

**Legislative rights reserved.** SECTION 6. The right of the legislature to amend or repeal this act and the rights granted thereunder are hereby reserved.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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## CHAPTER 492.

AN ACT relating to the use of money by corporations in elections.

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

**Political contributions by corporations prohibited.** SECTION 1. No corporation doing business in this state, shall pay or contribute, or offer, consent or agree to pay or contribute, directly or indirectly, any money, property, free service of its officers or employees or thing of value to any political party, organization, committee or individual for any political purpose whatsoever, or for the purpose of influencing legislation of any kind, or to promote or defeat the candidacy of any person for nomination, appointment or election to any political office.

**Penalty.** SECTION 2. Any officer, employee, agent or attorney or other representative of any corporation, acting for and in behalf of such corporation, who shall violate this act, shall be punished upon conviction by a fine of not less than one hundred nor more than five thousand dollars, or by imprisonment in the state prison for a period of not less than one nor more than five years, or by both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court or judge before whom such conviction is had and if the corporation shall be subject to a penalty then by forfeiture in double the amount of any fine so imposed to be collected as other actions by forfeiture are collected and if a domestic corporation, it may be dissolved, if after a proper

proceeding upon quo warranto, in either the circuit or supreme court of the state to be prosecuted by the attorney general of the state, the court shall find and give judgment that section 1 of this act has been violated as charged, and if a foreign or non-resident corporation, its right to do business in this state may be declared forfeited.

**Fines and forfeitures; district attorney.** SECTION 3. The violation of this act by any officer, employee, agent, attorney or other representative of a corporation, shall be prima facie evidence of said violation by such corporation. All fines or forfeitures recovered under any of the provisions of this act, shall, when collected, be paid into the proper treasury of the county for the use of the school fund, and it is hereby made the duty of the district attorney of each county to conduct prosecutions under this act upon complaint as in other actions.

**A felony to aid, advise or abet violations.** SECTION 4. Any person or persons who shall aid, abet, or advise a violation of this act shall be guilty of a felony and upon conviction shall be punished as in section 1 of this act.

**Place of trial.** SECTION 5. Violations of this act may be prosecuted in the county where such payment or contribution is made or services rendered or in any county wherein such money has been paid or distributed.

**Conflicting laws repealed.** SECTION 6. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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