



State of Wisconsin  
2015 - 2016 LEGISLATURE

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## 2015 BILL

1     **AN ACT** *to repeal* 13.62 (11t); *to renumber* 13.75 (intro.); *to renumber and*  
2     *amend* 13.625 (1) (c) (intro.), 13.625 (1) (c) 1., 13.625 (1) (c) 2. and 946.11 (2) (b);  
3     *to amend* 5.02 (13), 5.05 (2), 5.05 (2m) (d) 2., 5.05 (2m) (e), 5.05 (5e), 6.87 (3)  
4     (b), 7.23 (1) (d), 7.40, 7.50 (2) (em), 8.05 (1) (j) 2., 8.10 (5), 8.15 (4) (b), 8.16 (2)  
5     (c), 8.20 (6), 8.30 (2), 8.35 (2) (a), 8.35 (2) (c), 8.35 (4) (c), 8.35 (4) (d), 8.35 (4) (e),  
6     8.50 (3) (a), 9.01 (5) (bm), 9.10 (2) (d), 12.07 (4), 12.08, 12.13 (3) (h), 12.60 (4),  
7     13.62 (5g), 13.62 (5r), 13.625 (1) (b) (intro.), 13.625 (1) (b) 3., 13.625 (2), 13.625  
8     (3), 13.625 (6r), 13.69 (6), 13.695 (4), 15.60 (5), 15.60 (6), 15.60 (7), 15.79 (2) (b),  
9     19.42 (3m), 19.45 (13), 19.579 (1), 19.59 (1) (br), 19.59 (7) (b), 20.511 (1) (a),  
10     20.511 (1) (i), 20.511 (1) (j), 20.855 (6) (h), 36.11 (1) (cm), 111.365 (3) (a), 120.06  
11     (6) (b) 5., 185.03 (10) (e), 202.12 (5) (a) 2., 341.14 (6r) (fm) 1. b., 346.94 (16) (b)  
12     2., 349.135 (2) (b), 563.907 (3) (b), 630.05 (intro.), 755.01 (4), 758.13 (3) (g) 1. a.  
13     and 758.13 (3) (g) 1. b.; *to repeal and recreate* chapter 11; and *to create* 13.62

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- 1 (5j), 13.62 (5u), 13.75 (1r) and 946.11 (2) (b) 1. and 2. of the statutes; **relating**  
2 **to:** campaign finance.
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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

This bill restructures chapter 11 of the Wisconsin statutes, the campaign finance law. The bill also makes the following substantive changes:

**REGISTRATION**

The bill requires the following entities to register with the Government Accountability Board or a local filing officer before accepting a contribution, making a disbursement, or incurring an obligation:

1. Candidate committees.
2. Political parties.
3. Legislative campaign committees.
4. Political action committees.
5. Independent expenditure committees.
6. Conduits.
7. Referendum committees.
8. Recall committees.

Each entity that is required to register must appoint a treasurer or, in the case of a conduit, an administrator to comply with the registration and reporting requirements under the bill. A candidate may serve as the treasurer of his or her candidate committee, but the candidate may only accept contributions and make disbursements through his or her committee.

The bill defines a “political action committee” as an entity that has express advocacy as its major purpose, as specified in the committee’s organizational documents or as indicated by the committee to the board.

Under the bill “express advocacy” means communication that contains terms such as the following or their functional equivalents with reference to a clearly identified candidate and that unambiguously relates to the campaign of that candidate:

1. “Vote for”.
2. “Elect”.
3. “Support”.
4. “Cast your ballot for”.
5. “Smith for ... (an elective office)”.
6. “Vote against”.
7. “Defeat”.
8. “Reject”.
9. “Cast your ballot against”.

The bill defines “independent expenditure committee” as any person, other than an individual, or any permanent or temporary combination of persons unrelated by marriage, formed for the major purpose of making independent expenditures. The bill defines “independent expenditure” as an expenditure for

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express advocacy that is not made in coordination with a candidate, candidate committee, candidate’s agent, legislative campaign committee, or political party.

**REPORTING**

All committees required to register under the bill must file periodic reports with the board. The committees report all contributions, disbursements, and obligations received, made, and incurred by the committee. A conduit reports all contributions released to support or oppose a candidate or committee. Committees and conduits, generally, submit the following reports:

1. A preprimary report. Conduits are not required to submit these reports.
2. A preelection report. Conduits are not required to submit these reports.
3. With regard to a spring primary or spring election, a report filed on the 15th day of January, April, July, and October.
4. With regard to other primaries and elections, or for those holding office not up for election, in an odd-numbered year, a report on filed on the 15th day of January, April, July, and October and, in the even numbered year, a report filed on the 15th day of January, April, and July and on the fourth Tuesday in September.

Under the bill, if a political action committee, an independent expenditure committee, or a person who is not otherwise subject to reporting spends \$5,000 or more in the aggregate on express advocacy during the period beginning 60 days prior to an election and ending on the day of the election, the committee or person must submit a report to the board no later than 48 hours after making the expenditures. The report must provide all of the following:

1. The dates on which the committee or person made the expenditures.
2. The names and addresses of the persons who received the expenditures.
3. The purpose for making the expenditures.
4. The amount spent for each act of express advocacy.
5. The name of the candidate affected by the expenditures.
6. An affirmation, made under oath, that the person will comply with the prohibition on coordination, as provided under the bill.
7. The name and address of the designated agent of the committee or person.

A person which is not a committee required to register under the bill does not have to register simply because that person reports expenditures for express advocacy made during the 60-day period prior to the election.

**CONTRIBUTIONS**

The bill doubles the contribution limits under current law applicable to candidates for state or local office. Under the bill, every five years, beginning in 2021, the board will adjust the contribution limits to reflect the percentage change in the consumer price index during the preceding five-year period.

The bill allows the following contributions to be made in unlimited amounts:

1. Contributions to a political action committee.
2. Contributions transferred between political action committees.
3. Contributions to a legislative campaign committee, except that a political action committee may contribute no more than \$12,000 in any calendar year to a legislative campaign committee.

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4. Contributions to a political party, except that a political action committee may contribute no more than \$12,000 in any calendar year to a political party.

5. Contributions made by a political party or legislative campaign committee to a candidate committee.

6. Contributions paid to a segregated fund established and administered by a political party or legislative campaign committee for purposes other than making contributions to a candidate committee.

7. Contributions that a candidate makes to his or her candidate committee from the candidate's personal funds.

8. Contributions transferred between the candidates for governor and lieutenant governor of the same political party.

9. Contributions used to pay legal fees and other expenses incurred as a result of a recount.

10. Contributions used to pay legal fees and other expenses incurred in connection with a recall.

11. Contributions to a recall committee.

12. Contributions to a referendum committee.

The bill prohibits corporations, cooperatives, labor organizations, and tribes from contributing to committees, other than independent expenditure committees and referendum committees. The bill also allows corporations, cooperatives, labor organizations, and tribes to contribute to a segregated fund established and administered by a political party or legislative campaign committee for purposes other than making contributions to a candidate committee.

**COORDINATION**

The bill prohibits a person from making an expenditure for express advocacy that is coordinated with a candidate, candidate committee, candidate's agent, legislative campaign committee, or political party and that exceeds the contribution limits or violates the source restrictions established in the bill. An expenditure for express advocacy is coordinated with such individuals or entities if the individual or entity exercises control over or engages in substantial discussions with the person making the expenditure regarding the content, timing, form, or frequency of the express advocacy. A coordinated expenditure must be reported by the candidate committee as a contribution.

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*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 organized exclusively for political purposes under whose name candidates  
4 appear on a ballot at any election, and all county, congressional, legislative, local and

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1 ~~other affiliated committees authorized to operate under the same name. For~~  
2 ~~purposes of ch. 11, the term does not include a legislative campaign committee or a~~  
3 ~~committee filing an oath under s. 11.06 (7) has the meaning given in s. 11.0101 (26).~~

4 **SECTION 2.** 5.05 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 5.05 (2) AUDITING. In addition to the facial examination of reports and  
6 statements required under s. ~~11.21 (13)~~ 11.1304 (9), the board shall conduct an audit  
7 of reports and statements which are required to be filed with it to determine whether  
8 violations of ch. 11 have occurred. The board may examine records relating to  
9 matters required to be treated in such reports and statements. The board shall make  
10 official note in the file of a ~~candidate, committee, group or individual under ch. 11,~~  
11 as defined in s. 11.0101 (6), of any error or other discrepancy which the board  
12 discovers and shall inform the person submitting the report or statement. The board  
13 may not audit reports, statements, or records beyond the 3-year period for which a  
14 committee must retain records under ch. 11.

15 **SECTION 3.** 5.05 (2m) (d) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

16 5.05 (2m) (d) 2. No employee of the board, while so employed, may become a  
17 candidate, as defined in s. ~~11.01 (1)~~ 11.0101 (1), for a state or partisan local office.  
18 No individual who is retained by the board to serve as a special investigator or as  
19 special counsel may, while so retained, become a candidate, as defined in s. ~~11.01 (1)~~  
20 11.0101 (1), for any state or local office. A filing officer shall decline to accept  
21 nomination papers or a declaration of candidacy from any individual who does not  
22 qualify to become a candidate under this paragraph.

23 **SECTION 4.** 5.05 (2m) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 5.05 (2m) (e) No individual who serves as an employee of the board and no  
25 individual who is retained by the board to serve as a special investigator or a special

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1 counsel may, while so employed or retained, make a contribution, ~~as defined in s.~~  
2 ~~11.01 (6)~~, to a candidate for state or local office. No individual who serves as an  
3 employee of the board and no individual who is retained by the board to serve as a  
4 special investigator or as special counsel, for 12 months prior to becoming so  
5 employed or retained, may have made a contribution, ~~as defined in s. 11.01 (6)~~, to a  
6 candidate for a partisan state or local office. In this paragraph, contribution has the  
7 meaning given in s. 11.0101 (8).

8 **SECTION 5.** 5.05 (5e) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 5.05 (5e) BIENNIAL REPORT. The board shall include in its biennial report under  
10 s. 15.04 (1) (d) the names and duties of all individuals employed by the board and a  
11 summary of its determinations and advisory opinions issued under sub. (6a). Except  
12 as authorized or required under sub. (5s) (f) 2., the board shall make sufficient  
13 alterations in the summaries to prevent disclosing the identities of individuals or  
14 organizations involved in the decisions or opinions. The board may also include in  
15 its biennial report any information compiled under s. ~~11.21 (7)~~ 11.1304 (14). The  
16 board shall make such further reports on the matters within its jurisdiction and such  
17 recommendations for further legislation as it deems desirable.

18 **SECTION 6.** 6.87 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 6.87 (3) (b) No elector may direct that a ballot be sent to the address of a  
20 ~~candidate, political party or other registrant~~ committee registered with the board  
21 under s. 11.05 chapter 11 unless the elector permanently or temporarily resides at  
22 that address. Upon receipt of reliable information that an address given by an elector  
23 is not eligible to receive ballots under this subsection, the municipal clerk shall  
24 refrain from mailing or transmitting ballots to that address. Whenever possible, the

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1 municipal clerk shall notify an elector if his or her ballot cannot be mailed or  
2 transmitted to the address directed by the elector.

3 **SECTION 7.** 7.23 (1) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 7.23 (1) (d) ~~Except as provided in s. 11.21 (11) (a), financial~~ Financial reports  
5 may be destroyed 6 years after the date of receipt. Financial registration statements  
6 may be destroyed 6 years after termination of registration.

7 **SECTION 8.** 7.40 of the statutes is amended to read:

8 **7.40 Sample ballots.** Any individual, committee or candidate may, at their  
9 its own expense, and subject to limitations upon contributions and disbursements  
10 under ch. 11, ~~may~~ print a supply of sample ballots, provided ~~they bear on their~~ each  
11 sample ballot includes on its face the information required by s. ~~11.30~~ 11.1303 (2) and  
12 ~~they contain~~ all the names shown on the official ballot. In this section, committee  
13 has the meaning given in s. 11.0101 (6).

14 **SECTION 9.** 7.50 (2) (em) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 7.50 (2) (em) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, write-in votes  
16 shall only be counted if no candidates have been certified to appear on the ballot. If  
17 ~~candidates have~~ a candidate has been certified to appear on the ballot, write-in votes  
18 may only be counted for ~~candidates who file~~ a candidate that files a registration  
19 ~~statements~~ statement under s. ~~11.05 (2g)~~ 11.0202 (1) (a) no later than noon on the  
20 Friday immediately preceding the election. If a candidate certified to appear on the  
21 ballot dies or withdraws before the election, all write-in votes shall be counted.  
22 When write-in votes are counted, every vote shall be counted for the candidate for  
23 whom it was intended, if the elector's intent can be ascertained from the ballot itself.

24 **SECTION 10.** 8.05 (1) (j) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

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1           8.05 (1) (j) 2. Upon receipt of the notice, each candidate shall file a declaration  
2 of candidacy in the manner prescribed by s. 8.21 with the municipal clerk making the  
3 notification no later than 5 p.m. on the 5th day after the notification is mailed or  
4 personally delivered to the candidate by the municipal clerk, except as authorized  
5 in this paragraph. If an incumbent whose name is certified as a nominee fails to file  
6 a declaration of candidacy within the time prescribed by this paragraph, each  
7 certified candidate for the office held by the incumbent, other than the incumbent,  
8 may file a declaration of candidacy no later than 72 hours after the latest time  
9 prescribed in this paragraph. If the candidate has not filed a registration statement  
10 under s. ~~11.05~~ 11.0202 (1) (a) at the time of the notification, the candidate shall file  
11 the statement with the declaration.

12           **SECTION 11.** 8.10 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

13           8.10 (5) Nomination papers shall be accompanied by a declaration of candidacy  
14 under s. 8.21. If a candidate has not filed a registration statement under s. ~~11.05~~  
15 11.0202 (1) (a) at the time he or she files nomination papers, the candidate shall file  
16 the statement with the papers. A candidate for state office or municipal judge shall  
17 also file a statement of economic interests with the board under s. 19.43 (4) no later  
18 than 4:30 p.m. on the 3rd day following the last day for filing nomination papers  
19 under sub. (2) (a), or no later than 4:30 p.m. on the next business day after the last  
20 day whenever that candidate is granted an extension of time for filing nomination  
21 papers under sub. (2) (a).

22           **SECTION 12.** 8.15 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

23           8.15 (4) (b) Nomination papers shall be accompanied by a declaration of  
24 candidacy under s. 8.21. If a candidate for state or local office has not filed a  
25 registration statement under s. ~~11.05~~ 11.0202 (1) (a) at the time he or she files



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1 nomination papers, the candidate shall file the statement with the papers. A  
2 candidate for state office shall also file a statement of economic interests with the  
3 board under s. 19.43 (4) no later than 4:30 p.m. on the 3rd day following the last day  
4 for filing nomination papers under sub. (1), or no later than 4:30 p.m. on the next  
5 business day after the last day whenever that candidate is granted an extension of  
6 time for filing nomination papers under sub. (1).

