such disbursement, and the name of the
18 candidate in support of or in opposition to whom the disbursement was made. A
19 committee which files a report under this paragraph concerning a disbursement is
20 not required to file a report pertaining to the same disbursement under par. (a).

21 (d) All information reported by a registrant under this subsection shall also be
22 included in the next regular report of the registrant under s. 11.20 or 11.21 (16).

23 **SECTION 54.** 11.12 (8) and (9) of the statutes are created to read:

24 11.12 (8) If a candidate for a state office specified in s. 11.31 (1) (a) to (d), (e),
25 or (f) who does not accept a grant under s. 11.50 makes any disbursement after that

1 candidate has accumulated cash in his or her campaign depository account or has
2 made disbursements during his or her campaign, as defined in s. 11.31 (7), exceeding
3 a combined total of 75 percent of the amount specified in s. 11.31 (1) (a) to (d), (e), or
4 (f), as adjusted under s. 11.31 (9), for the office that the candidate seeks, that
5 candidate or the candidate's personal campaign committee shall file daily reports
6 with the board and with each candidate whose name is certified to appear on the
7 ballot for the office in connection with which the disbursement is made, by electronic
8 mail or facsimile transmission, on each day beginning with that date or the 7th day
9 after the primary election or the date that a primary would be held, if required,
10 whichever is later, and ending on the date of the election at which the candidate seeks
11 office. Each report shall be filed no later than 24 hours after that disbursement is
12 made. Each report shall include the same information pertaining to each
13 disbursement made by the candidate or committee that is required to be reported for
14 other disbursements under s. 11.06 (1). The information shall also be included in the
15 next regular report of the candidate or committee under s. 11.20.

16 **(9)** Whenever a report is required to be filed with a candidate by electronic mail
17 or facsimile transmission under this section, the report shall be filed at the address
18 or number of the candidate or personal campaign committee as shown on the
19 registration statement of the candidate or committee. If no electronic mail address
20 or facsimile transmission number is shown, the report shall be filed at the mailing
21 address shown on the statement.

22 **SECTION 55.** 11.14 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 11.14 **(3)** Notwithstanding sub. (1), any candidate who serves as his or her own
24 campaign treasurer and who is authorized to make and makes an indication on his
25 or her registration statement under s. ~~11.05 (2r)~~ 11.06 (2m) that he or she will not

1 accept contributions, make disbursements or incur obligations in an aggregate
2 amount exceeding \$1,000 in a calendar year the amount authorized in s. 11.06 (2m),
3 and will not accept any contribution or contributions from a single source, other than
4 contributions made by the candidate to his or her own campaign, exceeding \$100 in
5 a calendar year, may designate a single personal account as his or her campaign
6 depository account, and may intermingle personal and other funds with campaign
7 funds. If a separate depository account is later established by the candidate, the
8 candidate shall transfer all campaign funds in the personal account to the new
9 depository account. Disbursements made from such personal account need not be
10 identified in accordance with s. 11.16 (3).

11 **SECTION 56.** 11.16 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 11.16 (2) LIMITATION ON CASH CONTRIBUTIONS. Every contribution of money
13 exceeding \$50 shall be made by negotiable instrument or evidenced by an itemized
14 credit card receipt bearing on the face the name of the remitter. No treasurer may
15 accept a contribution made in violation of this subsection. The treasurer shall
16 promptly return the contribution, or, if the donor cannot be identified, donate it the
17 contribution to the common school fund or to a charitable organization ~~in the event~~
18 ~~that the donor cannot be identified~~ or transfer the contribution to the board for
19 deposit in the Wisconsin election campaign fund.

20 **SECTION 57.** 11.16 (2) of the statutes, as affected by 2007 Wisconsin Act (this
21 act), is amended to read:

22 11.16 (2) LIMITATION ON CASH CONTRIBUTIONS. Every Except as provided in s.
23 11.506 (6), every contribution of money exceeding \$50 shall be made by negotiable
24 instrument or evidenced by an itemized credit card receipt bearing on the face the
25 name of the remitter. No treasurer may accept a contribution made in violation of

1 this subsection. The treasurer shall promptly return the contribution, or, if the donor
2 cannot be identified, donate the contribution to the common school fund or to a
3 charitable organization or transfer the contribution to the board for deposit in the
4 Wisconsin election campaign fund.

5 **SECTION 58.** 11.16 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 11.16 (3) FORM OF DISBURSEMENTS. ~~Every~~ Except as authorized under s. 11.511
7 (1), every disbursement which is made by a registered individual or treasurer from
8 the campaign depository account shall be made by negotiable instrument. Such
9 instrument shall bear on the face the full name of the candidate, committee,
10 individual or group as it appears on the registration statement filed under s. 11.05
11 and where necessary, such additional words as are sufficient to clearly indicate the
12 political nature of the registrant or account of the registrant. The name of a political
13 party shall include the word "party". The instrument of each committee registered
14 with the board and designated under s. 11.05 (3) (c) as a special interest committee
15 shall bear the identification number assigned under s. 11.21 (12) on the face of the
16 instrument.

17 **SECTION 59.** 11.16 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 11.16 (5) ESCROW AGREEMENTS. Any personal campaign committee, or political
19 party committee ~~or legislative campaign committee~~ may, pursuant to a written
20 escrow agreement with more than one candidate, solicit contributions for and
21 conduct a joint fund raising effort or program on behalf of more than one named
22 candidate. The agreement shall specify the percentage of the proceeds to be
23 distributed to each candidate by the committee conducting the effort or program.
24 The committee shall include this information in all solicitations for the effort or
25 program. All contributions received and disbursements made by the committee in

1 connection with the effort or program shall be received and disbursed through a
2 separate depository account under s. 11.14 (1) that is identified in the agreement.
3 For purposes of s. 11.06 (1), the committee conducting the effort or program shall
4 prepare a schedule in the form prescribed by the board supplying all required
5 information under s. 11.06 (1) and items qualifying for exclusion under s. 11.31 (6)
6 for the effort or program, and shall transmit a copy of the schedule to each candidate
7 who receives any of the proceeds within the period prescribed in s. 11.06 (4) (c).

8 **SECTION 60.** 11.19 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 **11.19 (title) ~~Dissolution~~ Carry-over of surplus funds; dissolution of**
10 **registrants; termination reports.**

11 **SECTION 61.** 11.19 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 11.19 (1) Whenever any registrant disbands or determines that obligations will
13 no longer be incurred, and contributions will no longer be received nor disbursements
14 made during a calendar year, and the registrant has no outstanding incurred
15 obligations, the registrant shall file a termination report with the appropriate filing
16 officer. Such report shall indicate a cash balance on hand of zero at the end of the
17 reporting period and shall indicate the disposition of residual funds. Residual funds
18 may be used for any political purpose not prohibited by law, returned to the donors
19 in an amount not exceeding the original contribution, transferred to the board for
20 deposit in the Wisconsin election campaign fund, or donated to a charitable
21 organization or the common school fund. The report shall be filed and certified as
22 were previous reports, and shall contain the information required by s. 11.06 (1). A
23 registrant to which s. 11.055 (1) applies shall pay the fee imposed under that
24 subsection with a termination report filed under this subsection. If a termination
25 report or suspension report under sub. (2) is not filed, the registrant shall continue

1 to file periodic reports with the appropriate filing officer, no later than the dates
2 specified in s. 11.20 and, if the registrant files reports under s. 11.21 (16), no later
3 than the times specified in s. 11.21 (16). This subsection does not apply to any
4 registrant making an indication under s. ~~11.05 (2r)~~ 11.06 (2m).

5 **SECTION 62.** 11.20 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 11.20 (1) All reports required by s. 11.06 which relate to activities which
7 promote or oppose candidates for state office or statewide referenda and all reports
8 under s. 11.08 shall be filed with the board. All reports required by s. 11.06 which
9 relate to activities which promote or oppose candidates for local office or local
10 referenda shall be filed with the appropriate filing officer under s. 11.02, except
11 reports filed under s. 11.08. Each registrant shall file the reports required by this
12 section. If the registrant is subject to a requirement under s. 11.21 (16) to report
13 electronically the same information that is reportable under this section, the
14 registrant shall, in addition, file the reports required by this section recorded on a
15 medium specified by the board.

16 **SECTION 63.** 11.20 (7) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 11.20 (7) ~~In~~ Except as otherwise required under s. 11.21 (16), in the event that
18 any report is required to be filed under this section chapter on a nonbusiness day, it
19 may be filed on the next business day thereafter.

20 **SECTION 64.** 11.20 (9) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 11.20 (9) Except as provided in ss. ~~11.05 (2r)~~ 11.06 (2m) and 11.19 (2), the duty
22 to file reports under this section or s. 11.21 (16), where applicable, continues until a
23 termination report is filed in accordance with s. 11.19.

24 **SECTION 65.** 11.20 (10) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

1 11.20 (10) (a) Where a requirement is imposed under this section for the filing
2 of a financial report which is to be received by the appropriate filing officer no later
3 than a certain date, the requirement may be satisfied either by actual receipt of the
4 report by the prescribed time for filing at the office of the filing officer, or by filing a
5 report with the U.S. postal service by first class mail with sufficient prepaid postage,
6 addressed to the appropriate filing officer, no later than the 3rd day before the date
7 provided by law for receipt of such report.

8 **SECTION 66.** 11.20 (12) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 11.20 (12) If a candidate is unopposed in a primary or election, the obligation
10 to file the reports required by this chapter does not cease. Except as provided in ss.
11 ~~11.05 (2r)~~ 11.06 (2m) and 11.19 (2), a registrant who makes or receives no
12 contributions, makes no disbursements or incurs no obligations shall so report on the
13 dates designated in subs. (2) and (4).

14 **SECTION 67.** 11.21 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 11.21 (2) Furnish to each registrant prescribed forms for the making of reports
16 and statements. Forms shall be sent by 1st class mail not earlier than 21 days and
17 not later than 14 days prior to the applicable filing deadline under s. 11.20, and
18 addressed to the attention of the treasurer or other person indicated on the
19 registration statement. Forms need not be sent to a registrant who has made an
20 indication that aggregate contributions, disbursements and obligations will not
21 exceed the amount specified under s. ~~11.05 (2r)~~ 11.06 (2m) or to a registrant who has
22 been granted a suspension under s. 11.19 (2). Forms for reports shall not be sent by
23 the board to a registrant if the registrant is required to file reports with the board
24 in an electronic format. Whenever any notice of filing requirements under this
25 chapter is sent to a candidate's campaign treasurer, the board shall also send a notice

1 to the candidate if he or she has appointed a separate treasurer. Failure to receive
2 any form or notice does not exempt a registrant from compliance with this chapter.

