



1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 838

January 30, 1996 – Introduced by Representative PROSSER, cosponsored by Senator ADELMAN. Referred to calendar.

1 **AN ACT to repeal** 20.510 (1) (d); and **to create** 20.510 (1) (d) of the statutes;
2 **relating to:** qualification of candidates for justice of the supreme court for
3 grants from the Wisconsin election campaign fund in 1996 and making an
4 appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, a candidate for the office of justice of the supreme court in the spring election may qualify for a grant from the Wisconsin election campaign fund to finance certain campaign expenses. The amount of the grant depends upon the balance in the supreme court account of the fund, which receives 8% of the total amount designated by taxpayers in the year preceding each election for the office of justice. If sufficient moneys are available in the account, a candidate for the office of justice may potentially qualify to receive a grant of \$97,031.

Currently, a candidate for the office of justice who wishes to qualify for a grant in 1996 must file an application no later than December 5, 1995. A candidate must receive specified qualifying contributions from individuals during the period between July 1, 1995, and February 6, 1996, and may file a special campaign finance report to complete his or her qualification no later than February 13, 1996.

This bill appropriates a sum sufficient from general purpose revenue to enable all eligible candidates for the office of justice in 1996 to receive the maximum grant to which they are entitled. The bill also permits any such candidate to file an application for a grant no later than February 13, 1996, to receive qualifying contributions during the period between July 1, 1995, and February 13, 1996, and to file a special report to complete his or her qualification no later than February 16, 1996.

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.** 20.510 (1) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

2 20.510 (1) (d) *Grants for candidates for justice in 1996.* A sum sufficient to
3 supplement the supreme court account of the Wisconsin election campaign fund to
4 enable all eligible candidates for justice at the 1996 spring election to receive the
5 maximum grant for which the candidates qualify under s. 11.50 (9), to be transferred
6 to the Wisconsin election campaign fund on the effective date of this paragraph ...
7 [revisor inserts date].

8 **SECTION 2.** 20.510 (1) (d) of the statutes, as created by 1995 Wisconsin Act ...
9 (this act), is repealed.

10 **SECTION 3. Nonstatutory provisions; qualification of candidates for**
11 **justice for grants in 1996.**

12 (1) Notwithstanding section 11.50 (2) (a) of the statutes, a candidate for the
13 office of justice in the 1996 spring election may file an application to participate in
14 the Wisconsin election campaign fund no later than 4:30 p.m. on February 13, 1996.

15 (2) Notwithstanding section 11.50 (2) (c) of the statutes, a candidate for the
16 office of justice in the 1996 spring election may file a special report under that
17 paragraph no later than 4:30 p.m. on February 16, 1996. Notwithstanding section
18 11.20 (10) of the statutes, a special report under section 11.50 (2) (c) of the statutes
19 filed by such a candidate shall be received by the elections board at its office no later
20 than the time specified in this subsection.

1 (3) Notwithstanding section 11.50 (2) (b) of the statutes, the financial reports
2 of a candidate for the office of justice in the 1996 spring election may indicate that
3 the candidate has received the necessary qualifying contributions under that
4 subsection during the period between July 1, 1995, and February 13, 1996.

5 **SECTION 4. Effective dates.** This act takes effect on the day after
6 publication, except as follows:

7 (1) The repeal of section 20.510 (1) (d) of the statutes takes effect on July 1,
8 1996.

9 (END)