



2019 SENATE BILL 78

March 1, 2019 - Introduced by Senators LARSON, CARPENTER, JOHNSON and SMITH, cosponsored by Representatives ANDERSON, BROSTOFF, CABRERA, CONSIDINE, CROWLEY, EMERSON, SARGENT, SHANKLAND, SINICKI, SPREITZER, SUBECK, VRUWINK and ZAMARRIPA. Referred to Committee on Elections, Ethics and Rural Issues.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 11.0101 (25) (a) 3. of the statutes; **relating to:** the definition
2 of political action committee for campaign finance purposes.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under this bill, for campaign finance purposes, a political action committee includes a person, other than an individual, that spends more than \$1,000 in a 12-month period on expenditures for express advocacy, expenditures made to support or defeat a referendum, and contributions made to a candidate committee, legislative campaign committee, or political party.

Current law provides that a political action committee is a person, other than an individual, that either has express advocacy as its major purpose or spends more than 50 percent of its total spending in a 12-month period on expenditures for express advocacy, expenditures made to support or defeat a referendum, and contributions made to a candidate committee, legislative campaign committee, or political party.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 11.0101 (25) (a) 3. of the statutes is created to read:
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1 referendum, and contributions made to a candidate committee, legislative campaign
2 committee, or political party. In this subdivision, spending does not include a
3 committee's fundraising or administrative expenses.

4 (END)