7 **SECTION 13.** 8.16 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 8.16 (2) (c) If the person is a candidate for state or local office, the person files  
9 a registration statement under s. ~~11.05~~ 11.0202 (1) (a).

10 **SECTION 14.** 8.20 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 8.20 (6) Nomination papers shall be accompanied by a declaration of candidacy  
12 under s. 8.21. If a candidate for state or local office has not filed a registration  
13 statement under s. ~~11.05~~ 11.0202 (1) (a) at the time he or she files nomination papers,  
14 the candidate shall file the statement with the papers. A candidate for state office  
15 shall also file a statement of economic interests with the board under s. 19.43 (4) no  
16 later than 4:30 p.m. on the 3rd day following the last day for filing nomination papers  
17 under sub. (8) (a), or no later than 4:30 p.m. on the next business day after the last  
18 day whenever that candidate is granted an extension of time for filing nomination  
19 papers under sub. (8) (a).

20 **SECTION 15.** 8.30 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 8.30 (2) If no registration statement has been filed by or on behalf of a candidate  
22 for state or local office in accordance with s. ~~11.05 (2g) or (2r)~~ 11.0202 (1) (a) by the  
23 applicable deadline for filing nomination papers by such candidate, or the deadline  
24 for filing a declaration of candidacy for an office for which nomination papers are not  
25 filed, the name of the candidate may not appear on the ballot. This subsection may

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1 not be construed to exempt a candidate from applicable penalties if he or she files a  
2 registration statement later than the time prescribed in ~~ss. 11.01 (1) and 11.05 (2g)~~  
3 s. 11.0202 (1) (a).

4 **SECTION 16.** 8.35 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 8.35 (2) (a) If a vacancy occurs after nomination due to the death of a candidate  
6 of a recognized political party for a partisan office, the vacancy may be filled by the  
7 chairperson of the committee of the proper political party under s. 7.38, or the  
8 ~~personal campaign~~ candidate committee, if any, in the case of independent  
9 candidates. Similar vacancies in nominations of candidates for nonpartisan local  
10 offices may be filled by ~~the candidate's personal campaign~~ a candidate committee or,  
11 ~~if the candidate had~~ there is none, by the body which governs the local governmental  
12 unit in which the deceased person was a candidate for office. The chairperson, chief  
13 officer of the candidate committee, or clerk of the body making an appointment shall  
14 file a certificate of appointment with the official or agency with whom declarations  
15 of candidacy for the office are filed. For purposes of this paragraph, the official or  
16 agency need not recognize members of a ~~personal campaign~~ candidate committee  
17 whose names were not filed under s. ~~11.05~~ 11.0202 (1) (a) prior to the death of the  
18 candidate.

19 **SECTION 17.** 8.35 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 8.35 (2) (c) The official or agency with whom a proper certificate is filed under  
21 par. (b) shall promptly notify the candidate who is nominated and transmit to the  
22 candidate a declaration of candidacy form and, in the case of a candidate for state or  
23 local office, a ~~financial~~ registration statement form under s. ~~11.05~~ 11.0203 (1). No  
24 later than 5 p.m. on the 3rd day after notification of nomination is mailed or  
25 personally delivered to the new nominee by the official or agency, the nominee shall

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1 file a declaration of candidacy and, in the case of a candidate for state or local office,  
2 a registration statement under s. 11.05 11.0203 (1). No later than 4:30 p.m. on the  
3 3rd day after notification of nomination is mailed or personally delivered to a new  
4 nominee for state office or municipal judge by the official or agency, the nominee shall  
5 file a statement of economic interests under s. 19.43 (4). If the nominee fails to file  
6 the declaration of candidacy, the official or agency may refuse to place the candidate's  
7 name on the ballot. If the nominee fails to file the registration statement or  
8 statement of economic interests, the official or agency may not place the candidate's  
9 name on the ballot.

10 **SECTION 18.** 8.35 (4) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 8.35 (4) (c) ~~The transfer treasurer of the former candidate's committee shall be~~  
12 ~~reported to the appropriate filing officer in a special report submitted by the former~~  
13 ~~candidate's campaign treasurer~~ submit to the appropriate filing officer a special  
14 report detailing the disposition of funds under par. (a) 1. If the former candidate is  
15 deceased and was serving as the treasurer of his or her own campaign treasurer  
16 committee, the former candidate's petitioner or personal representative shall file the  
17 report. The report shall include a complete statement of all contributions,  
18 disbursements, and incurred obligations, pursuant to s. 11.06 ~~(1)~~ 11.0204 (1),  
19 covering the period from the day after the last date covered on the former candidate's  
20 most recent report to the date of disposition.

21 **SECTION 19.** 8.35 (4) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 8.35 (4) (d) The newly appointed candidate shall file his or her report at the  
23 next appropriate interval under s. 11.20 ~~(2) or (4)~~ 11.0204 after his or her  
24 appointment. The appointed candidate shall include any transferred funds in his or  
25 her first report.

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1           **SECTION 20.** 8.35 (4) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           8.35 (4) (e) Any person who violates this subsection may be punished as  
3 provided under s. ~~11.60~~ 11.1400 or ~~11.61~~ 11.1401.

4           **SECTION 21.** 8.50 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

5           8.50 (3) (a) Nomination papers may be circulated no sooner than the day the  
6 order for the special election is filed and shall be filed not later than 5 p.m. 28 days  
7 before the day that the special primary will or would be held, if required, except when  
8 a special election is held concurrently with the spring election or general election, the  
9 deadline for filing nomination papers shall be specified in the order and the date shall  
10 be no earlier than the date provided in s. 8.10 (2) (a) or 8.15 (1), respectively, and no  
11 later than 35 days prior to the date of the spring primary or no later than June 1  
12 preceding the partisan primary. Nomination papers may be filed in the manner  
13 specified in s. 8.10, 8.15, or 8.20. Each candidate shall file a declaration of candidacy  
14 in the manner provided in s. 8.21 no later than the latest time provided in the order  
15 for filing nomination papers. If a candidate for state or local office has not filed a  
16 registration statement under s. ~~11.05~~ 11.0202 (1) (a) at the time he or she files  
17 nomination papers, the candidate shall file the statement with the papers. A  
18 candidate for state office shall also file a statement of economic interests with the  
19 board no later than the end of the 3rd day following the last day for filing nomination  
20 papers specified in the order.

21           **SECTION 22.** 9.01 (5) (bm) of the statutes is amended to read:

22           9.01 (5) (bm) Upon the completion of its proceedings, a board of canvassers  
23 shall deliver to the board one copy of the minutes of the proceedings kept under par.  
24 (a). In addition, in the case of a recount of an election for state or national office, for  
25 each candidate whose name appears on the ballot for that office under the name of

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1 a political party, the board of canvassers shall deliver one copy of the minutes to the  
2 chief officer, if any, who is named in any registration statement filed under s. ~~11.05~~  
3 ~~(1) 11.0302~~ by the state committee of that political party, and in the case of a recount  
4 of an election for county office, for each candidate whose name appears on the ballot  
5 for that office under the name of a political party, the board of canvassers shall  
6 deliver one copy of the minutes to the chief officer, if any, who is named in any  
7 registration statement filed under s. ~~11.05 (1) 11.0302~~ by the county committee of  
8 that political party.

9 **SECTION 23.** 9.10 (2) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 9.10 (2) (d) No petition may be offered for filing for the recall of an officer unless  
11 the petitioner first files a registration statement under s. ~~11.05 (1) or (2) 11.0902~~ with  
12 the filing officer with whom the petition is filed. The petitioner shall append to the  
13 registration a statement indicating his or her intent to circulate a recall petition, the  
14 name of the officer for whom recall is sought and, in the case of a petition for the recall  
15 of a city, village, town, town sanitary district, or school district officer, a statement  
16 of a reason for the recall which is related to the official responsibilities of the official  
17 for whom removal is sought. No petitioner may circulate a petition for the recall of  
18 an officer prior to completing registration. The last date that a petition for the recall  
19 of an officer may be offered for filing is 5 p.m. on the 60th day commencing after  
20 registration. After the recall petition has been offered for filing, no name may be  
21 added or removed. No signature may be counted unless the date of the signature is  
22 within the period provided in this paragraph.

23 **SECTION 24.** Chapter 11 of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

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## SUBCHAPTER I

## GENERAL PROVISIONS

**11.0100 Construction.** This chapter shall be construed to impose the least possible restraint on persons whose activities do not directly affect the elective process, consistent with the right of the public to have a full, complete, and readily understandable accounting of those activities expressly advocating for or against candidates for office or for or against referendums. Nothing in this chapter may be construed to regulate issue discussion, debate, or advocacy; grassroots outreach or lobbying; nonpartisan voter registration or turnout efforts; or the rights of the media.

**11.0101 Definitions.** In this chapter:

(1) “Candidate” means an individual about whom any of the following applies:

(a) The individual takes any of the following affirmative actions to seek nomination or election to a state or local office:

1. Files nomination papers with the appropriate filing officer.

2. Is nominated as a candidate for state or local office by a caucus under s. 8.05 (1) or by a political party and the nomination is certified to the appropriate filing officer.

3. Receives a contribution, makes a disbursement, or gives consent for another person to receive a contribution or make a disbursement in order to bring about the individual’s nomination or election to a state or local office.

(b) The individual holds a state or local office and is the subject of a recall petition.

(c) The individual holds a state or local office.

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1           (2) “Candidate committee” means a committee authorized by a candidate or a  
2 candidate’s agent to accept contributions or make disbursements in support of a  
3 candidate’s campaign.

4           (3) “Charitable organization” means any organization described in section 170  
5 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

6           (4) “Candidate’s agent” means an individual who has control over the  
7 day-to-day operation of the candidate committee, but does not include an employee  
8 of a political party or a legislative campaign committee that is not also an employee  
9 of the candidate.

10          (5) “Clearly identified” means any of the following with regard to a  
11 communication supporting or opposing a candidate:

12           (a) The candidate’s name appears or is stated.

13           (b) A photograph or drawing of the candidate appears.

14           (c) The candidate’s identity is apparent by unambiguous reference.

15          (6) “Committee” means a candidate committee, legislative campaign  
16 committee, political action committee, independent expenditure committee, political  
17 party, recall committee, and referendum committee.

18          (7) “Conduit” means a person other than an individual that receives a  
19 contribution of money, deposits the contribution in an account held by the person,  
20 and releases the contribution to a candidate committee, legislative campaign  
21 committee, political party, or political action committee at the direction of the  
22 contributor.

23          (8) (a) Except as provided in par. (b), “contribution” means any of the following:

24           1. A gift, subscription, loan, advance, or transfer of money to a committee.

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1           2. With the committee’s consent under s. 11.1109, a transfer of tangible  
2 personal property or services to a committee, valued as provided under s. 11.1105.

3           3. A transfer of funds between committees.

4           4. The purchase of a ticket for a fundraising event for a committee regardless  
5 of whether the ticket is used to attend the event.

6           (b) “Contribution” does not include any of the following:

7           1. Services that an individual provides to a committee, if the individual is not  
8 specifically compensated for providing the services to the committee.

9           2. Any unreimbursed travel expenses that an individual incurs to volunteer his  
10 or her personal services to a committee.

11           3. The costs of preparing and transmitting personal correspondence.

12           4. Interest earned on an interest-bearing account.

13           5. Rebates or awards earned in connection with the use of a debit or credit card.

14           6. A loan from a commercial lending institution that the institution makes in  
15 its ordinary course of business.

16           7. The reuse of surplus materials or the use of unused surplus materials  
17 acquired in connection with a previous campaign for or against the same candidate,  
18 political party, or recall if the materials were previously reported as a contribution.

19           8. The cost of invitations, food, and beverages in connection with an event held  
20 in a private residence on behalf of a candidate committee.

21           9. Any written news story, commentary, or editorial distributed through the  
22 facilities of any broadcasting station, newspaper, magazine, or other regularly  
23 published publication, unless a committee owns the facilities.

24           **(9)** “Corporation” includes a foreign limited liability company, as defined in s.  
25 183.0102 (8) and a limited liability company, as defined in s. 183.0102 (10), if the



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1 foreign limited liability company or the limited liability company elect to be treated  
2 as a corporation by the federal internal revenue service, pursuant to 26 CFR  
3 301.7701-3, or if the foreign limited liability company or the limited liability  
4 company has publicly traded shares.

5 (10) (a) “Disbursement” means any of the following:

- 6 1. An expenditure by a committee from the committee’s depository account.
- 7 2. The transfer of tangible personal property or services by a committee.
- 8 3. A transfer of funds between committees.

9 (b) “Disbursement” does not include any written news story, commentary, or  
10 editorial distributed through the facilities of any broadcasting station, newspaper,  
11 magazine, or other regularly published publication, unless a committee owns the  
12 facilities.

13 (11) “Express advocacy” means communication that contains terms such as the  
14 following or their functional equivalents with reference to a clearly identified  
15 candidate and that unambiguously relates to the campaign of that candidate:

- 16 (a) “Vote for”.
- 17 (b) “Elect”.
- 18 (c) “Support”.
- 19 (d) “Cast your ballot for”.
- 20 (e) “Smith for ... (an elective office)”.
- 21 (f) “Vote against”.
- 22 (g) “Defeat”.
- 23 (h) “Reject”.
- 24 (i) “Cast your ballot against”.

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1           **(12)** “Federal account committee” means a committee of a state political party  
2 organization that makes contributions to candidates for national office and is  
3 registered with the federal election commission.

4           **(13)** “Federal candidate committee” means a committee of a candidate for the  
5 U.S. senate or house of representatives from this state that the candidate designates  
6 under 2 USC 432 (e).

7           **(14)** “Filing officer” means the board or official assigned to a committee or  
8 conduit under s. 11.0102.

9           **(15)** “General election” means the election held in even-numbered years on the  
10 Tuesday after the first Monday in November to elect United States senators,  
11 representatives in congress, presidential electors, state senators, representatives to  
12 the assembly, district attorneys, state officers other than the state superintendent  
13 and judicial officers, and county officers other than supervisors and county  
14 executives.

15           **(16)** “Independent expenditure” means an expenditure for express advocacy by  
16 a person, if the expenditure is not made in coordination with a candidate, candidate  
17 committee, candidate’s agent, legislative campaign committee, or political party, as  
18 prohibited under s. 11.1203.

19           **(17)** “Independent expenditure committee” means any person, other than an  
20 individual, or any permanent or temporary combination of 2 or more persons  
21 unrelated by marriage, formed for the major purpose of making independent  
22 expenditures.

23           **(18)** “Intentionally” has the meaning given in s. 939.23 (3).

24           **(19)** “Legislative campaign committee” means a committee organized in either  
25 house of the legislature to support a candidate of a political party for legislative office.