3 **SECTION 68.** 11.21 (15) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 11.21 (15) Inform each candidate who files an application to become eligible to
5 receive a grant from the Wisconsin election campaign fund of the dollar amount of
6 the applicable disbursement limitation under s. 11.31 (1), adjusted as provided under
7 s. 11.31 (9), which applies to the office for which such person is a candidate. Failure
8 to receive the notice required by this subsection does not constitute a defense to a
9 violation of s. 11.27 (1) or 11.31.

10 **SECTION 69.** 11.21 (16) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 11.21 (16) Require each registrant for whom the board serves as filing officer
12 and who or which accepts contributions in a total amount or value of \$20,000 or more
13 during a campaign period to file each campaign finance report that is required to be
14 filed under this chapter in an electronic format, and accept from any other registrant
15 for whom the board serves as a filing officer any campaign finance report that is
16 required to be filed under this chapter in an electronic format. A registrant who or
17 which becomes subject to a requirement to file reports in an electronic format under
18 this subsection shall initially file the registrant's report in an electronic format for
19 the period which includes the date on which the registrant becomes subject to the
20 requirement or, if the registrant is required to report transactions within 24 hours
21 of their occurrence, within 24 hours after the date on which the registrant becomes
22 subject to the requirement. To facilitate implementation of this subsection, the board
23 shall specify, by rule, a type of software that is suitable for compliance with the
24 electronic filing requirement under this subsection. The board shall provide copies
25 of the software to registrants at a price fixed by the board that may not exceed cost.

1 Each registrant who or which files a report under this subsection in an electronic
2 format shall also file a copy of the report with the board that is recorded on a medium
3 specified by the board. The copy shall be signed by an authorized individual and filed
4 with the board by each registrant no later than the time prescribed for filing of the
5 report under this chapter. If a registrant is a committee, a copy shall be certified by
6 an authorized individual and filed with the board by the registrant no later than 24
7 hours after the occurrence of any transaction that is reportable under s.11.06 (1). If
8 a registrant becomes subject to a requirement to report electronically under this
9 subsection, the registrant shall continue to report electronically regardless of the
10 amount of contributions accepted by the registrant until the registrant files a
11 termination report. The board shall provide complete instructions to any registrant
12 who or which files a report under this subsection. In this subsection, the “campaign
13 period” of a candidate, personal campaign committee or support committee begins
14 and ends with the “campaign” of the candidate whose candidacy is supported, as
15 defined in s. 11.26 (17), and the “campaign period” of any other registrant begins on
16 January 1 of each odd-numbered year and ends on December 31 of the following year.
17 Section 990.001 (4) does not apply to the computation of time permitted for
18 compliance with the filing requirements under this subsection.

19 **SECTION 70.** 11.21 (17) of the statutes is repealed.

20 **SECTION 71.** 11.22 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 11.22 (3) Furnish to each registrant prescribed forms for the making of reports
22 and statements. Forms shall be sent by 1st class mail not earlier than 21 days and
23 not later than 14 days prior to the applicable filing deadline under s. 11.20 and
24 addressed to the attention of the treasurer or other person indicated on the
25 registration statement. Forms need not be sent to a registrant who has made an

1 indication that aggregate contributions, disbursements and obligations will not
2 exceed the amount specified under s. ~~11.05 (2r)~~ 11.06 (2m) or to a registrant who has
3 been granted a suspension under s. 11.19 (2). Whenever any notice of the filing
4 requirements under this chapter is sent to a candidate's campaign treasurer, the
5 filing officer shall also send a notice to the candidate if he or she has appointed a
6 separate treasurer. Failure to receive any form or notice does not exempt a registrant
7 from compliance with this chapter.

8 **SECTION 72.** 11.23 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 11.23 (1) Any group or individual may promote or oppose a particular vote at
10 any referendum in this state. Before making disbursements, receiving contributions
11 or incurring obligations in excess of ~~\$25~~ \$100 in the aggregate in a calendar year for
12 such purposes, the group or individual shall file a registration statement under s.
13 11.05 (1), or (2) ~~or (2r)~~. In the case of a group the name and mailing address of each
14 of its officers shall be given in the statement. Every group and every individual
15 under this section shall designate a campaign depository account under s. 11.14.
16 Every group shall appoint a treasurer, who may delegate authority but is jointly
17 responsible for the actions of his or her authorized designee for purposes of civil
18 liability under this chapter. The appropriate filing officer shall be notified by a group
19 of any change in its treasurer within 10 days of the change under s. 11.05 (5). The
20 treasurer of a group shall certify the correctness of each statement or report
21 submitted by it under this chapter.

22 **SECTION 73.** 11.23 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 11.23 (2) Any anonymous contribution exceeding \$10 received by an individual
24 or group treasurer may not be used or expended. The contribution shall be donated
25 to the common school fund or to any charitable organization or transferred to the

1 board for deposit in the Wisconsin election campaign fund at the option of the
2 treasurer.

3 **SECTION 74.** 11.24 (2) of the statutes is renumbered 11.24 (5).

4 **SECTION 75.** 11.24 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

5 11.24 (4) (a) No person may make a contribution to an incumbent partisan state
6 elective official, to a candidate for a partisan state office, or to the personal campaign
7 committee or support committee authorized under s. 11.05 (3) (p) of such an official
8 or candidate for the purpose of promoting that official's or candidate's nomination,
9 election, or reelection to a partisan state office during the period beginning on the
10 date of introduction of the executive budget bill under s. 16.47 (1m) and ending on
11 the date of enactment of the biennial budget act.

12 (b) If in any year there is more than one executive budget bill, par. (a) applies
13 beginning on the date of introduction of the first such bill and ending on the date of
14 enactment of the last such bill.

15 (c) Notwithstanding par. (a), a person may make a contribution to an
16 incumbent partisan state elective official against whom a recall petition is circulated
17 or a candidate for a partisan state office at a recall election during the period
18 beginning on the date that a petitioner registers an intent to circulate a petition
19 under s. 9.10 (2) (d) and ending on the date of the recall election, except that if the
20 circulation period expires without offering of the recall petition for filing, the filing
21 officer determines not to file the petition, or the official resigns as provided in s. 9.10
22 (3) (c), the period ends on the date of that event.

23 (d) Paragraph (a) does not apply to a candidate for a partisan state office at a
24 special election or to the personal campaign committee or authorized support
25 committee of such a candidate.

1 **SECTION 76.** 11.26 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 11.26 (1) (intro.) No Except as otherwise provided for an individual specified
3 in sub. (2), no individual may make any contribution or contributions to a candidate
4 for election or nomination to any of the following offices and to any individual or
5 committee under s. 11.06 (7) acting solely in support of such a candidate or solely in
6 opposition to the candidate's opponent to the extent of more than a total of the
7 amounts specified per candidate:

8 **SECTION 77.** 11.26 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 11.26 (1) (a) Candidates for governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state,
10 state treasurer, attorney general, or state superintendent ~~or justice~~, \$10,000.

11 **SECTION 78.** 11.26 (1) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

12 11.26 (1) (am) Candidates for justice, \$1,000.

13 **SECTION 79.** 11.26 (2) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 11.26 (2) (intro.) No committee other than a political party committee ~~or~~
15 ~~legislative campaign committee~~ and no individual who serves as a conduit may make
16 any contribution or contributions to a candidate for election or nomination to any of
17 the following offices and to any individual or committee under s. 11.06 (7) acting
18 solely in support of such a candidate or solely in opposition to the candidate's
19 opponent to the extent of more than a total of the amounts specified per candidate:

20 **SECTION 80.** 11.26 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 11.26 (2) (a) Candidates for governor, ~~lieutenant governor, secretary of state,~~
22 ~~state treasurer, attorney general, state superintendent or justice~~, 4 percent of the
23 value of the disbursement level specified in the schedule under s. 11.31 (1) \$45,000.

24 **SECTION 81.** 11.26 (2) (ad) of the statutes is created to read:

25 11.26 (2) (ad) Candidates for lieutenant governor, \$15,000.

1 **SECTION 82.** 11.26 (2) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

2 11.26 (2) (am) Candidates for attorney general, \$25,000.

3 **SECTION 83.** 11.26 (2) (an) of the statutes is created to read:

4 11.26 (2) (an) Candidates for justice, \$10,000.

5 **SECTION 84.** 11.26 (2) (an) of the statutes, as affected by 2007 Wisconsin Act

6 (this act), is repealed and recreated to read:

7 11.26 (2) (an) Candidates for justice, \$1,000.

8 **SECTION 85.** 11.26 (2) (au) of the statutes is created to read:

9 11.26 (2) (au) Candidates for secretary of state, state treasurer, or state
10 superintendent, \$10,000.

11 **SECTION 86.** 11.26 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 11.26 (4) No Except as otherwise provided in sub. (10), no individual may make
13 any contribution or contributions to all candidates for state and local offices and to
14 any individuals who or committees which are subject to a registration requirement
15 under s. 11.05, including legislative campaign committees and committees of a
16 political party, to the extent of more than a total of \$10,000 in any calendar year. This
17 subsection does not apply to contributions that are transferred by an individual who
18 serves as a conduit.

19 **SECTION 87.** 11.26 (8) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 11.26 (8) (a) No political party as defined in s. 5.02 (13) may receive more than
21 a total of \$150,000 \$600,000 in value of its contributions in any biennium from all
22 other committees, excluding ~~contributions from legislative campaign committees~~
23 ~~and transfers between party committees of the party.~~ In this paragraph, a biennium
24 commences with January 1 of each odd-numbered year and ends with December 31
25 of each even-numbered year.

1 (b) No such political party may receive more than a total of \$6,000 \$18,000 in
2 value of its contributions in any calendar year from any specific committee or its
3 subunits or affiliates, excluding ~~legislative campaign~~ and political party committees.

4 (c) No committee, other than a political party ~~or legislative campaign~~
5 committee, may make any contribution or contributions, directly or indirectly, to a
6 political party under s. 5.02 (13) in a calendar year exceeding a total value of \$6,000
7 \$18,000.

8 **SECTION 88.** 11.26 (9) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 11.26 (9) (a) No individual who is a candidate for state or local office may receive
10 and accept more than 65 percent of the value of the total disbursement level
11 determined under s. 11.31 (1), adjusted as provided in s. 11.31 (9), for the office for
12 which he or she is a candidate during any primary and election campaign combined
13 from all committees subject to a filing requirement, including political party and
14 ~~legislative campaign~~ committees. The limitation otherwise applicable under this
15 paragraph to a candidate who qualifies to receive a supplemental grant under s.
16 11.50 (9) (ba) or (bb) is increased by the amount of the supplemental grant.

