



2005 ASSEMBLY BILL 1059

February 23, 2006 – Introduced by Representatives FREESE and TRAVIS. Referred to Committee on Campaigns and Elections.

1 **AN ACT to create** 20.855 (4) (bn), (qn) and (xn) of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 funding for the administration of any state board that is created by the
3 legislature to administer elections, ethics, and lobbying regulation laws and
4 making appropriations.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill appropriates \$1,657,900 in general purpose revenue to the Joint Committee on Finance. Under the bill, the amount is reserved for use by the committee, at its discretion, to pay for the administration of any state board that is created by the legislature to administer the elections, ethics, and lobbying regulation laws. The bill also creates three new miscellaneous appropriations, from general purpose revenue, from the Wisconsin election campaign fund, and from the election administration fund. The general purpose revenue appropriation may be supplemented by the Joint Committee on Finance from the general purpose revenue appropriation made by the bill. The bill directs the Department of Administration, with the approval of the Joint Committee on Finance, to make expenditures from segregated appropriations made by the bill to pay grants to eligible candidates from the Wisconsin election campaign fund as authorized under current law, and to pay election administration costs from the election administration fund. The election administration fund consists of federal revenues that are received by this state under the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA).

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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:

SECTION 1. 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

	2005-06	2006-07
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20.855 Miscellaneous appropriations

(4) TAX, ASSISTANCE AND TRANSFER PAYMENTS

(bn) Elections, ethics, and lobbying

regulation law administration	GPR	C	-0-	-0-
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SECTION 2. 20.855 (4) (bn), (qn) and (xn) of the statutes are created to read:

20.855 (4) (bn) *Elections, ethics, and lobbying regulation law administration.*

As a continuing appropriation, the amounts in the schedule for the administration of any state board that is created by the legislature to administer the elections, ethics, and lobbying regulation laws.

(qn) *Wisconsin election campaign fund grants.* From the Wisconsin election campaign fund, a sum sufficient to provide for payment of grants under s. 11.50 to eligible candidates whose names are certified under s. 7.08 (2) (c).

(xn) *Elections law administration; federal revenue.* From the election administration fund, all moneys received by this state from the federal government under P.L. 107-252, as authorized by the governor under s. 16.54, to be used for election administration costs under P.L. 107-252.

SECTION 3. Nonstatutory provisions.

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1 (1) ADMINISTRATION. The department of administration shall, with the approval
2 of the joint committee on finance, expend the moneys appropriated under section
3 20.855 (4) (bn), (qn), and (xn) of the statutes, as created by this act, for the purposes
4 provided in those paragraphs at the direction of any state board that is created by
5 the legislature to administer the elections, ethics, and lobbying regulation laws, or
6 shall transfer the moneys to corresponding appropriation accounts for expenditure
7 of moneys derived from the same revenue sources as the accounts under those
8 paragraphs at the direction of any such board.

9 (2) JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE. (a) Of the moneys appropriated to the joint
10 committee on finance for the 2005-07 fiscal biennium under section 20.865 (4) (a) of
11 the statutes, \$1,657,900 is allocated to finance the operations of any state board that
12 is created by the legislature to administer the elections, ethics, and lobbying
13 regulation laws.

14 (b) Notwithstanding section 13.101 (3) of the statutes, the joint committee on
15 finance may supplement the appropriation under section 20.855 (4) (xn) of the
16 statutes, as created by this act, by not more than \$1,058,000 from federal moneys
17 received by this state under P.L. 107-252.

18 (c) Notwithstanding section 13.101 (3) of the statutes, no finding of an
19 emergency is required for the joint committee on finance to supplement the
20 appropriation under section 20.855 (4) (bn) of the statutes, as created by this act,
21 prior to July 1, 2008.

22 (d) Notwithstanding section 13.101 (3) of the statutes, the joint committee on
23 finance may, prior to July 1, 2008, supplement the appropriation under section
24 20.855 (4) (bn) of the statutes, as created by this act, from the appropriation under

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1 section 20.865 (4) (a) of the statutes, as affected by this act, for the 2005-07 fiscal
2 biennium or the 2007-09 fiscal biennium.

3 **SECTION 4. Appropriation changes.**

4 (1) In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation
5 to the joint committee on finance under section 20.865 (4) (a) of the statutes, as
6 affected by the acts of 2005, the dollar amount is increased by \$1,657,900 for fiscal
7 year 2006-07 to be used for the purposes of administration of any state board that
8 is created by the legislature to administer the elections, ethics, and lobbying
9 regulation laws.

10 (END)