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1           **(20)** “Major purpose” means a person’s major purpose as specified in the  
2 person’s organizational documents or as indicated by the person to the board. In this  
3 subsection, “person” does not include an individual.

4           **(21)** “National political party committee” means a national committee as  
5 defined in 2 USC 431 (14).

6           **(22)** “Negotiable instrument” includes an electronic transfer of funds.

7           **(23)** “Obligation” means any express agreement to make a disbursement,  
8 including all of the following:

9           (a) A loan or loan guarantee.

10           (b) A promise or a payment to purchase, rent, or lease tangible personal  
11 property.

12           (c) A promise or a payment for a service that has been or will be performed.

13           **(24)** “Partisan primary” means the primary held the 2nd Tuesday in August  
14 to nominate candidates to be voted for at the general election.

15           **(25)** (a) Subject to par. (b), “political action committee” means an entity that  
16 satisfies all of the following:

17           1. Has express advocacy as its major purpose.

18           2. Is organized by any person, other than an individual, or by any combination,  
19 permanent or temporary, of 2 or more persons unrelated by marriage.

20           3. Makes or accepts contributions or makes disbursements with regard to a  
21 state or local office and to support or oppose any of the following:

22           a. A candidate.

23           b. A candidate committee.

24           c. A legislative campaign committee.

25           d. A political party.

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1 e. A political action committee.

2 f. A recall committee.

3 (b) “Political action committee” does not include a candidate committee,  
4 legislative campaign committee, political party, or recall committee.

5 **(26)** (a) “Political party” means all of the following:

6 1. A state committee under whose name candidates appear on a ballot at any  
7 election and all county, legislative, local, and other affiliated committees authorized  
8 to operate under the same name.

9 2. A committee described under subd. 1. that makes and accepts contributions  
10 and makes disbursements to support or oppose a candidate for state or local office  
11 or to support or oppose a referendum held in this state.

12 (b) “Political party” does not include a legislative campaign committee.

13 **(27)** “Recall committee” means a committee formed for the purpose of  
14 supporting or opposing the recall of any of the following:

15 (a) An incumbent elective official holding a state office.

16 (b) An incumbent elective official holding a local office.

17 **(28)** “Referendum committee” means a committee that is organized by any  
18 person, other than an individual, or by any combination, permanent or temporary,  
19 of 2 or more persons unrelated by marriage that acts to support or oppose the passage  
20 or defeat of a referendum held in this state, but that does not receive contributions  
21 or make disbursements or contributions for the purpose of influencing or attempting  
22 to influence a candidate’s nomination or election.

23 **(29)** “Special election” means any election, other than those described in subs.  
24 (15), (24), (30), (32), and (33) to fill vacancies or to conduct a referendum.

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1           **(30)** “Special primary” means the primary held 4 weeks before the special  
2 election, except as follows:

3           (a) If the special election is held on the same day as the general election, the  
4 special primary shall be held on the same day as the general primary.

5           (b) If the special election is held concurrently with the spring election, the  
6 primary shall be held concurrently with the spring primary.

7           **(31)** “Treasurer” means the individual who registers a committee with a filing  
8 officer and who makes reports on behalf of the committee.

9           **(32)** “Spring election” means the election held on the first Tuesday in April to  
10 elect judicial, educational, and municipal officers, nonpartisan county officers and  
11 sewerage commissioners, and to express preferences for the person to be the  
12 presidential candidate for each political party in a year in which electors for  
13 president and vice president are to be elected.

14           **(33)** “Spring primary” means the nonpartisan primary held on the 3rd Tuesday  
15 in February to nominate nonpartisan candidates to be voted for at the spring  
16 election.

17           **11.0102 Determination of filing officer and duty to file; fees.** (1) Each  
18 committee and conduit required to register and report under this chapter shall have  
19 and shall file each registration statement and report required under this chapter  
20 with one filing officer as follows:

21           (a) The following shall file with the board:

22           1. A candidate committee of a candidate for state office, as defined in s. 5.02  
23 (23).

24           2. A conduit.

25           3. A legislative campaign committee.

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1           4. A political action committee.

2           5. A political party.

3           6. A recall committee as defined in s. 11.0101 (27) (a).

4           7. Except as provided in pars. (f) and (g), a referendum committee.

5           (b) Subject to pars. (c) and (d), a candidate committee for a candidate seeking  
6 local office shall file with the clerk of the most populous jurisdiction for which the  
7 candidate seeks office.

8           (c) A candidate committee for a candidate for municipal judge elected under s.  
9 755.01 (4) shall file with the county clerk or board of election commissioners of the  
10 county having the largest portion of the population in the jurisdiction served by the  
11 judge.

12           (d) A candidate committee for a candidate for school board member shall file  
13 with the school district clerk.

14           (e) A recall committee as defined in s. 11.0101 (27) (b) shall file with the filing  
15 officer for candidates for that office.

16           (f) A referendum committee acting to support or oppose any local referendum,  
17 other than a school district referendum, shall file with the clerk of the most populous  
18 jurisdiction in which the referendum will be conducted.

19           (g) A referendum committee acting to support or oppose a school district  
20 referendum shall file with the school district clerk.

21           **(2)** (a) Except as provided in pars. (c) and (d), each committee that is required  
22 to register under this chapter shall annually pay a filing fee of \$100 to the board. The  
23 board may accept payment under this subsection by credit card, debit card, or other  
24 electronic payment mechanism, and may charge a surcharge to that committee to  
25 recover the actual costs associated with the acceptance of that electronic payment.

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1           (b) Except as provided in s. 11.0104 (1), a committee that is subject to par. (a)  
2 shall pay the fee specified in par. (a) together with the report filed by that committee  
3 on the 15th day of the month of January in each year. If a committee that is subject  
4 to par. (a) registers under this chapter or changes status so that par. (a) becomes  
5 applicable to the committee during a calendar year, the committee shall pay the fee  
6 for that year with the filing of the committee's registration statement or at any time  
7 before the change in status becomes effective.

8           (c) Paragraph (a) does not apply to a candidate committee.

9           (d) Paragraph (a) does not apply to any committee for any year during which  
10 the committee does not make disbursements exceeding a total of \$2,500.

11           **(3)** Each filing officer, other than the board, shall do all of the following:

12           (a) Obtain the forms and manuals prescribed by the board under s. 11.1304 (1)  
13 and (3) and election laws provided by the board under s. 7.08 (4).

14           (b) Develop a filing, coding, and cross-indexing system consonant with the  
15 purposes of this chapter.

16           (c) Make all of the following available, without charge, to any committee  
17 required to file reports or statements with the officer:

18           1. Forms prescribed by the board for the making of reports and statements. The  
19 filing officer shall notify the committee that all forms are available on the board's  
20 Internet site. Whenever a filing officer sends a form or notice of the filing  
21 requirements under this chapter to the treasurer of a candidate committee, the filing  
22 officer shall also send a notice to the candidate.

23           2. Upon request, copies of manuals under par. (a).

24           (d) The filing officer shall provide copies of manuals and election laws to  
25 persons other than a committee under par. (c) at cost.

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1 (e) Notify the board, in writing, of any facts within the filing officer's knowledge  
2 or evidence in the officer's possession, including errors or discrepancies in reports or  
3 statements and delinquencies in filing which may be grounds for civil action or  
4 criminal prosecution. The board may transmit a copy of the notification submitted  
5 under this paragraph to the district attorney.

6 (f) Make available a list of delinquents for public inspection.

7 (g) Compile and maintain on an electronic system a current list of all reports  
8 and statements received by or required of and pertaining to each committee  
9 registered under this chapter.

10 (h) Make the reports and statements filed with the officer available for public  
11 inspection and copying, commencing as soon as practicable but not later than the end  
12 of the 2nd day following the day during which they are received.

13 (i) Upon the request of any person, permit copying of any report or statement  
14 described under par. (g) at cost.

15 (j) Determine whether each report or statement required to be filed under this  
16 chapter has been filed in the form and by the time prescribed by law, and whether  
17 it conforms on its face to the requirements of this chapter. The officer shall  
18 immediately send to any committee that is delinquent in filing, or that has filed  
19 otherwise than in the proper form, a notice that the committee has failed to comply  
20 with this chapter. Whenever a candidate committee has appointed an individual  
21 other than the candidate as campaign treasurer, the board shall send the notice to  
22 both the candidate and the treasurer of the candidate committee.

23 **11.0103 Reporting; general. (1) REPORT MUST BE COMPLETE.** (a) Each  
24 committee required to file a report under this chapter shall make a good faith effort  
25 to obtain all required information.



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1 (b) Failure to receive a form or notice from a filing officer does not exempt a  
2 committee or conduit from a reporting requirement under this chapter.

3 **(2) CONTRIBUTIONS; WHEN RECEIVED; WHEN REPORTED.** (a) 1. A contribution is  
4 received by a candidate committee for purposes of this chapter when it is under the  
5 control of the candidate or the treasurer or agent of the candidate.

6 2. A contribution is received by a committee for purposes of this chapter when  
7 it is under the control of the treasurer or agent of the committee.

8 (b) Unless it is returned or donated within 15 days of receipt under par. (a), a  
9 contribution must be reported as received on the date received.

10 **(3) CONTENTS OF REPORT; FILING DATES; CERTIFICATION; SHORT FORM; CONTENTS.** (a)  
11 A committee shall begin each report filed under this chapter with the first  
12 contribution received, disbursement made, or obligation incurred during the  
13 reporting period, and shall include all contributions received, disbursements made,  
14 and obligations incurred as of the end of:

15 1. The 15th day preceding the primary or election in the case of the preprimary  
16 and preelection report.

17 2. The last day of the immediately preceding month in the case of a continuing  
18 report required under this chapter.

19 3. The 22nd day following the special election in the case of a postelection report  
20 required under this chapter.

21 (b) Each committee shall ensure that each report is filed with the appropriate  
22 filing officer on the dates designated in this chapter. In the event that any report is  
23 required to be filed under this chapter on a nonbusiness day, a committee may file  
24 the report on the next business day thereafter.

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1 (c) 1. Except as provided in subd. 2., the committee's treasurer shall certify to  
2 the correctness of each report filed under this chapter.

3 2. Either the candidate or the treasurer of the candidate's committee shall  
4 certify to the correctness of each report filed under this chapter.

5 (d) The board shall prescribe a simplified, short form for compliance with this  
6 section by a committee treasurer who has not engaged in any financial transaction  
7 since the last date included on the treasurer's preceding report.

8 (4) PREPRIMARY AND PREELECTION REPORTS; INACTIVITY. (a) A contribution,  
9 disbursement, or obligation to support or oppose a candidate at a primary that is  
10 accepted, made, or incurred during the period covered by the preprimary report is  
11 considered to be accepted, made, or incurred to support or oppose that candidate at  
12 the primary, regardless of whether the candidate is opposed at the primary.

13 (b) A contribution, disbursement, or obligation to support or oppose a candidate  
14 at an election that is accepted, made, or incurred during the period covered by the  
15 preelection report is considered to be accepted, made, or incurred to support or  
16 oppose that candidate at the election, regardless of whether the candidate is opposed  
17 at the election.

18 (c) 1. a. Except as provided in subd. 2., a committee that accepts, makes, or  
19 incurs a contribution, disbursement, or obligation to support or oppose a candidate  
20 at a primary during the period covered by the preelection report, but does not engage  
21 in such activity during the period covered by the preprimary report, is not required  
22 to file a preprimary report.

23 b. Except as provided in subd. 2., a committee that accepts, makes, or incurs  
24 a contribution, disbursement, or obligation to support or oppose a candidate at an  
25 election during the period covered by the report that follows the preelection report,

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1 but does not engage in such activity during the period covered by the preelection  
2 report, is not required to file a preelection report.

3 2. A candidate committee that accepts, makes, or incurs a contribution,  
4 disbursement, or obligation to support or oppose a candidate at a primary during the  
5 period covered by the preprimary report shall file both the preprimary and  
6 preelection reports, regardless of whether the candidate committee engages in such  
7 activity during the period covered by the preelection report.

8 **11.0104 Reporting exemptions: limited activity.** (1) (a) Except as  
9 provided in par. (b), any committee which does not anticipate accepting  
10 contributions, making disbursements, or incurring obligations, and any conduit  
11 which does not anticipate accepting or releasing contributions, in an aggregate  
12 amount exceeding \$2,000 in a calendar year may file an amended registration  
13 statement with the appropriate filing officer indicating that fact. The committee or  
14 conduit shall certify the amended registration in the manner required under s.  
15 11.0103 (3) (c) and shall include the information required to be reported by that  
16 committee or conduit on its continuing reports.

17 (b) In no case may a candidate committee file an amended registration under  
18 this section covering any period ending sooner than the date of the election in which  
19 the candidate committee is participating.

20 (2) Upon receipt of a properly executed amended registration by a committee  
21 or conduit, the appropriate filing officer shall suspend the requirement imposed  
22 upon that committee or conduit by this chapter to file continuing reports. An  
23 indication of limited activity under this section is effective only for the calendar year  
24 in which it is granted, unless the committee or conduit alters its status before the end  
25 of such year or files a termination report under s. 11.0105.

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1           (3) An indication of limited activity made under sub. (1) may be revoked. If  
2           revoked, the committee or conduit shall comply with the reporting requirements  
3           applicable to the committee or conduit under this chapter as of the date of revocation,  
4           or the date that aggregate contributions, disbursements, or obligations for the  
5           calendar year exceed \$2,000. If the revocation is not timely, the committee or conduit  
6           violates s. 11.1201.

7           (4) A committee or conduit that files an amended registration statement under  
8           sub. (1) is not required to file a termination report under s. 11.0105.

9           (5) If a committee or conduit files an amended registration statement under  
10          sub. (1) and within 60 days thereafter receives and accepts an unanticipated  
11          contribution, the committee or conduit shall do one of the following within 60 days  
12          after receipt of the unanticipated contribution:

13          (a) File an amended registration statement. An amended registration  
14          statement supersedes the previous registration statement. The individual who  
15          certifies to the accuracy of the registration statement shall also certify that the  
16          amended registration statement is filed on account of the receipt of unanticipated  
17          contributions and the failure to file a correct registration statement was not  
18          intentional.

19          (b) Return the contribution to the contributor or donate the contribution to the  
20          common school fund or to a charitable organization.

21           **11.0105 Reporting exemptions: dissolution of committee or conduit**  
22           **and termination reports.** (1) (a) Except as provided in par. (b) and s. 11.0104 (4),  
23           whenever any committee or conduit dissolves or determines that obligations will no  
24           longer be incurred, contributions will no longer be received or, in the case of a conduit,  
25           accepted and released, and disbursements will no longer be made during a calendar

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1 year, and the committee has no outstanding incurred obligations, the committee or  
2 conduit shall file with the appropriate filing officer a termination report that  
3 indicates a cash balance of zero at the end of the reporting period. The committee  
4 or conduit shall certify the termination report in the manner required under s.  
5 11.0103 (3) (c) and the committee shall include the information required to be  
6 reported by that committee on its continuing reports.