17 **SECTION 89.** 11.26 (9) (a) of the statutes, as affected by 2007 Wisconsin Act
18 (this act), is amended to read:

19 11.26 (9) (a) ~~No~~ Except as provided in par. (ba), no individual who is a candidate
20 for state or local office may receive and accept more than 65 percent of the value of
21 the total disbursement level determined under s. 11.31 (1), adjusted as provided in
22 s. 11.31 (9), for the office for which he or she is a candidate during any primary and
23 election campaign combined from all committees subject to a filing requirement,
24 including political party committees. The limitation otherwise applicable under this

1 paragraph to a candidate who qualifies to receive a supplemental grant under s.
2 11.50 (9) (ba) or (bb) is increased by the amount of the supplemental grant.

3 **SECTION 90.** 11.26 (9) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 11.26 (9) (b) No individual who is a candidate for state or local office may receive
5 and accept more than 45 35 percent of the value of the total disbursement level
6 determined under s. 11.31 (1), adjusted as provided in s. 11.31 (9), for the office for
7 which he or she is a candidate during any primary and election campaign combined
8 from all committees other than political party ~~and legislative campaign~~ committees
9 subject to a filing requirement. The limitation otherwise applicable under this
10 paragraph to a candidate who qualifies to receive a supplemental grant under s.
11 11.50 (9) (ba) or (bb) is increased by the amount of the supplemental grant.

12 **SECTION 91.** 11.26 (9) (b) of the statutes, as affected by 2007 Wisconsin Act ...
13 (this act), is amended to read:

14 11.26 (9) (b) ~~No~~ Except as provided in par. (ba), no individual who is a candidate
15 for state or local office may receive and accept more than 35 percent of the value of
16 the total disbursement level determined under s. 11.31 (1), adjusted as provided in
17 s. 11.31 (9), for the office for which he or she is a candidate during any primary and
18 election campaign combined from all committees other than political party
19 committees subject to a filing requirement. The limitation otherwise applicable
20 under this paragraph to a candidate who qualifies to receive a supplemental grant
21 under s. 11.50 (9) (ba) or (bb) is increased by the amount of the supplemental grant.

22 **SECTION 92.** 11.26 (9) (ba) of the statutes is created to read:

23 11.26 (9) (ba) Paragraphs (a) and (b) do not apply to a candidate who receives
24 a public financing benefit from the democracy trust fund.

1 **SECTION 93.** 11.26 (10) of the statutes is renumbered 11.26 (10) (a) and amended
2 to read:

3 11.26 (10) (a) ~~No~~ Except as provided in par. (b), no candidate for state office who
4 files a sworn statement and application to receive a grant from the Wisconsin election
5 campaign fund may make contributions of more than 200 percent of the amounts
6 specified in sub. (1) to the candidate's own campaign from the candidate's personal
7 funds or property or the personal funds or property which are owned jointly or as
8 marital property with the candidate's spouse, unless the board determines that the
9 candidate is not eligible to receive a grant, or the candidate withdraws his or her
10 application under s. 11.50 (2) (h), ~~or s. 11.50 (2) (i) applies.~~ For purposes of this
11 ~~subsection~~ paragraph, any contribution received by a candidate or his or her
12 personal campaign committee from a committee which is registered with the federal
13 elections commission as the authorized committee of the candidate under 2 USC 432
14 (e) shall be treated as a contribution made by the candidate to his or her own
15 campaign. The contribution limit of sub. (4) applies to amounts contributed by such
16 a candidate personally to the candidate's own campaign and to other campaigns,
17 except that a candidate may exceed the limitation if authorized under this ~~subsection~~
18 paragraph to contribute more than the amount specified to the candidate's own
19 campaign, up to the amount of the limitation.

20 **SECTION 94.** 11.26 (10) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

21 11.26 (10) (b) If a candidate is authorized to make disbursements under s. 11.31
22 (3p) exceeding the limitation otherwise applicable to the candidate as prescribed
23 under s. 11.31 (1) and adjusted under s. 11.31 (9), then the limitation otherwise
24 applicable to that candidate under par. (a) is increased by an amount equal to the
25 ratio that the amount specified in par. (a) bears to the disbursement limitation

1 specified for that candidate under s. 11.31 (1), as adjusted under s. 11.31 (9),
2 multiplied by the amount of the increased disbursement limitation authorized for
3 that candidate under s. 11.31 (3p).

4 **SECTION 95.** 11.26 (13) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 11.26 (13) Except as provided in sub. (9), contributions received from the
6 Wisconsin election campaign fund and public financing benefits received from the
7 democracy trust fund are not subject to limitation by this section.

8 **SECTION 96.** 11.265 of the statutes is repealed.

9 **SECTION 97.** 11.30 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 11.30 (4) No owner or other person with a financial interest in a
11 communications medium may utilize such medium in support of or in opposition to
12 a candidate or referendum, except as provided in this chapter.

13 **(4m)** This chapter shall not be construed to restrict fair coverage of bona fide
14 news stories, interviews with candidates and other politically active individuals,
15 editorial comment or endorsement. Such activities need not be reported as a
16 contribution or disbursement.

17 **SECTION 98.** 11.31 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 11.31 (1) SCHEDULE. (intro.) The following levels of disbursements are
19 established with reference to the candidates listed below. The levels are subject to
20 adjustment under sub. (9). Except as provided in sub. (2), such levels do not operate
21 to restrict the total amount of disbursements which are made or authorized to be
22 made by any candidate in any primary or other election.

23 **SECTION 99.** 11.31 (1) (a) to (d) of the statutes are amended to read:

24 11.31 (1) (a) Candidates for governor, ~~\$1,078,200~~ \$4,000,000.

25 (b) Candidates for lieutenant governor, ~~\$323,475~~ \$500,000.

1 (c) Candidates for attorney general, ~~\$539,000~~ \$700,000.

2 (d) Candidates for secretary of state, state treasurer, justice or state
3 superintendent, ~~\$215,625~~ \$250,000.

4 **SECTION 100.** 11.31 (1) (d) of the statutes, as affected by 2007 Wisconsin Act
5 (this act), is amended to read:

6 11.31 (1) (d) Candidates for secretary of state, state treasurer, justice or state
7 superintendent, \$250,000.

8 **SECTION 101.** 11.31 (1) (e) and (f) of the statutes are amended to read:

9 11.31 (1) (e) Candidates for state senator, ~~\$34,500~~ \$150,000 total in the primary
10 and election, with disbursements not exceeding ~~\$21,575~~ \$108,000 for either the
11 primary or the election.

12 (f) Candidates for representative to the assembly, ~~\$17,250~~ \$75,000 total in the
13 primary and election, with disbursements not exceeding ~~\$10,775~~ \$54,000 for either
14 the primary or the election.

15 **SECTION 102.** 11.31 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 11.31 (2) LIMITATION IMPOSED. No candidate for state office at a spring or general
17 election who files a sworn statement and application to receive a grant from the
18 Wisconsin election campaign fund may make or authorize total disbursements from
19 the campaign treasury in any campaign to the extent of more than the amount
20 prescribed in sub. (1), adjusted as provided under sub. (9), unless the board
21 determines that the candidate is not eligible to receive a grant, the candidate
22 withdraws his or her application under s. 11.50 (2) (h), or ~~s.11.50 (2) (i) applies sub.~~
23 (3p) applies to that candidate. No candidate for state office at a special election who
24 files a sworn statement and application to receive a grant from the Wisconsin election
25 campaign fund may make or authorize total disbursements from the campaign

1 treasury in any campaign to the extent of more than the amount prescribed under
2 sub. (1), adjusted as provided under sub. (9), for the preceding spring or general
3 election for the same office, unless the board determines that the candidate is not
4 eligible to receive a grant, the candidate withdraws his or her application under s.
5 11.50 (2) (h), or ~~s.11.50 (2) (i)~~ applies sub. (3p) applies to that candidate.

6 **SECTION 103.** 11.31 (2m) of the statutes is repealed:

7 **SECTION 104.** 11.31 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 11.31 (3) GUBERNATORIAL CAMPAIGNS. For purposes of compliance with the
9 limitations imposed under sub. (2), candidates for governor and lieutenant governor
10 of the same political party who both accept grants from the Wisconsin election
11 campaign fund may agree to combine disbursement levels under sub. (1) (a) and (b),
12 adjusted as provided in sub. (9), and reallocate the total level between them. The
13 candidates shall each inform the board of any such agreement.

14 **SECTION 105.** 11.31 (3p) of the statutes is created to read:

15 11.31 (3p) CANDIDATES RECEIVING SUPPLEMENTAL GRANTS; EXCEPTION. If a
16 candidate receives a supplemental grant under s. 11.50 (9) (ba) or (bb), the
17 disbursement limitation of that candidate for the campaign in which the grant is
18 received is increased by the amount of the supplemental grant.

19 **SECTION 106.** 11.31 (9) of the statutes is created to read:

20 11.31 (9) ADJUSTMENT OF DISBURSEMENT LEVELS. (a) In this subsection,
21 “consumer price index” means the average of the consumer price index over each
22 12-month period, all items, U.S. city average, as determined by the bureau of labor
23 statistics of the U.S. department of labor.

24 (b) The dollar amounts of all disbursement limitations specified in sub. (1) shall
25 be subject to a cost-of-living adjustment to be determined by rule of the board in

1 accordance with this subsection. To determine the adjustment, the board shall
2 calculate the percentage difference between the consumer price index for the
3 12-month period ending on December 31 of each odd-numbered year and the
4 consumer price index for calendar year 2007. For each biennium, the board shall
5 adjust the disbursement limitations specified under sub. (1) by that percentage to the
6 extent required to reflect any difference, rounded to the nearest multiple of \$25 in
7 the case of amounts of \$1 or more, which amount shall be in effect until a subsequent
8 rule is promulgated under this subsection. Notwithstanding s. 227.24 (1) (a), (2) (b),
9 and (3), determinations under this subsection may be promulgated as an emergency
10 rule under s. 227.24 without providing evidence that the emergency rule is necessary
11 for the public peace, health, safety, or welfare, and without a finding of emergency.

12 **SECTION 107.** 11.38 (1) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

13 11.38 (1) (a) 2. Notwithstanding subd. 1., any such corporation or association
14 may establish and administer a separate segregated fund and solicit contributions
15 from individuals to the fund to be utilized by such corporation or association, for the
16 purpose of supporting or opposing any candidate for state or local office but the
17 corporation or association may not make any contribution to the fund. The fund shall
18 appoint a treasurer and shall register as a political committee under s. 11.05. A
19 parent corporation or association engaging solely in this activity is not subject to
20 registration under s. 11.05, but shall register and file special reports on forms
21 prescribed by the board disclosing its administrative and solicitation expenses on
22 behalf of such fund. A corporation not domiciled in this state need report only its
23 expenses for administration and solicitation of contributions in this state together
24 with a statement indicating where information concerning other administration and
25 solicitation expenses of its fund may be obtained. The reports shall be filed with the

1 filing officer for the fund specified in s. 11.02 in the manner in which continuing
2 reports are filed under s. 11.20 (4) and (8), and s. 11.21 (16), if applicable.