7 (b) In no case may a candidate committee file a termination report covering any  
8 period ending sooner than the date of the election in which the candidate committee  
9 is participating.

10 (2) A committee to which s. 11.0102 (2) applies shall pay the fee imposed under  
11 that subsection with a termination report filed under this section.

12 (3) The committee shall include in the termination report filed under this  
13 section the manner in which residual funds were disposed. Residual funds may be  
14 used for any purpose not prohibited by law, returned to the donors in an amount not  
15 exceeding the original contribution, or donated to a charitable organization or the  
16 common school fund.

17 (4) If a committee files a termination report under sub. (1) and within 60 days  
18 thereafter receives and accepts an unanticipated contribution, the committee shall  
19 do one of the following within 60 days after receipt of the unanticipated contribution:

20 (a) File an amended termination report. An amended report supersedes the  
21 previous report. The individual who certifies to the accuracy of the report shall also  
22 certify to a statement that the amended report is filed on account of the receipt of  
23 unanticipated contributions and the failure to file a correct termination report was  
24 not intentional.

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1 (b) Return the contribution to the contributor or donate the contribution to the  
2 common school fund or to a charitable organization.

3 **11.0106 Disbursements; form.** Every disbursement which is made by a  
4 committee registered under this chapter from the committee's depository account  
5 shall be made by negotiable instrument.

6 **11.0107 Nonapplicability.** Federal account committees, federal candidate  
7 committees, and national political party committees are not required to register or  
8 report under this chapter.

## SUBCHAPTER II

## CANDIDATE COMMITTEES

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11 **11.0201 Registration; treasurer and depositories.** (1) Each candidate  
12 shall either appoint a treasurer of his or her candidate committee to comply with the  
13 registration and reporting requirements under this subchapter or serve as the  
14 treasurer and comply with the registration and reporting requirements under this  
15 subchapter. If the candidate appoints a treasurer, the candidate and the candidate's  
16 treasurer shall cosign the registration statement of the candidate's committee.

17 (2) (a) The treasurer shall ensure that all funds received are deposited in the  
18 candidate committee depository account.

19 (b) Notwithstanding par. (a), any candidate who serves as his or her own  
20 treasurer and who is authorized to file and files an amended registration statement  
21 under s. 11.0104 may designate a single personal account as his or her candidate  
22 committee depository account, and may intermingle personal and other funds with  
23 campaign funds. If a candidate establishes a separate candidate committee  
24 depository account, the candidate shall transfer all campaign funds in the personal

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1 account to the new depository account. Disbursements made from a personal  
2 account under this paragraph need not be identified in accordance with s. 11.0106.

3 (3) No disbursement may be made or obligation incurred by or on behalf of a  
4 candidate committee without the authorization of the treasurer or a designated  
5 agent.

6 (4) The treasurer shall maintain the records of the candidate committee in an  
7 organized and legible manner for not less than 3 years after the date of the election  
8 in which the candidate committee participates.

9 **11.0202 Registration; timing; candidate committee required.** (1) TIME  
10 OF REGISTRATION. (a) Each candidate, through his or her candidate committee, shall  
11 file a registration statement with the appropriate filing officer giving the  
12 information required under s. 11.0203 as soon as practicable after the individual  
13 qualifies as a candidate under s. 11.0101 (1).

14 (b) A candidate who receives no contributions, makes no disbursements, and  
15 incurs no obligations shall file the registration statement as provided in this  
16 subsection, but need not designate a campaign depository account until the first  
17 contribution is received, disbursement is made, or obligation is incurred.

18 (2) CANDIDATE COMMITTEE REQUIRED. (a) Except as provided in par. (b), no  
19 candidate may accept contributions, make disbursements, or incur obligations  
20 except through a candidate committee registered under this subchapter.

21 (b) A candidate does not violate this subsection by taking any of the following  
22 actions:

23 1. Accepting a contribution, making a disbursement, or incurring an obligation  
24 in the amount required to rent a postal box, or in the minimum amount required by  
25 a bank or trust company to open a checking account, prior to the time of registration,

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1 if the disbursement is properly reported on the first report submitted under s.  
2 11.0204 after the date that the candidate committee is registered, whenever a  
3 reporting requirement applies to the candidate committee.

4 2. Accepting a contribution, making a disbursement, or incurring an obligation  
5 required for the production of nomination papers.

6 (c) Except as provided in par. (d), no candidate may establish more than one  
7 candidate committee.

8 (d) An individual who holds a state or local elective office may establish a  
9 second candidate committee under this subchapter for the purpose of pursuing a  
10 different state or local office.

11 **11.0203 Registration; required information. (1) REQUIRED INFORMATION.**

12 The candidate committee shall include all of the following, where applicable, on the  
13 registration statement:

14 (a) The name and mailing address of the candidate committee.

15 (b) The name and mailing address of the candidate committee treasurer and  
16 any other custodian of books and accounts. Unless otherwise directed by the  
17 treasurer on the registration form and except as otherwise provided in this chapter  
18 or any rule of the board, all mailings that are required by law or by rule of the board  
19 shall be sent to the treasurer at the treasurer's address indicated upon the form.

20 (c) In the case of a candidate committee of an independent candidate for  
21 partisan office or a candidate for nonpartisan county or municipal office, a list of the  
22 members of the committee, in addition to those specified in par. (b), if any, whom the  
23 filing officer shall recognize as eligible to fill a nomination vacancy if the candidate  
24 dies before the election.



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1 (d) The name and address of the depository account of the candidate committee  
2 and of any other institution where funds of the committee are kept.

3 (2) CERTIFICATION. The individual responsible for filing or amending a  
4 candidate committee's registration statement and any form or report required of the  
5 committee under this chapter shall certify that all information contained in the  
6 statement, form, or report is true, correct, and complete.

7 (3) CHANGE OF INFORMATION. (a) The candidate committee shall report any  
8 change in information previously submitted in a registration statement within 10  
9 days following the change. Except as provided in par. (b), any such change may be  
10 reported only by the individual or by the officer who has succeeded to the position of  
11 an individual who signed the original statement.

12 (b) A candidate or the treasurer of the candidate's committee may report a  
13 change in the candidate committee's registration statement.

14 **11.0204 Reporting.** (1) CONTRIBUTIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS. (a) Each  
15 candidate, through his or her candidate committee, shall make full reports, upon a  
16 form prescribed by the board and certified as required under s. 11.0103 (3) (c), of all  
17 contributions, disbursements, and obligations received, made, and incurred by the  
18 candidate committee. The candidate committee shall include in each report the  
19 following information, covering the period since the last date covered on the previous  
20 report:

21 1. An itemized statement giving the date, full name, and street address of each  
22 person who has made a contribution to the candidate committee, together with the  
23 amount of the contribution.

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1           2. An itemized statement giving the date, full name, and street address of each  
2 committee to which the candidate committee has made a contribution, together with  
3 the amount of the contribution.

4           3. The name of the principal place of employment, if any, of each individual  
5 contributor whose cumulative contributions to the candidate committee for the  
6 calendar year are in excess of \$200.

7           4. An itemized statement of each contribution made anonymously. If the  
8 contribution exceeds \$10, the candidate committee shall specify whether the  
9 candidate committee donated the contribution to the common school fund or to a  
10 charitable organization, and shall include the full name and mailing address of the  
11 donee.

12           5. A statement of totals during the reporting period of contributions received  
13 and contributions donated as provided in subd. 4.

14           6. A statement of the cash balance on hand at the beginning and end of the  
15 reporting period.

16           7. An itemized statement of each loan of money made to the candidate  
17 committee in an aggregate amount or value in excess of \$20, together with all of the  
18 following:

19           a. The full name and mailing address of the lender.

20           b. A statement of whether the lender is a commercial lending institution.

21           c. The date and amount of the loan.

22           d. The full name and mailing address of each guarantor, if any.

23           e. The original amount guaranteed by each guarantor.

24           f. The balance of the amount guaranteed by each guarantor at the end of the  
25 reporting period.

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1           8. An itemized statement of every disbursement exceeding \$20 in amount or  
2 value, together with the name and address of the person to whom the disbursement  
3 was made, and the date and specific purpose for which the disbursement was made.

4           9. An itemized statement of every obligation exceeding \$20 in amount or value,  
5 together with the name of the person or business with whom the obligation was  
6 incurred, and the date and the specific purpose for which each such obligation was  
7 incurred.

8           10. A statement of totals during the reporting period of disbursements made,  
9 including transfers made to and received from any other committees, other income,  
10 and loans.

11           11. A statement of the balance of obligations incurred as of the end of the  
12 reporting period.

13           (b) The candidate committee shall begin each report filed under this chapter  
14 with the first contribution received, disbursement made, or obligation incurred  
15 during the reporting period.

16           **(2) REPORTS; CANDIDATES AT SPRING PRIMARY.** A candidate committee of a  
17 candidate at a spring primary or of a candidate at a special primary held to nominate  
18 nonpartisan candidates to be voted for at a special election held to fill a vacancy in  
19 one or more of the nonpartisan state or local offices voted for at the spring election  
20 shall do all of the following:

21           (a) File a preprimary report no earlier than 14 days and no later than 8 days  
22 preceding the primary. If a candidate for a nonpartisan state office at an election is  
23 not required to participate in a spring primary, the candidate committee shall file a  
24 preprimary report at the time prescribed in s. 11.0103 (4) preceding the date specified  
25 for the holding of the primary, were it to be required.

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1 (b) File a preelection report no earlier than 14 days and no later than 8 days  
2 preceding the election.

3 (c) Annually in each year of an election cycle, file a report on the 15th day of  
4 the month in the months of January, April, July, and October.

5 **(3) REPORTS; CANDIDATES AT SPRING ELECTIONS.** A candidate committee of a  
6 candidate at a spring election or of a candidate at a special election held to fill a  
7 vacancy in one or more of the nonpartisan state or local offices voted for at the spring  
8 election shall do all of the following:

9 (a) File a preelection report no earlier than 14 days and no later than 8 days  
10 preceding the election.

11 (b) Annually in each year of an election cycle, file a report on the 15th day of  
12 the month in the months of January, April, July, and October.

13 (c) Unless a continuing report is required to be filed under this subsection on  
14 or before the 45th day after the special election, file a postelection report no earlier  
15 than 23 days and no later than 45 days after each special election.

16 **(4) REPORTS; CANDIDATES AT PARTISAN PRIMARY.** A candidate committee of a  
17 candidate at a partisan primary or of a special primary held to nominate candidates  
18 to be voted for at a special election held to fill a vacancy in one or more of the state  
19 or local offices voted for at the general election shall do all of the following:

20 (a) File a preprimary report no earlier than 14 days and no later than 8 days  
21 preceding the primary.

22 (b) File a preelection report no earlier than 14 days and no later than 8 days  
23 preceding the election.

24 (c) In an odd-numbered year, file a report on the 15th day of the month in the  
25 months of January, April, July, and October.

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1 (d) In an even-numbered year, file a report on the 15th day of the month in the  
2 months of January, April, and July, and on the 4th Tuesday in September.

3 **(5) REPORTS; CANDIDATES AT GENERAL ELECTIONS.** A candidate committee of a  
4 candidate at a general election or of a candidate at a special election held to fill a  
5 vacancy in one or more of the state or local offices voted for at the general election  
6 shall do all of the following:

7 (a) File a preelection report no earlier than 14 days and no later than 8 days  
8 preceding the election.

9 (b) In an odd-numbered year, file a report on the 15th day of the month in the  
10 months of January, April, July, and October.

11 (c) In an even-numbered year, file a report on the 15th day of the month in the  
12 months of January, April, and July, and on the 4th Tuesday in September.

13 (d) Unless a continuing report is required to be filed under this subsection on  
14 or before the 45th day after the special election, file a postelection report no earlier  
15 than 23 days and no later than 45 days after each special election.

16 **(6) REPORTS; CANDIDATES HOLDING OFFICE BUT NOT UP FOR ELECTION AT GENERAL**  
17 **ELECTION.** A candidate committee of a candidate holding an office voted for at the  
18 general election but not up for election in the current election cycle shall do all of the  
19 following:

20 (a) In an odd-numbered year, file a report on the 15th day of the month in the  
21 months of January, April, July, and October.

22 (b) In an even-numbered year, file a report on the 15th day of the month in the  
23 months of January, April, and July, and on the 4th Tuesday in September.

24 **(7) REPORTS OF LATE CONTRIBUTIONS.** If any contribution or contributions of  
25 \$1,000 or more cumulatively are received by a candidate committee for a candidate

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1 for state office from a single contributor later than 15 days prior to a primary or  
2 election and the contribution or contributions are not included in the preprimary or  
3 preelection report required of the committee under this chapter, the treasurer of the  
4 committee or the individual receiving the contribution shall, within 48 hours of  
5 receipt, provide the appropriate filing officer with the information required to be  
6 reported for contributions received by the committee under this subchapter in such  
7 manner as the board may prescribe. The information shall also be included in the  
8 committee's next regular report.

9 **11.0205 Transfers between candidates for governor and lieutenant**  
10 **governor.** The candidate committee for governor and the candidate committee for  
11 lieutenant governor of the same political party may receive contributions and make  
12 disbursements for both candidates from either candidate committee's depository  
13 account.

14 **11.0206 Soliciting funds on behalf of certain organizations.**  
15 Notwithstanding s. 19.45 (2), a candidate may solicit anything of value for use by an  
16 organization, as defined in s. 19.42 (11), with which he or she is associated, as defined  
17 in s. 19.42 (2).

18 **11.0207 Continuing compliance.** An individual does not cease to be a  
19 candidate for purposes of compliance with this chapter or ch. 12 after the date of an  
20 election and no candidate or candidate committee is released from any requirement  
21 or liability otherwise imposed under this chapter or ch. 12 simply because the  
22 election date has passed.

## SUBCHAPTER III

## POLITICAL PARTIES

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1           **11.0301 Registration; treasurer and depositories.** (1) Each political party  
2 required to register under this chapter shall designate a treasurer to comply with the  
3 registration and reporting requirements under this subchapter.

4           (2) The treasurer shall ensure that all funds received are deposited in the  
5 political party depository account.

6           (3) No disbursement may be made or obligation incurred by or on behalf of the  
7 political party without the authorization of the treasurer or a designated agent.

8           (4) The treasurer shall maintain the records of the political party in an  
9 organized and legible manner for not less than 3 years after the date of the election  
10 in which the political party participates.

11           **11.0302 Registration; timing.** Every political party that accepts, makes, or  
12 incurs contributions, disbursements, or obligations to support or oppose a candidate  
13 in a calendar year shall, upon its inception and prior to accepting, making, or  
14 incurring any such contribution, disbursement, or obligation file a registration  
15 statement giving the information required by s. 11.0303.