3 **SECTION 108.** 11.38 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:

4 11.38 (2m) (a) Notwithstanding subd. 1., a corporation or association specified
5 in subd. 1. may make a disbursement that is authorized under par. (b) for the purpose
6 of making a communication specified in s. 11.01 (16) (a) 3. unless the communication
7 is susceptible of no reasonable interpretation other than as an appeal to vote for or
8 against a candidate whose name is certified under s. 7.08 (2) (a) or 8.50 (1) (d) to
9 appear on the ballot at an election.

10 (b) A disbursement is permitted under par. (a) if the communication:

11 1. Does not mention an election, candidacy, opposing candidate, political party,
12 or voting by the general public; and

13 2. Does not take a position on a candidate's or officeholder's character,
14 qualifications, or fitness for office; and either:

15 a. Focuses on a legislative or executive matter or issue and urges a candidate
16 to take a particular position or action with respect to the matter or issue or urges the
17 public to contact a candidate with respect to the matter or issue; or

18 b. Proposes a commercial transaction, such as the purchase of a book, video, or
19 other product or service.

20 (b) A corporation that makes a disbursement under par. (a) is subject to
21 applicable registration requirements under s. 11.05 (1) and reporting requirements
22 under ss. 11.06 (1) and 11.12 (6) (c).

23 **SECTION 109.** 11.38 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 11.38 (6) Any individual or campaign treasurer who receives funds in violation
25 of this section shall promptly return such funds to the contributor or, donate the

1 funds to the common school fund or a charitable organization, or transfer the funds
2 to the board for deposit in the Wisconsin election campaign fund, at the treasurer's
3 option.

4 **SECTION 110.** 11.38 (8) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 11.38 (8) (b) Except as authorized in s. 11.05 (12) (b) and (13), prior to making
6 any disbursement on behalf of a political group which is promoting or opposing a
7 particular vote at a referendum and prior to accepting any contribution or making
8 any disbursement to promote or oppose a particular vote at a referendum, a
9 corporation or association organized under ch. 185 or 193 shall register with the
10 appropriate filing officer specified in s. 11.02 and appoint a treasurer. The
11 registration form of the corporation or association under s. 11.05 shall designate an
12 account separate from all other corporation or association accounts as a campaign
13 depository account, through which all moneys received or expended ~~for the adoption~~
14 ~~or rejection of~~ to promote or oppose a particular vote at the referendum shall pass.
15 The corporation or association shall file periodic reports under s. 11.20, and under
16 s. 11.21 (16), if applicable, providing the information required under s. 11.06 (1).

17 **SECTION 111.** 11.50 (1) (a) 1. (intro.) of the statutes is created to read:

18 11.50 (1) (a) 1. (intro.) For purposes of qualification for a grant from the general
19 account:

20 **SECTION 112.** 11.50 (1) (a) 1. of the statutes is renumbered 11.50 (1) (a) 1. a.

21 **SECTION 113.** 11.50 (1) (a) 1. a. of the statutes, as affected by 2007 Wisconsin
22 Act (this act), is amended to read:

23 11.50 (1) (a) 1. a. With respect to a spring or general election, any individual
24 who is certified under s. 7.08 (2) (a) as a candidate in the spring election for justice
25 ~~or~~ state superintendent, or an individual who receives at least 6% of the vote cast for

1 all candidates on all ballots for any state office, except district attorney, for which the
2 individual is a candidate at the September primary and who is certified under s. 7.08
3 (2) (a) as a candidate for that office in the general election, or an individual who has
4 been lawfully appointed and certified to replace either such individual on the ballot
5 at the spring or general election; and who has qualified for a grant under sub. (2).

6 **SECTION 114.** 11.50 (1) (a) 2. of the statutes is renumbered 11.50 (1) (a) 1. b.

7 **SECTION 115.** 11.50 (1) (a) 2m. of the statutes is created to read:

8 11.50 (1) (a) 2m. For purposes of qualification for a grant from a political party
9 account, an individual who is certified under s. 7.08 (2) (a) in the general election or
10 under s. 8.50 (1) (d) in a special election as the candidate of an eligible political party
11 for a state office, other than district attorney, or an individual who has been lawfully
12 appointed and certified to replace such an individual on the ballot at the general or
13 a special election and who has qualified for a grant under sub. (2).

14 **SECTION 116.** 11.50 (1) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

15 11.50 (1) (am) “Eligible political party” means any of the following:

16 1. A party qualifying under s. 5.62 (2) for a separate ballot or one or more
17 separate columns or rows on a ballot for the period beginning on the preceding June
18 1, or, if that June 1 is in an odd-numbered year, the period beginning on June 1 of
19 the preceding even-numbered year, and ending on May 31 of the 2nd year following
20 the beginning of that period.

21 2. A party qualifying under s. 5.62 (1) (b) for a separate ballot or one or more
22 separate columns or rows on a ballot for the period beginning on the date of the
23 preceding general election and ending on the day before the general election that
24 follows that election.

25 **SECTION 117.** 11.50 (1) (bm) and (cm) of the statutes are created to read:

1 11.50 (1) (bm) "General account" means the account in the fund created under
2 sub. (2w).

3 (cm) "Political party account" means an account in the fund created under sub.
4 (2s).

5 **SECTION 118.** 11.50 (1) (e) of the statutes is created to read:

6 11.50 (1) (e) "Qualifying period" means the period beginning on July 1
7 preceding the date of the spring primary and ending on the date of the spring primary
8 in the case of candidates at the spring election; the period beginning on January 1
9 preceding the date of the September primary and ending on the date of the
10 September primary in the case of candidates at the general election; or the period
11 beginning on the 90th day beginning before the date on which a special primary will
12 or would be held, if required, or the date on which a special election is ordered,
13 whichever is earlier, and ending on the date of a special election, in the case of
14 candidates at a special election.

15 **SECTION 119.** 11.50 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 11.50 (2) (a) Any individual who desires to qualify as an eligible candidate may
17 file an application with the board requesting approval to participate in the fund. The
18 application shall be filed no later than the applicable deadline for filing nomination
19 papers under s. 8.10 (2) (a), 8.15 (1), 8.20 (8) (a), or 8.50 (3) (a), no later than 4:30 p.m.
20 on the 7th day after the primary or date on which the primary would be held if
21 required in the case of write-in candidates, or no later than 4:30 p.m. on the 7th day
22 after appointment in the case of candidates appointed to fill vacancies. The
23 application shall contain a sworn statement that the candidate and his or her
24 authorized agents have complied with the contribution limitations prescribed in s.
25 11.26 and the disbursement limitations prescribed under s. 11.31 (2), as adjusted

1 under s. 11.31 (9), at all times to which such limitations have applied to his or her
2 candidacy and will continue to comply with the limitations at all times to which the
3 limitations apply to his or her candidacy for the office in contest, unless the board
4 determines that the candidate is not eligible to receive a grant, the candidate
5 withdraws his or her application under par. (h), or ~~par (i)~~ s. 11.31 (3p) applies.

6 **SECTION 120.** 11.50 (2) (b) 5. of the statutes is amended to read:

7 11.50 (2) (b) 5. The financial reports filed by or on behalf of the candidate as
8 of the date of the spring or September primary, or the date that the special primary
9 is or would be held, if required, indicate that the candidate has received at least ~~the~~
10 amount provided in this subdivision an amount equal to 5 percent of the applicable
11 authorized disbursement limitation, as determined under s. 11.31 (1) and adjusted
12 under s. 11.31 (9), from contributions of money, other than loans, made by individuals
13 who reside in this state and, in the case of a candidate for legislative office, except
14 as provided in par. (bm), at least 50 percent of the amount of which are made by
15 individuals who reside within the legislative district in which the candidate seeks
16 office, which have been received during the qualifying period ~~ending on the date of~~
17 ~~the spring primary and July 1 preceding such date in the case of candidates at the~~
18 ~~spring election, or the date of the September primary and January 1 preceding such~~
19 ~~date in the case of candidates at the general election, or the date that a special~~
20 ~~primary will or would be held, if required, and 90 days preceding such date or the~~
21 ~~date a special election is ordered, whichever is earlier, in the case of special election~~
22 ~~candidates, which contributions are in the aggregate amount of \$100 or less, and~~
23 ~~which are fully identified and itemized as to the exact source thereof. A contribution~~
24 ~~received from a conduit which is identified by the conduit as originating from an~~
25 ~~individual shall be considered a contribution made by the individual. Only Except~~

1 ~~as authorized in par. (bm), only the first \$100 of an aggregate contribution of more~~
2 ~~than \$100 may be counted toward the required percentage. For a candidate at the~~
3 ~~spring or general election for an office identified in s. 11.26 (1) (a) or a candidate at~~
4 ~~a special election, the required amount to qualify for a grant is 5 percent of the~~
5 ~~candidate's authorized disbursement limitation under s. 11.31. For any other~~
6 ~~candidate at the general election, the required amount to qualify for a grant is 10~~
7 ~~percent of the candidate's authorized disbursement limitation under s. 11.31.~~

8 **SECTION 121.** 11.50 (2) (bm) of the statutes is created to read:

9 11.50 (2) (bm) A candidate for legislative office may substitute contributions
10 received by the candidate from political party committees for not more than 50
11 percent of the contributions that are required under par. (b) 5. to be received from
12 individuals who reside within the legislative district in which the candidate seeks
13 office.

14 **SECTION 122.** 11.50 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 11.50 (2) (c) If a candidate has not filed financial reports as of the date of the
16 spring primary, September primary, special primary, or date that the special primary
17 would be held, if required, which indicate that he or she has met the qualification
18 under par. (b) 5., the candidate may file a special report with the board. Such report
19 shall be filed not later than the 7th day after the primary, or 7th day after the date
20 the primary would be held, if required, and shall include such supplementary
21 information as to sources of contributions which may be necessary to complete the
22 candidate's qualification. The special report shall cover the period from the day after
23 the last date covered on the candidate's most recent report, or from the date on which
24 the first contribution was received or the first disbursement was made, whichever
25 is earlier, if the candidate has not previously filed a report, to the date of such report.

1 All information included on the special report shall also be included in the
2 candidate's next report under s. 11.20 or 11.21 (16).

3 **SECTION 123.** 11.50 (2) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 11.50 (2) (f) The board shall inform each candidate in writing of the approval
5 or disapproval of the candidate's application, as promptly as possible after the date
6 of the spring primary, September primary, special primary, or date that the primary
7 would be held, if required. With respect to a candidate at a special election who
8 applies for a postelection grant under sub. (1) (a) ~~2.~~ 1. b., the board shall inform the
9 candidate in writing of the conditional approval or disapproval of the candidate's
10 application at the same time.