16           **11.0303 Registration; required information.** (1) REQUIRED INFORMATION.  
17 The political party shall include all of the following on the registration statement:

18           (a) The name and mailing address of the political party.

19           (b) The name and mailing address of the treasurer and any other custodian of  
20 books and accounts. Unless otherwise directed by the treasurer on the registration  
21 form and except as otherwise provided in this chapter or any rule of the board, all  
22 mailings that are required by law or by rule of the board shall be sent to the treasurer  
23 at the treasurer's address indicated upon the form.

24           (c) The name and address of the depository account of the political party and  
25 of any other institution where funds of the political party are kept.

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1           (2) CERTIFICATION. The individual responsible for filing or amending a political  
2 party's registration statement and any form or report required of the political party  
3 under this chapter shall certify that all information contained in the statement,  
4 form, or report is true, correct, and complete.

5           (3) CHANGE OF INFORMATION. (a) The political party shall report any change in  
6 information previously submitted in a registration statement within 10 days  
7 following the change. Except as provided in par. (b), any such change may be  
8 reported only by the individual or by the officer who has succeeded to the position of  
9 an individual who signed the original statement.

10           (b) The administrator or treasurer of a political party may report a change in  
11 the political party's registration statement.

12           **11.0304 Reporting.** (1) CONTRIBUTIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS. (a) Each political  
13 party shall make full reports, upon a form prescribed by the board and certified as  
14 required under s. 11.0103 (3) (c), of all contributions, disbursements, and obligations  
15 received, made, and incurred by the political party. The political party shall include  
16 in each report the following information, covering the period since the last date  
17 covered on the previous report:

18           1. An itemized statement giving the date, full name, and street address of each  
19 person who has made a contribution to the political party, together with the amount  
20 of the contribution.

21           2. An itemized statement giving the date, full name, and street address of each  
22 committee to which the political party has made a contribution, together with the  
23 amount of the contribution.



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1           3. The name of the principal place of employment, if any, of each individual  
2 contributor whose cumulative contributions to the political party for the calendar  
3 year are in excess of \$200.

4           4. An itemized statement of each contribution made anonymously to the  
5 political party. If the contribution exceeds \$10, the political party committee shall  
6 specify whether the committee donated the contribution to the common school fund  
7 or to a charitable organization, and shall include the full name and mailing address  
8 of the donee.

9           5. A statement of totals during the reporting period of contributions received  
10 and contributions donated as provided in subd. 4.

11           6. A statement of the cash balance on hand at the beginning and end of the  
12 reporting period.

13           7. An itemized statement of each loan of money made to the political party in  
14 an aggregate amount or value in excess of \$20, together with all of the following:

15           a. The full name and mailing address of the lender.

16           b. A statement of whether the lender is a commercial lending institution.

17           c. The date and amount of the loan.

18           d. The full name and mailing address of each guarantor, if any.

19           e. The original amount guaranteed by each guarantor.

20           f. The balance of the amount guaranteed by each guarantor at the end of the  
21 reporting period.

22           8. An itemized statement of every disbursement exceeding \$20 in amount or  
23 value, together with the name and address of the person to whom the disbursement  
24 was made, and the date and specific purpose for which the disbursement was made.

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1           9. An itemized statement of every obligation exceeding \$20 in amount or value,  
2 together with the name of the person or business with whom the obligation was  
3 incurred, and the date and the specific purpose for which each such obligation was  
4 incurred.

5           10. A statement of totals during the reporting period of disbursements made,  
6 including transfers made to and received from other committees, other income, and  
7 loans.

8           11. A statement of the balance of obligations incurred as of the end of the  
9 reporting period.

10           (b) The political party shall begin each report filed under this chapter with the  
11 first contribution received, disbursement made, or obligation incurred during the  
12 reporting period.

13           **(2) REPORTS TO SUPPORT OR OPPOSE CANDIDATES AT SPRING PRIMARY.** A political  
14 party that accepts, makes, or incurs contributions, disbursements, or obligations to  
15 support or oppose one or more candidates for office at a spring primary or a candidate  
16 at a special primary held to nominate nonpartisan candidates to be voted for at a  
17 special election held to fill a vacancy in one or more of the nonpartisan state or local  
18 offices voted for at the spring election, or to support or oppose committees engaging  
19 in such activities, shall do all the following:

20           (a) File a preprimary report no earlier than 14 days and no later than 8 days  
21 preceding the primary. If a candidate for a nonpartisan state office at an election is  
22 not required to participate in a spring primary, the political party shall file a  
23 preprimary report at the time prescribed in s. 11.0103 (4) preceding the date specified  
24 for the holding of the primary, were it to be required.

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1           (b) File a preelection report no earlier than 14 days and no later than 8 days  
2 preceding the election.

3           (c) Annually in each year of an election cycle, file a report on the 15th day of  
4 the month in the months of January, April, July, and October.

5           **(3) REPORTS TO SUPPORT OR OPPOSE CANDIDATES AT SPRING ELECTION.** A political  
6 party that accepts, makes, or incurs contributions, disbursements, or obligations to  
7 support or oppose one or more candidates for office at a spring election or a candidate  
8 at a special election held to fill a vacancy in one or more of the nonpartisan state or  
9 local offices voted for at the spring election, or to support or oppose committees  
10 engaging in such activities, shall do all the following:

11           (a) File a preelection report no earlier than 14 days and no later than 8 days  
12 preceding the election.

13           (b) Annually in each year of an election cycle, file a report on the 15th day of  
14 the month in the months of January, April, July, and October.

15           (c) Unless a continuing report is required to be filed under this subsection on  
16 or before the 45th day after the special election, file a postelection report no earlier  
17 than 23 days and no later than 45 days after each special election.

18           **(4) REPORTS TO SUPPORT OR OPPOSE CANDIDATES AT PARTISAN PRIMARY.** A political  
19 party that accepts, makes, or incurs contributions, disbursements, or obligations to  
20 support or oppose one or more candidates for office at a partisan primary or a  
21 candidate at a special primary held to nominate candidates to be voted for at a special  
22 election held to fill a vacancy in one or more of the state or local offices voted for at  
23 the general election, or to support or oppose committees engaging in such activities,  
24 shall do all the following:

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1 (a) File a preprimary report no earlier than 14 days and no later than 8 days  
2 preceding the primary.

3 (b) File a preelection report no earlier than 14 days and no later than 8 days  
4 preceding the election.

5 (c) In an odd-numbered year, file a report on the 15th day of the month in the  
6 months of January, April, July, and October.

7 (d) In an even-numbered year, file a report on the 15th day of the month in the  
8 months of January, April, and July, and on the 4th Tuesday in September.

9 **(5) REPORTS TO SUPPORT OR OPPOSE CANDIDATES AT GENERAL ELECTION.** A political  
10 party that accepts, makes, or incurs contributions, disbursements, or obligations to  
11 support or oppose one or more candidates for office at a general election or a  
12 candidate at a special election held to fill a vacancy in one or more of the state or local  
13 offices voted for at the general election, or to support or oppose committees engaging  
14 in such activities shall do all of the following:

15 (a) File a preelection report no earlier than 14 days and no later than 8 days  
16 preceding the election.

17 (b) In an odd-numbered year, file a report on the 15th day of the month in the  
18 months of January, April, July, and October.

19 (c) In an even-numbered year, file a report on the 15th day of the month in the  
20 months of January, April, and July, and on the 4th Tuesday in September.

21 (d) Unless a continuing report is required to be filed under this subsection on  
22 or before the 45th day after the special election, file a postelection report no earlier  
23 than 23 days and no later than 45 days after each special election.

24 **(6) REPORTS BY POLITICAL PARTY COMMITTEES.** Every committee of a political  
25 party that is required to file statements and reports under this subchapter shall file

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1 all statements and reports with the board. A congressional, legislative, county, or  
2 local party committee may designate a state committee of a political party as its  
3 reporting agent for purposes of this subchapter, but such designation does not permit  
4 combining reports. The state committee treasurer shall inform the board of a  
5 designation made under this subsection.

6 (7) REPORTS OF LATE CONTRIBUTIONS. If any contribution or contributions of  
7 \$1,000 or more cumulatively are received by a political party from a single  
8 contributor later than 15 days prior to a primary or election and the contribution or  
9 contributions are not included in the preprimary or preelection report required of the  
10 political party under this chapter, the treasurer of the political party shall, within  
11 48 hours of receipt, provide the appropriate filing officer with the information  
12 required to be reported for contributions received by the political party under this  
13 subchapter in such manner as the board may prescribe. The information shall also  
14 be included in the political party's next regular report.

## SUBCHAPTER IV

## LEGISLATIVE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEES

17 **11.0401 Registration; treasurer and depositories.** (1) Each legislative  
18 campaign committee required to register under this chapter shall designate a  
19 treasurer to comply with the registration and reporting requirements under this  
20 subchapter.

21 (2) The treasurer shall ensure that all funds received are deposited in the  
22 legislative campaign committee depository account.

23 (3) No disbursement may be made or obligation incurred by or on behalf of a  
24 legislative campaign committee without the authorization of the treasurer or a  
25 designated agent.

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1           (4) The treasurer shall maintain the records of the legislative campaign  
2 committee in an organized and legible manner for not less than 3 years after the date  
3 of the election in which the legislative campaign committee participates.

4           **11.0402 Registration; timing.** Every legislative campaign committee that  
5 accepts, makes, or incurs contributions, disbursements, or obligations to support or  
6 oppose a candidate in a calendar year shall, upon its inception and prior to accepting,  
7 making, or incurring any such contribution, disbursement, or obligation, file a  
8 registration statement giving the information required by s. 11.0403.

9           **11.0403 Registration; required information.** (1) REQUIRED INFORMATION.

10          The legislative campaign committee shall include all of the following on the  
11 registration statement:

12           (a) The name and mailing address of the legislative campaign committee.

13           (b) The name and mailing address of the treasurer and any other custodian of  
14 books and accounts. Unless otherwise directed by the treasurer on the registration  
15 form and except as otherwise provided in this chapter or any rule of the board, all  
16 mailings that are required by law or by rule of the board shall be sent to the treasurer  
17 at the treasurer's address indicated upon the form.

18           (c) The name and address of the depository account of the legislative campaign  
19 committee and of any other institution where funds of the legislative campaign  
20 committee are kept.

21           (d) A statement signed by the leader of the party in the house for which the  
22 legislative campaign committee is established attesting to the fact that the  
23 legislative campaign committee is the only authorized legislative campaign  
24 committee for that party in that house.

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1           **(2) CERTIFICATION.** The individual responsible for filing or amending a  
2 legislative campaign committee’s registration statement and any form or report  
3 required of the committee under this chapter shall certify that all information  
4 contained in the statement, form, or report is true, correct, and complete.

5           **(3) CHANGE OF INFORMATION.** (a) The legislative campaign committee shall  
6 report any change in information previously submitted in a registration statement  
7 within 10 days following the change. Except as provided in par. (b), any such change  
8 may be reported only by the individual or by the officer who has succeeded to the  
9 position of an individual who signed the original statement.

10           (b) The administrator or treasurer of a legislative campaign committee may  
11 report a change in the committee’s registration statement.

12           **11.0404 Reporting.** **(1) CONTRIBUTIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS.** (a) Each  
13 legislative campaign committee shall make full reports, upon a form prescribed by  
14 the board and certified as required under s. 11.0103 (3) (c), of all contributions,  
15 disbursements, and obligations received, made, and incurred by the committee. The  
16 legislative campaign committee shall include in each report the following  
17 information, covering the period since the last date covered on the previous report:

18           1. An itemized statement giving the date, full name, and street address of each  
19 person who has made a contribution to the legislative campaign committee, together  
20 with the amount of the contribution.

21           2. An itemized statement giving the date, full name, and street address of each  
22 committee to which the legislative campaign committee has made a contribution,  
23 together with the amount of the contribution.

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1           3. The name of the principal place of employment, if any, of each individual  
2 contributor whose cumulative contributions to the legislative campaign committee  
3 for the calendar year are in excess of \$200.

4           4. An itemized statement of each contribution made anonymously to the  
5 legislative campaign committee. If the contribution exceeds \$10, the legislative  
6 campaign committee shall specify whether the committee donated the contribution  
7 to the common school fund or to a charitable organization, and shall include the full  
8 name and mailing address of the donee.

9           5. A statement of totals during the reporting period of contributions received  
10 and contributions donated as provided in subd. 4.

11           6. A statement of the cash balance on hand at the beginning and end of the  
12 reporting period.

13           7. An itemized statement of each loan of money made to the legislative  
14 campaign committee in an aggregate amount or value in excess of \$20, together with  
15 all of the following:

16           a. The full name and mailing address of the lender.

17           b. A statement of whether the lender is a commercial lending institution.

18           c. The date and amount of the loan.

19           d. The full name and mailing address of each guarantor, if any.

20           e. The original amount guaranteed by each guarantor.

21           f. The balance of the amount guaranteed by each guarantor at the end of the  
22 reporting period.

23           8. An itemized statement of every disbursement exceeding \$20 in amount or  
24 value, together with the name and address of the person to whom the disbursement  
25 was made, and the date and specific purpose for which the disbursement was made.



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1           9. An itemized statement of every obligation exceeding \$20 in amount or value,  
2 together with the name of the person or business with whom the obligation was  
3 incurred, and the date and the specific purpose for which each such obligation was  
4 incurred.

5           10. A statement of totals during the reporting period of disbursements made,  
6 including transfers made to and received from other committees, other income, and  
7 loans.

8           11. A statement of the balance of obligations incurred as of the end of the  
9 reporting period.

10           (b) The legislative campaign committee shall begin each report filed under this  
11 chapter with the first contribution received, disbursement made, or obligation  
12 incurred during the reporting period.

13           **(2) REPORTS TO SUPPORT OR OPPOSE CANDIDATES AT PARTISAN PRIMARY.** A legislative  
14 campaign committee that accepts, makes, or incurs contributions, disbursements, or  
15 obligations to support or oppose one or more candidates for office at a partisan  
16 primary or a candidate at a special primary held to nominate candidates to be voted  
17 for at a special election held to fill a vacancy in one or more of the state or local offices  
18 voted for at the general election, or to support or oppose other committees engaging  
19 in such activities, shall do all the following:

20           (a) File a preprimary report no earlier than 14 days and no later than 8 days  
21 preceding the primary.

22           (b) File a preelection report no earlier than 14 days and no later than 8 days  
23 preceding the election.

24           (c) In an odd-numbered year, file a report on the 15th day of the month in the  
25 months of January, April, July, and October.

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1 (d) In an even-numbered year, file a report on the 15th day of the month in the  
2 months of January, April, and July, and on the 4th Tuesday in September.

3 **(3) REPORTS TO SUPPORT OR OPPOSE CANDIDATES AT GENERAL ELECTION.** A  
4 legislative campaign committee that accepts, makes, or incurs contributions,  
5 disbursements, or obligations to support or oppose one or more candidates for office  
6 at a general election or a candidate at a special election held to fill a vacancy in one  
7 or more of the state or local offices voted for at the general election, or to support or  
8 oppose other committees engaging in such activities shall do all of the following:

9 (a) File a preelection report no earlier than 14 days and no later than 8 days  
10 preceding the election.