11 **SECTION 124.** 11.50 (2) (g) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 11.50 (2) (g) A candidate who voluntarily files an application to receive a grant
13 in accordance with this subsection accepts and agrees to comply with the
14 contribution limitations prescribed in s. 11.26 and the disbursement limitations
15 imposed under s. 11.31 (2), as adjusted under s. 11.31 (9), as binding upon himself
16 or herself and his or her agents during the campaign as defined in s. 11.31 (7), as a
17 precondition to receipt of a grant under this section, unless the board determines
18 that the candidate is not eligible to receive a grant, the candidate withdraws the
19 application under par. (h), or ~~par. (i)~~ s. 11.31 (3p) applies.

20 **SECTION 125.** 11.50 (2) (i) of the statutes is repealed.

21 **SECTION 126.** 11.50 (2s) of the statutes is created to read:

22 11.50 (2s) POLITICAL PARTY ACCOUNTS. (a) There is established a political party
23 account for each eligible political party whose state chairperson files a written
24 request with the board to establish an account for the party under this subsection.

1 Each political party account consists of all moneys designated by individuals for
2 deposit in that account under s. 71.10 (3) (a).

3 (b) From the account of each eligible political party, the board shall apportion
4 moneys to eligible candidates representing that party who qualify to receive grants.
5 If at any election there are insufficient moneys in the account of any eligible political
6 party to make full payment of all grants for which candidates of that political party
7 qualify, the board shall apportion the available moneys in the account to candidates
8 of the political party in the proportion that the available moneys bear to the total
9 amount required to make full payment of all grants payable to candidates of that
10 political party. If any candidate of a political party qualifies to receive a
11 supplemental grant under sub. (9) (ba) or (bb) the board shall first make payment
12 of the supplemental grant from the account of that political party using the method
13 of apportionment provided in this paragraph if necessary.

14 (c) If a political party for which an account is established under this subsection
15 ceases to be an eligible political party, the board shall transfer the unencumbered
16 balance of that account to the general account.

17 **SECTION 127.** 11.50 (2w) of the statutes is created to read:

18 11.50 (2w) GENERAL ACCOUNT. There is established a general account within
19 the fund consisting of all moneys in the fund not designated by individuals for deposit
20 in a political party account under s. 71.10 (3) (a).

21 **SECTION 128.** 11.50 (3) of the statutes is repealed.

22 **SECTION 129.** 11.50 (4) of the statutes is repealed.

23 **SECTION 130.** 11.50 (4e) of the statutes is created to read:

24 11.50 (4e) PAYMENT OF GRANT AMOUNTS. The state treasurer shall make payment
25 of each grant to an eligible candidate from the political party account of that

1 candidate's political party, if any, if there are sufficient moneys in that account to
2 make full payment of the grant, and then from the general account. If there are
3 insufficient moneys in the general account to make full payment of a grant, the state
4 treasurer shall supplement the general account from the appropriation under s.
5 20.855 (4) (ba) in an amount sufficient to make full payment of the grant. Except as
6 provided in sub. (10), the amount of each grant is the amount specified in sub. (9).

7 **SECTION 131.** 11.50 (5) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 11.50 (5) (title) TIME OF ~~DISBURSEMENT~~ GRANT PAYMENTS.

9 **SECTION 132.** 11.50 (5) of the statutes is renumbered 11.50 (5) (a) and amended
10 to read:

11 11.50 (5) (a) ~~The~~ Except as provided in par. (b), the state treasurer shall make
12 the disbursements to the campaign depository account of each eligible candidate
13 ~~under subs. (3) and (4)~~ by the end of the 3rd business day following notice from the
14 board under s. 7.08 (2) (c) or (cm). ~~Eligible candidates for governor and lieutenant~~
15 ~~governor of the same political party may combine accounts if desired.~~

16 **SECTION 133.** 11.50 (5) (b) and (c) of the statutes are created to read:

17 11.50 (5) (b) If an eligible candidate notifies the state treasurer of the
18 information required to make electronic transfers to the candidate's campaign
19 depository account, the state treasurer shall transfer to the campaign depository
20 account of that candidate any grant payment that becomes payable to the candidate
21 under sub. (9) as soon as possible following notice from the board under s. 7.08 (2)
22 (c) or (cm), but no later than the time specified in par. (a).

23 (c) Eligible candidates for governor and lieutenant governor of the same
24 political party may combine campaign depository accounts if desired.

25 **SECTION 134.** 11.50 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

1 11.50 (6) ~~EXCESS MONEYS. If the amounts which are to be apportioned to each~~
2 ~~amount that is payable to any eligible candidate under subs. (3) and (4) are this~~
3 ~~section is~~ more than the amount which a candidate may accept under sub. (9), or
4 more than the amount ~~which~~ that a candidate elects to accept under sub. (10), the
5 excess moneys shall be retained in the fund.

6 **SECTION 135.** 11.50 (9) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 11.50 (9) (title) ~~LIMITATION ON~~ AMOUNT OF GRANTS.

8 **SECTION 136.** 11.50 (9) of the statutes is renumbered 11.50 (9) (a) and amended
9 to read:

10 11.50 (9) (a) ~~The Except as provided in this paragraph and pars. (ba) and (bb),~~
11 ~~the~~ total grant available to an eligible candidate may not exceed that amount which,
12 when added to all other contributions accepted from sources other than individuals,
13 ~~and~~ political party committees and legislative campaign committees, is equal to 45
14 35 percent of the disbursement level specified for the ~~applicable office~~ that the
15 candidate seeks, as determined under s. 11.31 (1) and adjusted as provided under s.
16 11.31 (9). The board shall scrutinize accounts and reports and records kept under
17 this chapter to assure that applicable limitations under ss. 11.26 (9) and 11.31 are
18 not exceeded and any violation is reported. No candidate or campaign treasurer may
19 accept grants exceeding the amount authorized by this subsection.

20 **SECTION 137.** 11.50 (9) (ba) and (bb) of the statutes are created to read:

21 11.50 (9) (ba) If an eligible candidate at a primary or election, or both, who
22 accepts a grant is opposed by one or more candidates who are required, or whose
23 personal campaign committees are required, to file a report under s. 11.12 (8), then
24 the board shall make an additional grant to the eligible candidate who accepts a
25 grant in an amount equal to the total amount or value of disbursements, as reported

1 under s. 11.12 (8), made by the opposing candidate or candidates exceeding the
2 amount specified under s. 11.31 (1) (a) to (d), (e), or (f) for the office which the
3 candidate seeks, as adjusted under s. 11.31 (9), but not more than, together with any
4 additional grant provided under par. (bb), an amount equal to 3 times for the amount
5 specified in s. 11.31 (1) (a) to (d), (e), or (f) for the office that the eligible candidate
6 seeks, as adjusted under s. 11.31 (9).

7 (bb) If the sum of the aggregate disbursements made by committees against an
8 eligible candidate and the aggregate disbursements made by committees for that
9 candidate's opponent, as reported under s. 11.12 (6) (c), exceeds 10 percent of the
10 amount specified under s. 11.31 (1) (a) to (d), (e), or (f), for the office that the eligible
11 candidate seeks as adjusted under s. 11.31 (9), then the board shall make an
12 additional grant to the eligible candidate in an amount equal to that sum but not
13 more than, together with any additional grant provided under par. (ba), an amount
14 equal to 3 times the amount specified in s. 11.31 (1) (a) to (d), (e) or (f) for the office
15 that the eligible candidate seeks, as adjusted under s. 11.31 (9).

16 **SECTION 138.** 11.50 (11) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 11.50 (11) (e) No candidate may expend, authorize the expenditure of or incur
18 any obligation to expend any grant if he or she violates the pledge required under
19 sub. (2) (a) as a precondition to receipt of a grant, except as authorized in sub. (2) (h)
20 or (i).

21 **SECTION 139.** 11.50 (13) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 11.50 (13) DONATIONS TO FUND. Any committee or other person may make an
23 unrestricted contribution to the general account of the fund by gift, bequest or devise.

24 **SECTION 140.** 11.50 (14) of the statutes is created to read:

1 11.50 (14) CERTIFICATIONS TO SECRETARY OF REVENUE. (a) In each
2 even-numbered year, the board shall certify to the secretary of revenue:

3 1. No later than July 1, the name of each political party that qualifies under
4 sub. (1) (am) 1. as an eligible political party as of the preceding June 1 and whose
5 state chairperson has filed a written request to establish an account for the party
6 under sub. (2s) (a).

7 2. No later than December 15, the name of each political party that qualifies
8 under sub. (1) (am) 2. as an eligible political party as of the date of the preceding
9 general election and whose state chairperson has filed a written request to establish
10 an account for the party under sub. (2s) (a).

11 (b) In each certification under this subsection, the board shall specify the
12 expiration date of the certification.

13 **SECTION 141.** 11.501 to 11.522 of the statutes are created to read:

14 **11.501 Definitions.** In ss. 11.501 to 11.522:

15 (1) "Allowable contribution" means a qualifying contribution, seed money
16 contribution, or personal contribution authorized under ss. 11.502 to 11.522.

17 (2) "Campaign" has the meaning given in s. 11.26 (17).

18 (3) "Election campaign period" means the period beginning on the day after the
19 spring primary election or the day on which a primary election would be held, if
20 required, and ending on the day of the succeeding spring election.

21 (4) "Eligible candidate" means a candidate for the office of justice who has an
22 opponent who has qualified to have his or her name certified for placement on the
23 ballot at the spring primary or election and who qualifies for public financing by
24 collecting the required number of qualifying contributions, making all required

1 reports and disclosures, and being certified by the board as being in compliance with
2 ss. 11.502 to 11.522.

3 (5) “Excess disbursement amount” means the amount of disbursements made
4 by a nonparticipating candidate in excess of the public financing benefit available to
5 an eligible candidate for the same office that the nonparticipating candidate seeks.

6 (6) “Excess qualifying contribution amount” means the amount of qualifying
7 contributions accepted by a candidate beyond the number or dollar amount of
8 contributions required to qualify a candidate for a public financing benefit.

9 (7) “Exploratory period” means the period that begins after the date of a spring
10 election and ends on the first day of the public financing qualifying period for the next
11 election for justice.

12 (9) “Immediate family,” when used with reference to a candidate, includes the
13 candidate’s spouse and children.

14 (10) “Independent disbursement” means a disbursement by a person expressly
15 advocating the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate which is made
16 without cooperation or consultation with a candidate, or any authorized committee
17 or agent of a candidate, and which is not made in concert with, or at the request or
18 suggestion of, any candidate, or any authorized committee or agent of a candidate.