11 (b) In an odd-numbered year, file a report on the 15th day of the month in the  
12 months of January, April, July, and October.

13 (c) In an even-numbered year, file a report on the 15th day of the month in the  
14 months of January, April, and July, and on the 4th Tuesday in September.

15 (d) Unless a continuing report is required to be filed under this subsection on  
16 or before the 45th day after the special election, file a postelection report no earlier  
17 than 23 days and no later than 45 days after each special election.

18 **(4) REPORTS OF LATE CONTRIBUTIONS.** If any contribution or contributions of  
19 \$1,000 or more cumulatively are received by a legislative campaign committee from  
20 a single contributor later than 15 days prior to a primary or election and the  
21 contribution or contributions are not included in the preprimary or preelection  
22 report required of the committee under this chapter, the treasurer of the committee  
23 shall, within 48 hours of receipt, provide the appropriate filing officer with the  
24 information required to be reported for contributions received by the committee

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1 under this subchapter in such manner as the board may prescribe. The information  
2 shall also be included in the committee's next regular report.

## SUBCHAPTER V

## POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEES

5 **11.0501 Registration; treasurer and depositories.** (1) Each political  
6 action committee required to register under this chapter shall designate a treasurer  
7 to comply with the registration and reporting requirements under this subchapter.

8 (2) The treasurer shall ensure that all funds received are deposited in the  
9 political action committee depository account.

10 (3) No disbursement may be made or obligation incurred by or on behalf of a  
11 political action committee without the authorization of the treasurer or a designated  
12 agent.

13 (4) The treasurer shall maintain the records of the political action committee  
14 in an organized and legible manner for not less than 3 years after the date of the  
15 election in which the political action committee participates.

16 (5) No person may register more than one political action committee under this  
17 subchapter, except that a person may register both a political action committee under  
18 this subchapter and an independent expenditure committee under subchapter VI.

19 **11.0502 Registration; timing.** (1) Every political action committee that  
20 accepts, makes, or incurs contributions, disbursements, or obligations to support or  
21 oppose a candidate in a calendar year in an aggregate amount in excess of \$5,000  
22 shall file a registration statement giving the information required by s. 11.0503.

23 (2) A political action committee that triggers the registration requirement  
24 under sub. (1) shall file the registration statement no later than the 10th business  
25 day commencing after receipt of the first contribution by the political action

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1 committee exceeding the amount specified under sub. (1), before making any  
2 disbursement exceeding that amount, and before incurring obligations exceeding  
3 that amount.

4 **11.0503 Registration; required information. (1) REQUIRED INFORMATION.**

5 The political action committee shall include all of the following, where applicable,  
6 on the registration statement:

7 (a) The name and mailing address of the political action committee.

8 (b) The name and mailing address of the treasurer and any other custodian of  
9 books and accounts. Unless otherwise directed by the treasurer on the registration  
10 form and except as otherwise provided in this chapter or any rule of the board, all  
11 mailings that are required by law or by rule of the board shall be sent to the treasurer  
12 at the treasurer's address indicated upon the form.

13 (c) If required, the political action committee's major purpose.

14 (d) The name and address of the depository account of the political action  
15 committee and of any other institution where funds of the committee are kept.

16 **(2) CERTIFICATION.** The individual responsible for filing or amending a political  
17 action committee's registration statement and any form or report required of the  
18 committee under this chapter shall certify that all information contained in the  
19 statement, form, or report is true, correct, and complete.

20 **(3) CHANGE OF INFORMATION.** (a) The political action committee shall report any  
21 change in information previously submitted in a registration statement within 10  
22 days following the change. Except as provided in par. (b), any such change may be  
23 reported only by the individual or by the officer who has succeeded to the position of  
24 an individual who signed the original statement.

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1 (b) The administrator or treasurer of a political action committee may report  
2 a change in the committee's registration statement.

3 **11.0504 Reporting. (1) CONTRIBUTIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS.** (a) Each political  
4 action committee shall make full reports, upon a form prescribed by the board and  
5 certified as required under s. 11.0103 (3) (c), of all contributions, disbursements, and  
6 obligations received, made, and incurred by the committee. The political action  
7 committee shall include in each report the following information, covering the period  
8 since the last date covered on the previous report:

9 1. An itemized statement giving the date, full name, and street address of each  
10 person who has made a contribution to the political action committee, together with  
11 the amount of the contribution.

12 2. An itemized statement giving the date, full name, and street address of each  
13 committee to which the political action committee has made a contribution, together  
14 with the amount of the contribution.

15 3. The name of the principal place of employment, if any, of each individual  
16 contributor whose cumulative contributions to the political action committee for the  
17 calendar year are in excess of \$200.

18 4. An itemized statement of each contribution made anonymously to the  
19 political action committee. If the contribution exceeds \$10, the political action  
20 committee shall specify whether the committee donated the contribution to the  
21 common school fund or to a charitable organization, and shall include the full name  
22 and mailing address of the donee.

23 5. A statement of totals during the reporting period of contributions received  
24 and contributions donated as provided in subd. 4.

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1           6. A statement of the cash balance on hand at the beginning and end of the  
2 reporting period.

3           7. An itemized statement of each loan of money made to the political action  
4 committee in an aggregate amount or value in excess of \$20, together with all of the  
5 following:

6           a. The full name and mailing address of the lender.

7           b. A statement of whether the lender is a commercial lending institution.

8           c. The date and amount of the loan.

9           d. The full name and mailing address of each guarantor, if any.

10          e. The original amount guaranteed by each guarantor.

11          f. The balance of the amount guaranteed by each guarantor at the end of the  
12 reporting period.

13          8. An itemized statement of every disbursement exceeding \$20 in amount or  
14 value, together with the name and address of the person to whom the disbursement  
15 was made, and the date and specific purpose for which the disbursement was made.

16          9. An itemized statement of every obligation exceeding \$20 in amount or value,  
17 together with the name of the person or business with whom the obligation was  
18 incurred, and the date and the specific purpose for which each such obligation was  
19 incurred.

20          10. A statement of totals during the reporting period of disbursements made,  
21 including transfers made to and received from other committees, other income, and  
22 loans.

23          11. A statement of the balance of obligations incurred as of the end of the  
24 reporting period.

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1 (b) The political action committee shall begin each report filed under this  
2 chapter with the first contribution received, disbursement made, or obligation  
3 incurred during the reporting period.

4 **(2) REPORTS TO SUPPORT OR OPPOSE CANDIDATES AT SPRING PRIMARY.** A political  
5 action committee that accepts, makes, or incurs contributions, disbursements, or  
6 obligations to support or oppose one or more candidates for office at a spring primary  
7 or a candidate at a special primary held to nominate nonpartisan candidates to be  
8 voted for at a special election held to fill a vacancy in one or more of the nonpartisan  
9 state or local offices voted for at the spring election, or to support or oppose other  
10 committees engaging in such activities, shall do all the following:

11 (a) File a preprimary report no earlier than 14 days and no later than 8 days  
12 preceding the primary. If a candidate for a nonpartisan state office at an election is  
13 not required to participate in a spring primary, the political action committee shall  
14 file a preprimary report at the time prescribed in s. 11.0103 (4) preceding the date  
15 specified for the holding of the primary, were it to be required.

16 (b) File a preelection report no earlier than 14 days and no later than 8 days  
17 preceding the election.

18 (c) Annually in each year of an election cycle, file a report on the 15th day of  
19 the month in the months of January, April, July, and October.

20 **(3) REPORTS TO SUPPORT OR OPPOSE CANDIDATES AT SPRING ELECTION.** A political  
21 action committee that accepts, makes, or incurs contributions, disbursements, or  
22 obligations to support or oppose one or more candidates for office at a spring election  
23 or a candidate at a special election held to fill a vacancy in one or more of the  
24 nonpartisan state or local offices voted for at the spring election, or to support or  
25 oppose other committees engaging in such activities, shall do all the following:

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1 (a) File a preelection report no earlier than 14 days and no later than 8 days  
2 preceding the election.

3 (b) Annually in each year of an election cycle, file a report on the 15th day of  
4 the month in the months of January, April, July, and October.

5 (c) Unless a continuing report is required to be filed under this subsection on  
6 or before the 45th day after the special election, file a postelection report no earlier  
7 than 23 days and no later than 45 days after each special election.

8 **(4) REPORTS TO SUPPORT OR OPPOSE CANDIDATES AT PARTISAN PRIMARY.** A political  
9 action committee that accepts, makes, or incurs contributions, disbursements, or  
10 obligations to support or oppose one or more candidates for office at a partisan  
11 primary or a candidate at a special primary held to nominate candidates to be voted  
12 for at a special election held to fill a vacancy in one or more of the state or local offices  
13 voted for at the general election, or to support or oppose other committees engaging  
14 in such activities, shall do all the following:

15 (a) File a preprimary report no earlier than 14 days and no later than 8 days  
16 preceding the primary.

17 (b) File a preelection report no earlier than 14 days and no later than 8 days  
18 preceding the election.

19 (c) In an odd-numbered year, file a report on the 15th day of the month in the  
20 months of January, April, July, and October.

21 (d) In an even-numbered year, file a report on the 15th day of the month in the  
22 months of January, April, and July, and on the 4th Tuesday in September.

23 **(5) REPORTS TO SUPPORT OR OPPOSE CANDIDATES AT GENERAL ELECTION.** A political  
24 action committee that accepts, makes, or incurs contributions, disbursements, or  
25 obligations to support or oppose one or more candidates for office at a general election



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1 or a candidate at a special election held to fill a vacancy in one or more of the state  
2 or local offices voted for at the general election, or to support or oppose other  
3 committees engaging in such activities shall do all of the following:

4 (a) File a preelection report no earlier than 14 days and no later than 8 days  
5 preceding the election.

6 (b) In an odd-numbered year, file a report on the 15th day of the month in the  
7 months of January, April, July, and October.

8 (c) In an even-numbered year, file a report on the 15th day of the month in the  
9 months of January, April, and July, and on the 4th Tuesday in September.

10 (d) Unless a continuing report is required to be filed under this subsection on  
11 or before the 45th day after the special election, file a postelection report no earlier  
12 than 23 days and no later than 45 days after each special election.

13 **11.0505 Reporting; specific express advocacy. (1) DISBURSEMENTS.** (a) A  
14 political action committee spending \$5,000 or more in the aggregate on express  
15 advocacy shall submit statements to the board under par. (b) if the express advocacy  
16 is made during the period beginning on the day that is 60 days prior to the day of the  
17 primary or election involving the candidate identified under par. (b) 5. and ending  
18 on the day of the primary or election involving that candidate.

19 (b) A political action committee required to report under this section shall  
20 submit statements to the board providing all of the following information:

- 21 1. The dates on which the committee made the disbursements.
- 22 2. The name and address of the persons who received the disbursements.
- 23 3. The purpose for making the disbursements.
- 24 4. The amount spent for each act of express advocacy.

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1           5. The name of any candidate affected by the disbursement, the office that the  
2 candidate seeks, and whether the express advocacy supports or opposes that  
3 candidate.

4           6. An affirmation, made under oath, that the political action committee will  
5 comply with the prohibition on coordination under s. 11.1203 with respect to any  
6 candidate or agent or candidate committee who is supported or opposed by the  
7 express advocacy.

8           7. The name and mailing and street address of the political action committee's  
9 designated agent in this state.

10           **(2) EXCEPTION.** (a) A political action committee that is required to report under  
11 this section is not required to submit the information described under sub. (1) (b)  
12 regarding disbursements made before reaching the \$5,000 threshold under sub. (1)  
13 (a). For purposes of this section, a disbursement for express advocacy is the amount  
14 spent directly on developing, producing, and disseminating the express advocacy.

15           (b) This section does not apply to any of the following:

16           1. A communication, other than an advertisement, appearing in a news story,  
17 commentary, or editorial distributed through the facilities of any news organization,  
18 unless the facilities are controlled by any committee, or candidate.

19           2. A communication made exclusively between an organization and its  
20 members.

21           **(3) TIMING.** A political action committee that is required to report under this  
22 section shall submit the report to the board no later than 48 hours after making the  
23 disbursements.

## SUBCHAPTER VI

## INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE COMMITTEES

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1           **11.0601 Registration; treasurer and depositories.** (1) Each independent  
2 expenditure committee required to register under this chapter shall designate a  
3 treasurer to comply with the registration and reporting requirements under this  
4 subchapter.

5           (2) The treasurer shall ensure that all funds received are deposited in the  
6 independent expenditure committee depository account.

7           (3) (a) No disbursement may be made or obligation incurred by or on behalf of  
8 an independent expenditure committee without the authorization of the treasurer  
9 or a designated agent.

10           (b) An independent expenditure committee may not make a contribution to a  
11 committee, other than a referendum committee or another independent expenditure  
12 committee.

13           (4) The treasurer shall maintain the records of the independent expenditure  
14 committee in an organized and legible manner for not less than 3 years after the date  
15 of the election in which the independent expenditure committee participates.

16           (5) No person may register more than one independent expenditure committee  
17 under this subchapter, except that a person may register both an independent  
18 expenditure committee under this subchapter and a political action committee under  
19 subch. V.

20           **11.0602 Registration; timing.** (1) Every independent expenditure  
21 committee that accepts, makes, or incurs contributions, disbursements, or  
22 obligations to support or oppose a candidate in a calendar year in an aggregate  
23 amount in excess of \$5,000 shall file a registration statement giving the information  
24 required by s. 11.0603.

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1           (2) An independent expenditure committee that triggers the registration  
2 requirement under sub. (1) shall file the registration statement no later than the  
3 10th business day commencing after receipt of the first contribution by the  
4 independent expenditure committee exceeding the amount specified under sub. (1),  
5 before making any disbursement exceeding that amount, and before incurring  
6 obligations exceeding that amount.

7           **11.0603 Registration; required information.** (1) REQUIRED INFORMATION.

8           The independent expenditure committee shall include all of the following on the  
9 registration statement:

10           (a) The name and mailing address of the independent expenditure committee.

11           (b) The name and mailing address of the treasurer and any other custodian of  
12 books and accounts. Unless otherwise directed by the treasurer on the registration  
13 form and except as otherwise provided in this chapter or any rule of the board, all  
14 mailings that are required by law or by rule of the board shall be sent to the treasurer  
15 at the treasurer's address indicated upon the form.

16           (c) The name and address of the depository account of the independent  
17 expenditure committee and of any other institution where funds of the committee are  
18 kept.

19           (d) Verification that the independent expenditure committee's major purpose  
20 is to make independent expenditures.

21           (e) Verification that all contributions received, disbursements made, and  
22 obligations incurred by the independent expenditure committee will be received,  
23 made, and incurred for the purpose under par. (d).