19 (11) “Nonparticipating candidate” means a candidate for the office of justice
20 who does not apply for a public financing benefit or who is otherwise ineligible or fails
21 to qualify for a public financing benefit under ss. 11.502 to 11.522.

22 (12) “Personal funds” means funds contributed by a candidate or a member of
23 a candidate’s immediate family.

24 (13) “Primary election campaign period” means the period beginning on the
25 day after the last day prescribed by law for filing nomination papers for that office

1 and ending on the day of the spring primary election for that office or the day on
2 which the primary election would be held, if required.

3 (14) "Public financing qualifying period" means the period beginning on the
4 first day of July of any year and ending on the day before the beginning of the primary
5 election campaign period for that office.

6 (15) "Qualifying contribution" means a contribution made to a candidate by an
7 elector of this state during the public financing qualifying period, which is
8 acknowledged by written receipt identifying the contributor.

9 (16) "Seed money contribution" means a contribution in an amount of not more
10 than \$100 made to a candidate by an elector of the jurisdiction or district in which
11 the candidate seeks office during the exploratory period or the public financing
12 qualifying period, or a contribution made to a candidate consisting of personal funds
13 of that candidate in an amount not more than the amount authorized under s. 11.507
14 during the exploratory period or the public financing qualifying period.

15 **11.502 Qualification; certification.** (1) Before a candidate for justice in the
16 primary election may be certified as an eligible candidate to receive a public
17 financing benefit for the primary election campaign period, the candidate shall apply
18 to the board for a public financing benefit and file a sworn statement that the
19 candidate has complied and will comply with all requirements of this section and ss.
20 11.503 to 11.522 throughout the applicable campaign, which includes the primary
21 and election for that office. A candidate shall file the application and statement no
22 later than the beginning of the primary election campaign period for the office that
23 the candidate seeks.

24 (2) A candidate shall be certified by the board as an eligible candidate for
25 receipt of public financing for a primary election if the candidate complies with sub.

1 (1) and receives at least 1,000 qualifying contributions in amounts equal to not less
2 than \$5 nor more than \$100 and in an aggregate amount of not less than \$5,000 nor
3 more than \$15,000 before the close of the public financing qualifying period.

4 (3) The board shall verify a candidate's compliance with the requirements of
5 sub. (2) by such verification and sampling techniques as the board considers
6 appropriate.

7 (4) Each candidate shall:

8 (a) Acknowledge each qualifying contribution by a receipt to the contributor
9 which contains the contributor's name and home address.

10 (b) No later than the 15th or the last day of the month which immediately
11 follows the date of receipt of a qualifying contribution, whichever comes first, file a
12 copy of the receipt under par. (a) with the board, except that during July, August, and
13 September a copy need only be filed on the last day of the month.

14 (5) A qualifying contribution may be utilized only for the purpose of making
15 a disbursement authorized by law.

16 **11.503 Time of application.** (1) Before a candidate may be certified as
17 eligible for receipt of public financing for a spring election, the candidate shall apply
18 to the board and file a sworn statement that the candidate has fulfilled all the
19 requirements of ss. 11.502 to 11.522 during the primary election campaign period
20 and will comply with such requirements during the election campaign period.
21 Except as authorized in s. 8.35 (4) (b), the application shall be filed no later than the
22 7th day after the date of the spring primary election or the day on which the primary
23 election would be held if a primary were required.

1 **(2)** The board shall certify a candidate as an eligible candidate for receipt of
2 public financing for a spring election if the candidate complies with sub. (1) and the
3 candidate was an eligible candidate during the primary election campaign period.

4 **11.505 Agreement by candidate.** An eligible candidate who accepts a public
5 financing benefit under ss. 11.502 to 11.522 during the primary election campaign
6 period shall agree to comply with all requirements of ss. 11.502 to 11.522 throughout
7 the election campaign period during the same campaign as a precondition to receipt
8 of public financing. An eligible candidate who accepts a public financing benefit
9 during a primary election campaign period may not elect to accept private
10 contributions in violation of ss. 11.502 to 11.522 during the corresponding election
11 campaign period.

12 **11.506 Requirements imposed upon candidates.** **(1)** An eligible
13 candidate may not accept private contributions other than seed money contributions
14 and qualifying contributions that the candidate accepts during the exploratory
15 period and the public financing qualifying period.

16 **(2)** In addition to reports required to be filed under ss. 11.12 (5) and 11.20, a
17 candidate who receives a public financing benefit shall furnish complete financial
18 records, including records of seed money contributions, qualifying contributions, and
19 disbursements, to the board on the 15th or the last day of the month that
20 immediately follows the receipt of the contribution or the making of the
21 disbursement, whichever comes first, except that during July, August, and
22 September records need only be furnished on the last day of the month. Each such
23 candidate shall cooperate with any audit or examination by the board.

24 **(3)** In addition to adhering to requirements imposed under ss. 11.06 (5) and
25 11.12 (3), a candidate who receives a public financing benefit shall maintain records

1 of all contributions received by the candidate of more than \$5 but less than \$50,
2 including seed money contributions and qualifying contributions, which shall
3 contain the full name of the contributor and the contributor's full home address. In
4 addition, if a contributor's aggregate contributions to any candidate exceed \$50 for
5 any campaign, the candidate shall also maintain a record of the contributor's
6 principal occupation and the name and business address of the contributor's place
7 of employment.

8 (4) The failure to record or provide the information specified in sub. (3)
9 disqualifies a contribution from counting as a qualifying contribution.

10 (5) No eligible candidate and no person acting on a candidate's behalf may
11 deposit any contribution that is not recorded in accordance with sub. (3) in a
12 candidate's campaign depository account.

13 (6) No eligible candidate may accept more than \$25 in cash from any
14 contributor and no such candidate may accept cash from all sources in a total amount
15 greater than one-tenth of 1 percent of the public financing benefit for the office that
16 the candidate seeks or \$500, whichever is greater.

17 **11.507 Personal funds of candidates.** (1) The personal funds of a candidate
18 contributed as seed money contributions may not exceed an aggregate amount of
19 \$5,000.

20 (2) No eligible candidate may make any disbursement derived from personal
21 funds after the close of the public financing qualifying period.

22 **11.508 Seed money contributions.** (1) An eligible candidate may accept
23 seed money contributions from any individual or committee prior to the end of the
24 public financing qualifying period, provided the total contributions received from one
25 contributor, except personal funds and qualifying contributions otherwise permitted

1 under ss. 11.502 to 11.522, do not exceed \$100, and the aggregate contributions,
2 including personal funds, but not including qualifying contributions, do not exceed
3 \$5,000.

4 (2) An eligible candidate may make disbursements derived from seed money
5 contributions only during the exploratory period and the public financing qualifying
6 period.

7 **11.509 Excess contributions.** If an eligible candidate receives excess seed
8 money contributions or qualifying contributions on an aggregate basis, the
9 candidate may retain the contributions and make disbursements derived from the
10 contributions, in an amount not exceeding \$15,000. An amount equivalent to the
11 excess contributions shall be deducted by the board from the candidate's public
12 financing benefit. A candidate shall return to the board all seed money and
13 qualifying contributions that exceed the limits prescribed in this section within 48
14 hours after the end of the exploratory period. The board shall deposit all
15 contributions returned under this section in the democracy trust fund.

16 **11.51 Certification by candidate.** (1) To apply for a public financing benefit,
17 a candidate shall certify to the board that the candidate has complied and will
18 comply, throughout the applicable campaign, with all requirements of ss. 11.502 to
19 11.522 and that all disclosures required as of the time of application have been made,
20 and shall present evidence of the requisite number of qualifying contributions
21 received by the candidate. The candidate's request for certification shall be signed
22 by the candidate and the candidate's campaign treasurer.

23 (2) The board shall distribute to each eligible candidate at the spring primary
24 election a check for the amount of the public financing benefit payable to the
25 candidate promptly after the candidate demonstrates his or her eligibility and, in

1 any event, not later than 5 days after the end of the public financing qualifying
2 period; however, no candidate may utilize a check received under this subsection
3 until the beginning of the primary election campaign period.

4 (3) The board shall distribute to each eligible candidate for justice at a spring
5 election a check for the amount of the public financing benefit payable to the
6 candidate not later than 48 hours after the date of the spring primary election for the
7 office of justice, or the date that the primary election would be held if a primary were
8 required. However, no candidate for a particular office shall receive a check until all
9 candidates for the office of justice who apply and qualify for a public financing benefit
10 have been certified as eligible candidates.

11 (4) If any candidate who receives a public financing benefit violates the
12 requirements of ss. 11.502 to 11.522, the board shall require the candidate to repay
13 all public funds received by the candidate to the board. The board shall deposit all
14 repayments received under this subsection in the democracy trust fund.

15 **11.511 Public financing benefits.** (1) The board shall provide to each
16 eligible candidate who qualifies to receive a public financing benefit for the primary
17 or election campaign period separate checks for the public financing benefits payable
18 to the candidate for the primary and election campaign periods in the amounts
19 specified in this section, subject to any required adjustment under s. 11.509, 11.512
20 (2) or 11.513 (2). An eligible candidate may use this public financing benefit to
21 finance any lawful disbursements during the primary and election campaign periods
22 to further the election of the candidate in that primary or election. An eligible
23 candidate may not use this public financing benefit to repay any loan, or in violation
24 of ss. 11.502 to 11.522 or any other applicable law.

1 **(2)** Except as provided in ss. 11.512 (2) and 11.513 (2), the public financing
2 benefit for a primary election campaign period is \$100,000.

3 **(3)** Except as provided in ss. 11.512 (2) and 11.513 (2), the public financing
4 benefit for an election campaign period is \$300,000.

5 **(4)** If there is no spring primary election for the office of justice, no eligible
6 candidate may receive a public financing benefit for the primary election campaign
7 period.

8 **(5g)** An eligible candidate who receives a public financing benefit in the
9 primary election campaign period and whose name is certified to appear on the ballot
10 at the election following that primary may utilize any unencumbered balance of the
11 public financing benefit received by the candidate in the primary election campaign
12 period for the election campaign period.

13 **(5r)** Except as permitted in sub. (5g), an eligible candidate who receives a
14 public financing benefit and who does not encumber or expend some portion of the
15 benefit for a purpose described in sub. (1) shall return any unencumbered portion of
16 the benefit to the board within 30 days after the primary or election in which the
17 candidate participates.

18 **(6)** Notwithstanding subs. (2) and (3), beginning on July 1, 2010, and every 2
19 years thereafter, the board shall modify the public financing benefits provided for in
20 subs. (2) and (3) to adjust for the change in the consumer price index, all items, U.S.
21 city average, published by the U.S. department of labor for the preceding 2-year
22 period ending on December 31.