24           (2) CERTIFICATION. The individual responsible for filing or amending an  
25 independent expenditure committee's registration statement and any form or report

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1 required of the committee under this chapter shall certify that all information  
2 contained in the statement, form, or report is true, correct, and complete.

3 (3) CHANGE OF INFORMATION. (a) The independent expenditure committee shall  
4 report any change in information previously submitted in a registration statement  
5 within 10 days following the change. Except as provided in par. (b), any such change  
6 may be reported only by the individual or by the officer who has succeeded to the  
7 position of an individual who signed the original statement.

8 (b) The administrator or treasurer of an independent expenditure committee  
9 may report a change in the committee's registration statement.

10 **11.0604 Reporting.** (1) CONTRIBUTIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS. (a) Each  
11 independent expenditure committee shall make full reports, upon a form prescribed  
12 by the board and certified as required under s. 11.0103 (3) (c), of all contributions,  
13 disbursements, and obligations received, made, and incurred by the committee. The  
14 independent expenditure committee shall include in each report the following  
15 information, covering the period since the last date covered on the previous report:

16 1. An itemized statement giving the date, full name, and street address of each  
17 person who has made a contribution to the independent expenditure committee,  
18 together with the amount of the contribution.

19 2. An itemized statement giving the date, full name, and street address of each  
20 committee to which the independent expenditure committee has made a  
21 contribution, together with the amount of the contribution.

22 3. The name of the principal place of employment, if any, of each individual  
23 contributor whose cumulative contributions to the independent expenditure  
24 committee for the calendar year are in excess of \$200.

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1           4. An itemized statement of each contribution made anonymously to the  
2 independent expenditure committee. If the contribution exceeds \$10, the  
3 independent expenditure committee shall specify whether the committee donated  
4 the contribution to the common school fund or to a charitable organization, and shall  
5 include the full name and mailing address of the donee.

6           5. A statement of totals during the reporting period of contributions received  
7 and contributions donated as provided in subd. 4.

8           6. A statement of the cash balance on hand at the beginning and end of the  
9 reporting period.

10          7. An itemized statement of each loan of money made to the independent  
11 expenditure committee in an aggregate amount or value in excess of \$20, together  
12 with all of the following:

13           a. The full name and mailing address of the lender.

14           b. A statement of whether the lender is a commercial lending institution.

15           c. The date and amount of the loan.

16           d. The full name and mailing address of each guarantor, if any.

17           e. The original amount guaranteed by each guarantor.

18           f. The balance of the amount guaranteed by each guarantor at the end of the  
19 reporting period.

20          8. An itemized statement of every disbursement exceeding \$20 in amount or  
21 value, together with the name and address of the person to whom the disbursement  
22 was made, and the date and specific purpose for which the disbursement was made.

23          9. An itemized statement of every obligation exceeding \$20 in amount or value,  
24 together with the name of the person or business with whom the obligation was

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1 incurred, and the date and the specific purpose for which each such obligation was  
2 incurred.

3 10. A statement of totals during the reporting period of disbursements made,  
4 including transfers made to and received from other committees, other income, and  
5 loans.

6 11. A statement of the balance of obligations incurred as of the end of the  
7 reporting period.

8 (b) The independent expenditure committee shall begin each report filed under  
9 this chapter with the first contribution received, disbursement made, or obligation  
10 incurred during the reporting period.

11 **(2) REPORTS TO SUPPORT OR OPPOSE CANDIDATES AT SPRING PRIMARY.** An  
12 independent expenditure committee that accepts, makes, or incurs contributions,  
13 disbursements, or obligations to support or oppose one or more candidates for office  
14 at a spring primary or a candidate at a special primary held to nominate nonpartisan  
15 candidates to be voted for at a special election held to fill a vacancy in one or more  
16 of the nonpartisan state or local offices voted for at the spring election, or to support  
17 or oppose other committees engaging in such activities, shall do all the following:

18 (a) File a preprimary report no earlier than 14 days and no later than 8 days  
19 preceding the primary. If a candidate for a nonpartisan state office at an election is  
20 not required to participate in a spring primary, the independent expenditure  
21 committee shall file a preprimary report at the time prescribed in s. 11.0103 (4)  
22 preceding the date specified for the holding of the primary, were it to be required.

23 (b) File a preelection report no earlier than 14 days and no later than 8 days  
24 preceding the election.

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1 (c) Annually in each year of an election cycle, file a report on the 15th day of  
2 the month in the months of January, April, July, and October.

3 **(3) REPORTS TO SUPPORT OR OPPOSE CANDIDATES AT SPRING ELECTION.** An  
4 independent expenditure committee that accepts, makes, or incurs contributions,  
5 disbursements, or obligations to support or oppose one or more candidates for office  
6 at a spring election or a candidate at a special election held to fill a vacancy in one  
7 or more of the nonpartisan state or local offices voted for at the spring election, or to  
8 support or oppose other committees engaging in such activities, shall do all the  
9 following:

10 (a) File a preelection report no earlier than 14 days and no later than 8 days  
11 preceding the election.

12 (b) Annually in each year of an election cycle, file a report on the 15th day of  
13 the month in the months of January, April, July, and October.

14 (c) Unless a continuing report is required to be filed under this subsection on  
15 or before the 45th day after the special election, file a postelection report no earlier  
16 than 23 days and no later than 45 days after each special election.

17 **(4) REPORTS TO SUPPORT OR OPPOSE CANDIDATES AT PARTISAN PRIMARY.** An  
18 independent expenditure committee that accepts, makes, or incurs contributions,  
19 disbursements, or obligations to support or oppose one or more candidates for office  
20 at a partisan primary or a candidate at a special primary held to nominate  
21 candidates to be voted for at a special election held to fill a vacancy in one or more  
22 of the state or local offices voted for at the general election, or to support or oppose  
23 other committees engaging in such activities, shall do all the following:

24 (a) File a preprimary report no earlier than 14 days and no later than 8 days  
25 preceding the primary.



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1 (b) File a preelection report no earlier than 14 days and no later than 8 days  
2 preceding the election.

3 (c) In an odd-numbered year, file a report on the 15th day of the month in the  
4 months of January, April, July, and October.

5 (d) In an even-numbered year, file a report on the 15th day of the month in the  
6 months of January, April, and July, and on the 4th Tuesday in September.

7 **(5) REPORTS TO SUPPORT OR OPPOSE CANDIDATES AT GENERAL ELECTION.** An  
8 independent expenditure committee that accepts, makes, or incurs contributions,  
9 disbursements, or obligations to support or oppose one or more candidates for office  
10 at a general election or a candidate at a special election held to fill a vacancy in one  
11 or more of the state or local offices voted for at the general election, or to support or  
12 oppose other committees engaging in such activities shall do all of the following:

13 (a) File a preelection report no earlier than 14 days and no later than 8 days  
14 preceding the election.

15 (b) In an odd-numbered year, file a report on the 15th day of the month in the  
16 months of January, April, July, and October.

17 (c) In an even-numbered year, file a report on the 15th day of the month in the  
18 months of January, April, and July, and on the 4th Tuesday in September.

19 (d) Unless a continuing report is required to be filed under this subsection on  
20 or before the 45th day after the special election, file a postelection report no earlier  
21 than 23 days and no later than 45 days after each special election.

22 **11.0605 Reporting; specific express advocacy. (1) DISBURSEMENTS.** (a) An  
23 independent expenditure committee spending \$5,000 or more in the aggregate on  
24 express advocacy shall submit statements to the board under par. (b) if the express  
25 advocacy is made during the period beginning on the day that is 60 days prior to the

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1 day of the primary or election involving the candidate identified under par. (b) 5. and  
2 ending on the day of the primary or election involving that candidate.

3 (b) An independent expenditure committee required to report under this  
4 section shall submit statements to the board providing all of the following  
5 information:

6 1. The dates on which the committee made the disbursements.

7 2. The name and address of the persons who received the disbursements.

8 3. The purpose for making the disbursements.

9 4. The amount spent for each act of express advocacy.

10 5. The name of any candidate affected by the disbursement, the office that the  
11 candidate seeks, and whether the express advocacy supports or opposes that  
12 candidate.

13 6. An affirmation, made under oath, that the independent expenditure  
14 committee will comply with the prohibition on coordination under s. 11.1203 with  
15 respect to any candidate or agent or candidate committee who is supported or  
16 opposed by the express advocacy.

17 7. The name and mailing and street address of the independent expenditure  
18 committee's designated agent in this state.

19 **(2) EXCEPTION.** (a) An independent expenditure committee that is required to  
20 report under this section is not required to submit the information described under  
21 sub. (1) (b) regarding disbursements made before reaching the \$5,000 threshold  
22 under sub. (1) (a). For purposes of this section, a disbursement for express advocacy  
23 is the amount spent directly on developing, producing, and disseminating the  
24 express advocacy.

25 (b) This section does not apply to any of the following:



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1           **11.0703 Registration; required information. (1) REQUIRED INFORMATION.**

2           The conduit shall include all of the following, where applicable, on the registration  
3 statement:

4           (a) The name and mailing address of the conduit.

5           (b) The name and mailing address of the administrator of the conduit and any  
6 other custodian of books and accounts. Unless otherwise directed by the  
7 administrator on the registration form and except as otherwise provided in this  
8 chapter or any rule of the board, all mailings that are required by law or by rule of  
9 the board shall be sent to the administrator at the administrator's address indicated  
10 upon the form.

11           (c) The name and address of the depository account of the conduit and of any  
12 other institution where funds of the conduit are kept.

13           (d) The name and mailing address of a sponsor, as defined in s. 11.0705 (1), to  
14 which contributions may be redirected as provided under s. 11.0705 (2).

15           **(2) CERTIFICATION.** The individual responsible for filing or amending a conduit's  
16 registration statement shall certify that all information contained in the statement  
17 is true, correct, and complete.

18           **(3) CHANGE OF INFORMATION.** The conduit shall report any change in information  
19 previously submitted in a registration statement within 10 days following the  
20 change. Any such change may be reported only by the individual or by the officer who  
21 has succeeded to the position of an individual who signed the original statement or  
22 by the conduit administrator.

23           **11.0704 Reporting. (1) CONTRIBUTIONS.** (a) Each conduit shall make full  
24 reports, upon a form prescribed by the board and certified by the administrator as

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1 required under s. 11.0103 (3) (c), providing the following information covering the  
2 period since the last date covered on the previous report:

3 1. An itemized statement giving the date, full name, and street address of each  
4 committee to whom contributions were released during the reporting period,  
5 together with the sum total of all contributions released to that committee during the  
6 reporting period.

7 2. Whether, during the reporting period, and contribution was redirected to a  
8 sponsor as permitted under s. 11.0705.

9 (b) A conduit releasing a contribution of money to the recipient shall, in writing  
10 at the time the contribution is released, identify itself to the recipient as a conduit  
11 and report to the recipient the following information about each contribution  
12 released by it:

13 1. An itemized statement giving the date, full name, and street address of each  
14 person who has made a contribution to the conduit which contribution is being  
15 released to the recipient, together with the amount of the contribution.

16 2. The name of the principal place of employment, if any, of each individual  
17 contributor whose cumulative contributions to the recipient for the calendar year are  
18 in excess of \$200.

19 **(2) REPORTS TO SUPPORT OR OPPOSE CANDIDATES AT SPRING PRIMARY.** A conduit that  
20 releases a contribution of money to a recipient to support or oppose one or more  
21 candidates for office at a spring primary or a candidate at a special primary held to  
22 nominate nonpartisan candidates to be voted for at a special election held to fill a  
23 vacancy in one or more of the nonpartisan state or local offices voted for at the spring  
24 election, or to support or oppose committees engaging in such activities, shall,

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1 annually in each year of an election cycle, file a report on the 15th day of the month  
2 in the months of January, April, July, and October.

3 (3) REPORTS TO SUPPORT OR OPPOSE CANDIDATES AT SPRING ELECTION. A conduit  
4 that releases a contribution of money to a recipient to support or oppose one or more  
5 candidates for office at a spring election or a candidate at a special election held to  
6 fill a vacancy in one or more of the nonpartisan state or local offices voted for at the  
7 spring election, or to support or oppose committees engaging in such activities, shall  
8 do all the following:

9 (a) Annually in each year of an election cycle, file a report on the 15th day of  
10 the month in the months of January, April, July, and October.

11 (b) Unless a continuing report is required to be filed under this subsection on  
12 or before the 45th day after the special election, file a postelection report no earlier  
13 than 23 days and no later than 45 days after each special election.

14 (4) REPORTS TO SUPPORT OR OPPOSE CANDIDATES AT PARTISAN PRIMARY. A conduit  
15 that releases a contribution of money to a recipient to support or oppose one or more  
16 candidates for office at a partisan primary or a candidate at a special primary held  
17 to nominate candidates to be voted for at a special election held to fill a vacancy in  
18 one or more of the state or local offices voted for at the general election, or to support  
19 or oppose committees engaging in such activities, shall do all the following:

20 (a) In an odd-numbered year, file a report on the 15th day of the month in the  
21 months of January, April, July, and October.

22 (b) In an even-numbered year, file a report on the 15th day of the month in the  
23 months of January, April, and July, and on the 4th Tuesday in September.

24 (5) REPORTS TO SUPPORT OR OPPOSE CANDIDATES AT GENERAL ELECTION. A conduit  
25 that releases a contribution of money to a recipient to support or oppose one or more

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1 candidates for office at a general election or a candidate at a special election held to  
2 fill a vacancy in one or more of the state or local offices voted for at the general  
3 election, or to support or oppose committees engaging in such activities shall do all  
4 of the following:

5 (a) In an odd-numbered year, file a report on the 15th day of the month in the  
6 months of January, April, July, and October.

7 (b) In an even-numbered year, file a report on the 15th day of the month in the  
8 months of January, April, and July, and on the 4th Tuesday in September.

9 (c) Unless a continuing report is required to be filed under this subsection on  
10 or before the 45th day after the special election, file a postelection report no earlier  
11 than 23 days and no later than 45 days after each special election.

12 **11.0705 Redirected contributions.** (1) DEFINITIONS. In this section,  
13 “sponsor” means a person, other than an individual or a candidate committee, that  
14 is associated with a conduit.

15 (2) REDIRECTION. If all of the following apply, a conduit may redirect any  
16 contribution received from a person or committee to a sponsor or, if there is no  
17 sponsor, to an administrative fund of the conduit:

18 (a) The conduit has held the contribution for at least 24 consecutive months,  
19 including the 24 months immediately preceding March 29, 2014, over which time the  
20 individual or organization that made the contribution has made no contact with the  
21 conduit.