23 **11.512 Financial activity by nonparticipating candidates.** **(1)** In
24 addition to other reports required by law, a nonparticipating candidate for an office
25 at a primary or election who receives contributions or makes or obligates to make

1 disbursements in an amount more than 5 percent greater than the public financing
2 benefit applicable to an eligible candidate for the same office at the same primary or
3 election shall file a report with the board itemizing the total contributions received
4 and disbursements made or obligated to be made by the candidate as of the date of
5 the report. The board shall transmit copies of the report to all candidates for the
6 same office at the same election. A nonparticipating candidate shall file additional
7 reports after the candidate receives each additional \$1,000 of contributions, or the
8 candidate makes or obligates to make each additional \$1,000 of disbursements. If
9 such contributions are received or such disbursements are made or obligated to be
10 made more than 6 weeks prior to the date of the primary election at which the name
11 of the candidate appears on the ballot, or prior to the date that the primary election
12 would be held, if a primary were required, such reports shall be made at the next
13 regular reporting interval under s. 11.506. If such contributions are received or such
14 disbursements made or obligated to be made within 6 weeks prior to the date of the
15 primary election at which the name of the candidate appears on the ballot, or within
16 6 weeks prior to the date that the primary election would be held, if a primary were
17 required, such reports shall be made within 24 hours after each instance in which
18 such contributions are received, or such disbursements are made or obligated to be
19 made.

20 (2) Upon receipt of such information, the state treasurer shall immediately
21 issue a check to an opposing eligible candidate in an additional amount equivalent
22 to the total excess disbursements made or obligated to be made, but not to exceed 3
23 times the public financing benefit for the applicable office.

24 **11.513 Independent disbursements.** (1) If any person makes, or becomes
25 obligated to make, by oral or written agreement, an independent disbursement in

1 excess of \$1,000 with respect to a candidate for the office of justice at a spring primary
2 or election, that person shall file with the board a notice of such disbursement or
3 obligation to make such a disbursement. Any such person shall file reports of such
4 disbursements or obligations to make such disbursements on the 15th or last day of
5 the month that immediately follows the date of the disbursement or the obligation
6 to make the disbursement, whichever comes first, except that, within 6 weeks prior
7 to the date of the spring primary election, the person shall file such reports within
8 24 hours after each independent disbursement is made or obligated to be made. Any
9 such person shall file additional reports after each additional \$1,000 of
10 disbursements are made or obligated to be made.

11 (2) When the aggregate independent disbursements against an eligible
12 candidate for an office or for the opponents of that candidate exceed 20 percent of the
13 public financing benefit for that office in any campaign, the board shall immediately
14 credit that candidate's account with an additional line of credit equivalent to the total
15 disbursements made or obligated to be made, but not to exceed 3 times the public
16 financing benefit for the applicable office.

17 **11.515 Democracy trust fund.** The democracy trust fund shall be
18 administered by the state treasurer.

19 **11.516 Administration.** Except as otherwise specifically provided in ss.
20 11.501 to 11.522, the duties of and authority for administering and enforcing ss.
21 11.501 to 11.522 are vested in the board.

22 **11.517 Penalties; enforcement.** (1) Notwithstanding s. 11.60 (1), if an
23 eligible candidate makes disbursements that exceed the total amount of the public
24 financing benefit allocated to the candidate for any campaign and the total
25 qualifying and seed money contributions lawfully accepted by the candidate, the

1 candidate may be required to forfeit not more than 10 times the amount by which the
2 disbursements exceed the allocation.

3 (2) Notwithstanding s. 11.60 (1), any eligible candidate who accepts
4 contributions in excess of any limitation imposed under ss. 11.502 to 11.522 may be
5 required to forfeit not more than 10 times the amount by which the contributions
6 exceed the applicable limitation.

7 (3) If the board finds that there is probable cause to believe that a candidate
8 has made excess disbursements or has accepted excess contributions contrary to sub.
9 (1) or (2), the board shall attempt for a period of not more than 14 days after its
10 finding to correct the matter by informal methods of conference and conciliation and
11 to enter into a settlement and conciliation agreement under s. 5.05 (1) (c) with the
12 person involved. A settlement and conciliation agreement made pursuant to this
13 subsection shall be a matter of public record. Unless violated, a settlement and
14 conciliation agreement is a bar to any civil action under sub. (4).

15 (4) If the board has probable cause to believe that a candidate has made excess
16 disbursements or has accepted excess contributions and the board is unable to
17 correct the matter by informal methods within the time prescribed in sub. (3), the
18 board shall make a public finding of probable cause in the matter. After making a
19 public finding, the board may bring a civil action against the candidate as provided
20 in s. 5.05 (1) (c).

21 (5) If an elector believes that a candidate has violated ss. 11.502 to 11.522 and
22 the elector is entitled to vote for or against the candidate in the election in connection
23 with which the violation is alleged to occur, the elector may file a complaint with the
24 board requesting it to take remedial action. If the board refuses to take remedial
25 action or, within 30 days after the filing of such a complaint, fails to take remedial

1 action, the elector may commence a civil action requesting the court to impose a
2 forfeiture under sub. (1) or (2) in circuit court for the county where the board is
3 authorized to bring an action under s. 5.05 (1) (c).

4 (6) The board and courts shall expedite all proceedings under ss. 11.502 to
5 11.522 so that all complaints brought prior to an election are resolved, to the extent
6 possible, before the election is held.

7 (7) If a complaint brought under ss. 11.502 to 11.522 is resolved against the
8 complainant and is found to have been brought in bad faith and without reasonable
9 basis therefor, the board or court may assess costs, including reasonable attorney
10 fees, against the complainant.

11 **11.518 Prohibited acts. (1)** Notwithstanding s. 11.61 (1) (c) if a candidate
12 or agent of a candidate knowingly accepts more contributions than the candidate is
13 entitled to receive, or makes disbursements exceeding the total amount of the public
14 financing benefit received by the candidate and the qualifying and seed money
15 contributions lawfully received by the candidate, the candidate or agent is guilty of
16 a Class G felony.

17 (2) Notwithstanding s. 11.61 (1) (c), if in connection with the receipt or
18 disbursement of a public financing benefit for an election campaign, any person
19 knowingly provides false information to the board, or knowingly conceals or
20 withholds information from the board, that person is guilty of a Class G felony.

21 **11.522 Contributions to nonparticipating candidates; attributions. (1)**
22 A nonparticipating candidate may accept contributions from private sources without
23 limitation, except that no person may make any contribution or contributions to a
24 nonparticipating candidate exceeding a total of \$1,000 during any campaign.

1 **(2)** In addition to the attribution required under s. 11.30 (2), any electronic or
2 print communication paid for or authorized by a nonparticipating candidate shall
3 contain the following sentence: “This communication is paid for with money raised
4 from private sources. This candidate has not agreed to abide by campaign
5 contribution and spending limits.”

6 **SECTION 142.** 11.60 (3s) and (3u) of the statutes are created to read:

7 **11.60 (3s)** Notwithstanding sub. (1), if any candidate or committee, other than
8 a conduit, makes a disbursement for the purpose of supporting or opposing a
9 candidate for an office specified in s. 11.31 (1) (a) to (d), (e), or (f) without reporting
10 the information required under s. 11.12 (6) (c) or (8) or 11.20 (3) or (4) with respect
11 to that disbursement, to the extent required under ss. 11.12 (6) (c) and (8) and 11.20
12 (3) and (4) and 11.21 (16), the candidate or committee may be required to forfeit not
13 more than \$500 per day for each day of continued violation.

14 **(3u)** Notwithstanding sub. (1), if any person, including any candidate or
15 committee to whom s. 11.12 (6) (c) or (8) applies, makes any disbursement for the
16 purpose of supporting or opposing a candidate for an office specified in s. 11.31 (1)
17 (a) to (d), (e), or (f) in an amount or value that differs from the amount reported by
18 that person under s. 11.12 (6) (c) or (8), 11.20 (3) or (4), or 11.21 (16):

19 (a) By more than 5 percent but not more than 10 percent cumulatively, the
20 person shall forfeit 4 times the amount or value of the difference.

21 (b) By more than 10 percent but not more than 15 percent cumulatively, the
22 person shall forfeit 6 times the amount or value of the difference.

23 (c) By more than 15 percent cumulatively, the person shall forfeit 8 times the
24 amount of the difference.

1 **SECTION 143.** 11.60 (4) of the statutes, as affected by 2007 Wisconsin Act 1, is
2 amended to read:

3 11.60 (4) Except as otherwise provided in ss. 5.05 (2m) (c) 15. and 16. and (h),
4 5.08, and 5.081, actions under this section or 11.517 may be brought by the board or
5 by the district attorney for the county where the defendant resides or, if the
6 defendant is a nonresident, by the district attorney for the county where the violation
7 is alleged to have occurred. For purposes of this subsection, a person other than a
8 natural person resides within a county if the person's principal place of operation is
9 located within that county.

10 **SECTION 144.** 11.61 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 11.61 (1) (a) Whoever intentionally violates s. 11.05 (1), (2), or (2g) ~~or (2r)~~, 11.07
12 (1) or (5), 11.10 (1), 11.12 (5), 11.23 (6),₂ or 11.24 ~~(4)~~ is guilty of a Class I felony.

13 **SECTION 145.** 11.61 (2) of the statutes, as affected by 2007 Wisconsin Act 1, is
14 amended to read:

15 11.61 (2) Except as otherwise provided in ss. 5.05 (2m) (c) 15. and 16. and (i),
16 5.08, and 5.081, all prosecutions under this section or s. 11.518 shall be conducted
17 by the district attorney for the county where the defendant resides or, if the
18 defendant is a nonresident, by the district attorney for the county where the violation
19 is alleged to have occurred. For purposes of this subsection, a person other than a
20 natural person resides within a county if the person's principal place of operation is
21 located within that county.

22 **SECTION 146.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place,
23 insert the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

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20.511 Government accountability board

(1) ADMINISTRATION OF ELECTION, ETHICS, AND
LOBBYING LAWS

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20.585 Treasurer, state

(1) CUSTODIAN OF STATE FUNDS

(r) Democracy trust fund adminis-
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SECTION 147. 20.511 (1) (q) of the statutes, as affected by 2007 Wisconsin Act 1, is amended to read:

20.511 (1) (q) *Wisconsin election campaign fund.* As a continuing appropriation, from the Wisconsin election campaign fund, the moneys determined under s. 11.50 to provide for payments to eligible candidates certified under s. 7.08 (2) (c) and (cm).

SECTION 148. 20.511 (1) (r) of the statutes is created to read:
20.511 (1) (r) *Democracy trust fund administration.* From the democracy trust fund, the amounts in the schedule for the administration of ss. 11.501 to 11.522.

SECTION 149. 20.585 (1) (q) of the statutes is created to read:
20.585 (1) (q) *Public financing benefits; candidates for justice.* From the democracy trust fund, a sum sufficient to provide for payment of public financing benefits to eligible candidates under ss. 11.501 to 11.522.

SECTION 150. 20.585 (1) (r) of the statutes is created to read:

1 20.585 (1) (r) *Democracy trust fund administration.* From the democracy trust
2 fund, the amounts in the schedule for the administration of ss. 11.501 to 11.522.

3 **SECTION 151.** 20.855 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 20.855 (4) (b) (title) *Election campaign fund payments.* A sum sufficient equal
5 to one-third of the amounts ~~determined~~ designated under s. 71.10 (3) for the general
6 account of the Wisconsin election campaign fund to be paid into the Wisconsin
7 election campaign fund annually on August 15.

8 **SECTION 152.** 20.855 (4) (ba) of the statutes is created to read:

9 20.855 (4) (ba) *Wisconsin election campaign fund supplement.* A sum sufficient
10 equal to the amount required to make full payment of grants which candidates
11 qualify to receive from the Wisconsin election campaign fund, to be transferred from
12 the general fund to the Wisconsin election campaign fund whenever candidates
13 qualify to receive grants under s. 11.50 (9) no later than the time required to make
14 payments of grants under s. 11.50 (5).

15 **SECTION 153.** 20.855 (4) (bb) of the statutes is created to read:

16 20.855 (4) (bb) *Democracy trust fund payments.* A sum sufficient equal to
17 two-thirds of the amounts designated under s. 71.10 (3) for the general account of
18 the Wisconsin election campaign fund to be paid into the democracy trust fund
19 annually on August 15.

20 **SECTION 154.** 20.855 (4) (bc) of the statutes is created to read:

21 20.855 (4) (bc) *Democracy trust fund transfer.* A sum sufficient equal to the
22 difference between the amount appropriated under par. (bb) and the sum of the
23 amounts appropriated under ss. 20.511 (1) (r) and 20.585 (1) (r) and the amounts
24 required to provide public financing benefits that candidates qualify to receive from
25 the democracy trust fund, to be transferred from the general fund to the democracy

1 trust fund no later than the time required to make payments of grants under s. 11.51
2 (2) and (3).

3 **SECTION 155.** 25.17 (1) (cm) of the statutes is created to read:

4 25.17 (1) (cm) Democracy trust fund (s. 25.421);

5 **SECTION 156.** 25.42 of the statutes is amended to read:

6 **25.42 Wisconsin election campaign fund.** All moneys appropriated under
7 s. 20.855 (4) (b) and (ba) together with all moneys reverting to the state under ~~s.~~ ss.
8 8.35 (4) (a), 11.07 (5), 11.12 (2), 11.16 (2), 11.19 (1), 11.23 (2), and 11.38 (6), all moneys
9 reverting to the state under s. 11.50 (8), and all gifts, bequests and devises received
10 under s. 11.50 (13) constitute the Wisconsin election campaign fund, to be expended
11 for the purposes of s. 11.50. All moneys in the fund not disbursed by the state
12 treasurer shall continue to accumulate indefinitely.

13 **SECTION 157.** 25.421 of the statutes is created to read:

14 **25.421 Democracy trust fund.** All moneys appropriated under s. 20.855 (4)
15 (bb) and (bc) and all moneys deposited in the state treasury under ss. 11.509, 11.51
16 (4), and 11.511 (5r) constitute the democracy trust fund, to be expended for the
17 purposes of ss. 11.501 to 11.522.

18 **SECTION 158.** 71.07 (6n) of the statutes is created to read:

19 71.07 (6n) PUBLIC INTEGRITY ENDOWMENT TAX CREDIT. (a) *Definitions.* In this
20 subsection:

21 1. "Claimant" means an individual who makes a contribution and files a claim
22 under this subsection.

23 2. "Contribution" means a contribution, as defined in s. 11.01 (6), made to the
24 Public Integrity Endowment created under 2007 Wisconsin Act (this act), section
25 164 (1).

1 (b) *Filing claims.* Subject to the limitations provided in this subsection, a
2 claimant may claim as a credit against the tax imposed under s. 71.02, up to the
3 amount of those taxes, an amount equal to the claimant's contribution in the taxable
4 year to which the claim relates.

5 (c) *Limitations.* No credit may be allowed under this subsection unless it is
6 claimed within the time period under s. 71.75 (2).

7 (d) *Administration.* Subsection (9e) (d), to the extent that it applies to the credit
8 under that subsection, applies to the credit under this subsection.

9 **SECTION 159.** 71.10 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 71.10 (3) (a) Every individual filing an income tax return who has a tax liability
11 or is entitled to a tax refund may designate \$~~1~~ \$5 for transfer to the Wisconsin
12 election campaign fund for the use of eligible candidates under s. 11.50. If the
13 individuals filing a joint return have a tax liability or are entitled to a tax refund,
14 each individual may make a designation of \$~~1~~ \$5 under this subsection. Each
15 individual making a designation shall indicate whether the amount designated by
16 the individual shall be placed in the general account for the use of all eligible
17 candidates for state office, or in the account of an eligible political party whose name
18 is certified to the secretary of revenue under s. 11.50 (14). If an individual does not
19 indicate that the amount of his or her designation shall be placed in the account of
20 a particular eligible political party, that amount shall be placed in the general
21 account.

22 **SECTION 160.** 71.10 (3) (a) of the statutes, as affected by 2007 Wisconsin Act ...
23 (this act), is amended to read:

24 71.10 (3) (a) Every individual filing an income tax return who has a tax liability
25 or is entitled to a tax refund may designate \$5 for transfer to the Wisconsin election

1 campaign fund and the democracy trust fund for the use of eligible candidates under
2 s. 11.50. If the individuals filing a joint return have a tax liability or are entitled to
3 a tax refund, each individual may make a designation of \$5 under this subsection.
4 Each individual making a designation shall indicate whether the amount designated
5 by the individual shall be placed in the general account for the use of all eligible
6 candidates for state office, or in the account of an eligible political party whose name
7 is certified to the secretary of revenue under s. 11.50 (14). If an individual does not
8 indicate that the amount of his or her designation shall be placed in the account of
9 a particular eligible political party, that amount shall be placed in the general
10 account.

11 **SECTION 161.** 71.10 (3) (b) of the statutes, as affected by 2007 Wisconsin Act 1,
12 is amended to read:

13 71.10 (3) (b) The secretary of revenue shall provide a place for those
14 designations under par. (a) on the face of the individual income tax return and shall
15 ~~provide place~~ next to that place a statement that a designation will not increase tax
16 liability. ~~Annually on August 15, the secretary of revenue shall certify to the~~
17 ~~government accountability board, the department of administration and the state~~
18 ~~treasurer under s. 11.50 the total amount of designations made during the preceding~~
19 ~~fiscal year. No later than the 15th day of each month, the secretary of revenue shall~~
20 ~~certify to the government accountability board, the department of administration,~~
21 ~~and the state treasurer the total amount of designations made on returns processed~~
22 ~~by the department of revenue during the preceding month and the amount of~~
23 ~~designations made during that month for the general account and for the account of~~
24 ~~each eligible political party.~~ If any individual attempts to place any condition or

1 restriction upon a designation not authorized under par. (a), that individual is
2 deemed not to have made a designation on his or her tax return.

3 **SECTION 162.** 71.10 (4) (ds) of the statutes is created to read:

4 71.10 (4) (ds) The Public Integrity Endowment tax credit under s. 71.07 (6n).

5 **SECTION 163.** 806.041 of the statutes is created to read:

6 **806.041 Campaign finance registration.** Any person who proposes to
7 publish, disseminate, or broadcast, or causes to be published, disseminated, or
8 broadcast, any communication may commence a proceeding under s. 806.04 to
9 determine the application to that person of a registration requirement under s. 11.05
10 (1), (2), or (2g).

11 **SECTION 164. Nonstatutory provisions.**

12 (1) PUBLIC INTEGRITY ENDOWMENT. The legal counsel to the government
13 accountability board shall prepare and file articles of incorporation for the
14 incorporation under chapter 181 of the statutes of an organization to be known as the
15 "Public Integrity Endowment." The legal counsel shall ensure that the organization
16 is structured so that it will qualify as a nonprofit organization, as defined in section
17 108.02 (19) of the statutes. The legal counsel shall specify in the articles of
18 incorporation that the sole purpose of the foundation shall be to solicit contributions
19 for the purpose of, before January 1, 2009, supplementing the assets of the Wisconsin
20 election campaign fund and, after December 31, 2008, supplementing the assets of
21 the general account of that fund, and transferring those contributions, after
22 deduction of solicitation costs, to that fund or account.

23 (2) WISCONSIN ELECTION CAMPAIGN FUND BALANCE TRANSFER. The balance in the
24 Wisconsin election campaign fund on the effective date of this subsection is credited

1 to the general account of the Wisconsin election campaign fund established under
2 section 11.50 (2w) of the statutes, as created by this act.

3 (3) NONSEVERABILITY. Notwithstanding section 990.001 (11) of the statutes, if
4 a court finds that all or any portion of section 11.12 (6) (c) or (8) or 11.50 (9) (ba) or
5 (bb) of the statutes, as affected by this act, is unconstitutional, then sections 11.12
6 (6) (c) and (8) and 11.50 (9) (ba) and (bb) of the statutes, as affected by this act, are
7 void in their entirety.

8 **SECTION 165. Initial applicability.**

9 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), this act first applies to elections held
10 on the effective date of this subsection.

11 (2) The treatment of section 11.31 (9) of the statutes first applies to adjustments
12 for the biennium beginning on January 1, 2010.

13 (3) The treatment of sections 71.07 (6n) and 71.10 (3) (a) (by SECTION 159) and
14 (b) and (4) (ds) of the statutes first applies to taxable years beginning on January 1
15 of the year in which this subsection takes effect, except that if this subsection takes
16 effect after July 31 the treatment first applies to taxable years beginning on January
17 1 of the year following the year in which this subsection takes effect.

18 **SECTION 166. Effective dates.** This act takes effect on the day after
19 publication, except as follows:

20 (1) The treatment of sections 8.35 (4) (b), 11.01 (14m), 11.12 (2) (by SECTION 47),
21 11.16 (2) (by SECTION 57) and (3), 11.26 (1) (a) and (am), (2) (a) and (an) (by SECTION
22 84), (9) (a) (by SECTION 89), (b) (by SECTION 91), and (ba), and (13), 11.31 (1) (d) (by
23 SECTION 100), 11.50 (1) (a) 1. a. (by SECTION 113), 11.501 to 11.522, 11.60 (4), 11.61 (2),