22 (b) Either of the following apply:

23 1. The conduit has, over the 24-month period described in par. (a), attempted  
24 in good faith to contact the individual or organization that made the contribution at  
25 least 5 times, and has documented each such attempt, but has been unable to make

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1 contact with the individual or organization. A conduit may satisfy the requirement  
2 to contact the individual or organization by telephoning the individual or  
3 organization at the last-known telephone number; by sending a text message to the  
4 individual or organization at the last-known cellular telephone number or pager  
5 number capable of receiving text messages; by sending a facsimile transmission to  
6 the individual or organization at the last-known facsimile transmission number; by  
7 sending a letter or postcard to the individual or organization by U.S. mail; by sending  
8 a message by electronic mail; or by any combination of the foregoing. A conduit may  
9 not satisfy the requirement to attempt in good faith to contact the individual or  
10 organization at least 5 times if all 5 attempted contacts occur within a period of 30  
11 consecutive days.

12 2. The surviving spouse or executor of the estate of a deceased individual that  
13 made the contribution authorizes the redirection of the contribution.

## SUBCHAPTER VIII

## REFERENDUM COMMITTEES

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16 **11.0801 Registration; treasurer and depositories.** (1) Each referendum  
17 committee required to register under this chapter shall designate a treasurer to  
18 comply with the registration and reporting requirements under this subchapter.

19 (2) The treasurer shall ensure that all funds received are deposited in the  
20 referendum committee depository account.

21 (3) No disbursement may be made or obligation incurred by or on behalf of a  
22 referendum committee without the authorization of the treasurer or a designated  
23 agent.



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1           (4) The treasurer shall maintain the records of the referendum committee in  
2           an organized and legible manner for not less than 3 years after the date of the election  
3           in which the referendum committee participates.

4           **11.0802 Registration; timing.** (1) Every referendum committee that accepts  
5           contributions, makes disbursements, or incurs obligations for the purpose of  
6           influencing a particular vote at a referendum in a calendar year in an aggregate  
7           amount in excess of \$10,000 shall file a registration statement giving the information  
8           required by s. 11.0803.

9           (2) A referendum committee that triggers the registration requirement under  
10          sub. (1) shall file the registration statement no later than the 10th business day  
11          commencing after receipt of the first contribution by the referendum committee  
12          exceeding the amount specified under sub. (1), before making any disbursement  
13          exceeding that amount, and before incurring obligations exceeding that amount.

14          **11.0803 Registration; required information.** (1) REQUIRED INFORMATION.  
15          The referendum committee shall include all of the following on the registration  
16          statement:

17           (a) The name and mailing address of the referendum committee.

18           (b) The name and mailing address of the treasurer and any other custodian of  
19          books and accounts. Unless otherwise directed by the treasurer on the registration  
20          form and except as otherwise provided in this chapter or any rule of the board, all  
21          mailings that are required by law or by rule of the board shall be sent to the treasurer  
22          at the treasurer's address indicated upon the form.

23           (c) The name and address of the depository account of the referendum  
24          committee and of any other institution where funds of the committee are kept.

25           (d) The nature of any referendum that is supported or opposed.

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1           **(2) CERTIFICATION.** The individual responsible for filing or amending a  
2 referendum committee’s registration statement and any form or report required of  
3 the committee under this chapter shall certify that all information contained in the  
4 statement, form, or report is true, correct, and complete.

5           **(3) CHANGE OF INFORMATION.** (a) The referendum committee shall report any  
6 change in information previously submitted in a registration statement within 10  
7 days following the change. Except as provided in par. (b), any such change may be  
8 reported only by the individual or by the officer who has succeeded to the position of  
9 an individual who signed the original statement.

10           (b) The administrator or treasurer of a referendum committee may report a  
11 change in the committee’s registration statement.

12           **11.0804 Reporting.** **(1) CONTRIBUTIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS.** (a) Each  
13 referendum committee shall make full reports, upon a form prescribed by the board  
14 and certified as required under s. 11.0103 (3) (c), of all contributions, disbursements,  
15 and obligations received, made, or incurred by the committee. The referendum  
16 committee shall include in each report the following information, covering the period  
17 since the last date covered on the previous report:

18           1. An itemized statement giving the date, full name, and street address of each  
19 person who has made a contribution to the referendum committee, together with the  
20 amount of the contribution.

21           2. The name of the principal place of employment, if any, of each individual  
22 contributor whose cumulative contributions to the referendum committee for the  
23 calendar year are in excess of \$200.

24           3. An itemized statement of each contribution made anonymously to the  
25 referendum committee. If the contribution exceeds \$10, the referendum committee

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1 shall specify whether the committee donated the contribution to the common school  
2 fund or to a charitable organization, and shall include the full name and mailing  
3 address of the donee.

4 4. A statement of totals during the reporting period of contributions received  
5 and contributions donated as provided in subd. 3.

6 5. A statement of the cash balance on hand at the beginning and end of the  
7 reporting period.

8 6. An itemized statement of each loan of money made to the referendum  
9 committee in an aggregate amount or value in excess of \$20, together with all of the  
10 following:

11 a. The full name and mailing address of the lender.

12 b. A statement of whether the lender is a commercial lending institution.

13 c. The date and amount of the loan.

14 d. The full name and mailing address of each guarantor, if any.

15 e. The original amount guaranteed by each guarantor.

16 f. The balance of the amount guaranteed by each guarantor at the end of the  
17 reporting period.

18 7. An itemized statement of every disbursement exceeding \$20 in amount or  
19 value, together with the name and address of the person to whom the disbursement  
20 was made, and the date and specific purpose for which the disbursement was made.

21 8. An itemized statement of every obligation exceeding \$20 in amount or value,  
22 together with the name of the person or business with whom the obligation was  
23 incurred, and the date and the specific purpose for which each such obligation was  
24 incurred.

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1           9. A statement of totals during the reporting period of disbursements made,  
2 including transfers made to and received from other committees, other income, and  
3 loans.

4           10. A statement of the balance of obligations incurred as of the end of the  
5 reporting period.

6           (b) The referendum committee shall begin each report filed under this chapter  
7 with the first contribution received, disbursement made, or obligation incurred  
8 during the reporting period.

9           **(2) REPORTS TO SUPPORT OR OPPOSE A REFERENDUM AT SPRING PRIMARY.** A  
10 referendum committee accepting contributions, making disbursements, or incurring  
11 obligations to support or oppose a referendum appearing on a spring primary ballot  
12 shall do all the following:

13           (a) File a preprimary report no earlier than 14 days and no later than 8 days  
14 preceding the primary.

15           (b) File a preelection report no earlier than 14 days and no later than 8 days  
16 preceding the election.

17           (c) Annually in each year of an election cycle, file a report on the 15th day of  
18 the month in the months of January, April, July, and October.

19           **(3) REPORTS TO SUPPORT OR OPPOSE A REFERENDUM AT SPRING ELECTION.** A  
20 referendum committee accepting contributions, making disbursements, or incurring  
21 obligations to support or oppose a referendum appearing on a spring election ballot  
22 shall do all the following:

23           (a) File a preelection report no earlier than 14 days and no later than 8 days  
24 preceding the election.

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1 (b) Annually in each year of an election cycle, file a report on the 15th day of  
2 the month in the months of January, April, July, and October.

3 (4) REPORTS TO SUPPORT OR OPPOSE A REFERENDUM AT PARTISAN PRIMARY. A  
4 referendum committee accepting contributions, making disbursements, or incurring  
5 obligations in support of or in opposition to a referendum appearing on a partisan  
6 primary ballot shall do all the following:

7 (a) File a preprimary report no earlier than 14 days and no later than 8 days  
8 preceding the primary.

9 (b) File a preelection report no earlier than 14 days and no later than 8 days  
10 preceding the election.

11 (c) In an odd-numbered year, file a report on the 15th day of the month in the  
12 months of January, April, July, and October.

13 (d) In an even-numbered year, file a report on the 15th day of the month in the  
14 months of January, April, and July, and on the 4th Tuesday in September.

15 (5) REPORTS IN SUPPORT OF OR OPPOSITION TO A REFERENDUM AT GENERAL ELECTION.  
16 A referendum committee accepting contributions, making disbursements, or  
17 incurring obligations to support or oppose a referendum appearing on a general  
18 election ballot shall do all the following:

19 (a) File a preprimary report no earlier than 14 days and no later than 8 days  
20 preceding the primary.

21 (b) File a preelection report no earlier than 14 days and no later than 8 days  
22 preceding the election.

23 (c) In an odd-numbered year, file a report on the 15th day of the month in the  
24 months of January, April, July, and October.

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1 (d) In an even-numbered year, file a report on the 15th day of the month in the  
2 months of January, April, and July, and on the 4th Tuesday in September.

## SUBCHAPTER IX

## RECALL COMMITTEES

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5 **11.0901 Registration; treasurer and depositories.** (1) Each recall  
6 committee required to register under this chapter shall designate a treasurer to  
7 comply with the registration and reporting requirements under this subchapter.

8 (2) The treasurer shall ensure that all funds received are deposited in the recall  
9 committee depository account.

10 (3) No disbursement may be made or obligation incurred by or on behalf of a  
11 recall committee without the authorization of the treasurer or a designated agent.

12 (4) The treasurer shall maintain the records of the recall committee in an  
13 organized and legible manner for not less than 3 years after the date of the election  
14 in which the recall committee participates.

15 **11.0902 Registration; timing.** (1) Every recall committee that accepts  
16 contributions, makes disbursements, or incurs obligations to support or oppose a  
17 recall in a calendar year in an aggregate amount in excess of \$2,000 shall file a  
18 registration statement giving the information required by s. 11.0903.

19 (2) A recall committee that triggers the registration requirement under sub.  
20 (1) shall file the registration statement no later than the 10th business day  
21 commencing after receipt of the first contribution by the recall committee exceeding  
22 the amount specified under sub. (1), before making any disbursement exceeding that  
23 amount, and before incurring obligations exceeding that amount.

24 **11.0903 Registration; required information.** (1) REQUIRED INFORMATION.  
25 The recall committee shall include all of the following on the registration statement:

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1 (a) The name and mailing address of the recall committee.

2 (b) The name and mailing address of the treasurer and any other custodian of  
3 books and accounts. Unless otherwise directed by the treasurer on the registration  
4 form and except as otherwise provided in this chapter or any rule of the board, all  
5 mailings that are required by law or by rule of the board shall be sent to the treasurer  
6 at the treasurer's address indicated upon the form.

7 (c) The name and address of the depository account of the recall committee and  
8 of any other institution where funds of the committee are kept.

9 **(2) CERTIFICATION.** The individual responsible for filing or amending a recall  
10 committee's registration statement and any form or report required of the committee  
11 under this chapter shall certify that all information contained in the statement,  
12 form, or report is true, correct, and complete.

13 **(3) CHANGE OF INFORMATION.** (a) The recall committee shall report any change  
14 in information previously submitted in a registration statement within 10 days  
15 following the change. Except as provided in par. (b), any such change may be  
16 reported only by the individual or by the officer who has succeeded to the position of  
17 an individual who signed the original statement.

18 (b) The administrator or treasurer of a recall committee may report a change  
19 in the committee's registration statement.

20 **11.0904 Reporting.** **(1) CONTRIBUTIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS.** (a) Each recall  
21 committee shall make full reports, upon a form prescribed by the board and certified  
22 as required under s. 11.0103 (3) (c), of all contributions received, disbursements  
23 made, and obligations incurred by the committee. The recall committee shall include  
24 in each report the following information, covering the period since the last date  
25 covered on the previous report:

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1           1. An itemized statement giving the date, full name, and street address of each  
2 person who has made a contribution to the recall committee, together with the  
3 amount of the contribution.

4           2. An itemized statement giving the date, full name, and street address of each  
5 committee to which the recall committee has made a contribution, together with the  
6 amount of the contribution.

7           3. The name of the principal place of employment, if any, of each individual  
8 contributor whose cumulative contributions to the recall committee for the calendar  
9 year are in excess of \$200.

10          4. An itemized statement of each contribution made anonymously to the recall  
11 committee. If the contribution exceeds \$10, the recall committee shall specify  
12 whether the committee donated the contribution to the common school fund or to a  
13 charitable organization, and shall include the full name and mailing address of the  
14 donee.

15          5. A statement of totals during the reporting period of contributions received  
16 and contributions donated as provided in subd. 4.

17          6. A statement of the cash balance on hand at the beginning and end of the  
18 reporting period.

19          7. An itemized statement of each loan of money made to the recall committee  
20 in an aggregate amount or value in excess of \$20, together with all of the following:

- 21           a. The full name and mailing address of the lender.
- 22           b. A statement of whether the lender is a commercial lending institution.
- 23           c. The date and amount of the loan.
- 24           d. The full name and mailing address of each guarantor, if any.
- 25           e. The original amount guaranteed by each guarantor.



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1           f. The balance of the amount guaranteed by each guarantor at the end of the  
2 reporting period.

3           8. An itemized statement of every disbursement exceeding \$20 in amount or  
4 value, together with the name and address of the person to whom the disbursement  
5 was made, and the date and specific purpose for which the disbursement was made.

6           9. An itemized statement of every obligation exceeding \$20 in amount or value,  
7 together with the name of the person or business with whom the obligation was  
8 incurred, and the date and the specific purpose for which each such obligation was  
9 incurred.

10          10. A statement of totals during the reporting period of disbursements made,  
11 including transfers made to and received from other committees, other income, and  
12 loans.

13          11. A statement of the balance of obligations incurred as of the end of the  
14 reporting period.

15          (b) The recall committee shall begin each report filed under this chapter with  
16 the first contribution received, disbursement made, or obligation incurred during the  
17 reporting period.

18          **(2) REPORTS TO SUPPORT OR OPPOSE THE RECALL OF NONPARTISAN STATE OR LOCAL**  
19 **OFFICE HOLDER ELECTED AT SPRING ELECTION; PRIMARY.** A recall committee that accepts,  
20 makes, or incurs contributions, disbursements, or obligations to support or oppose  
21 the recall of a nonpartisan state or local office holder, or to support or oppose other  
22 committees engaging in such activities, shall do all the following:

23          (a) File a preprimary report no earlier than 14 days and no later than 8 days  
24 preceding the recall primary.

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1 (b) File a preelection report no earlier than 14 days and no later than 8 days  
2 preceding the recall election.

3 (c) Annually in each year of an election cycle, file a report on the 15th day of  
4 the month in the months of January, April, July, and October.

5 **(3) REPORTS TO SUPPORT OR OPPOSE THE RECALL OF A NONPARTISAN STATE OR LOCAL**  
6 **OFFICE HOLDER ELECTED AT SPRING ELECTION; ELECTION.** A recall committee that  
7 accepts, makes, or incurs contributions, disbursements, or obligations to support or  
8 oppose the recall of a nonpartisan state or local office holder, or to support or oppose  
9 other committees engaging in such activities, shall do all the following:

10 (a) File a preelection report no earlier than 14 days and no later than 8 days  
11 preceding the recall election.

12 (b) Annually in each year of an election cycle, file a report on the 15th day of  
13 the month in the months of January, April, July, and October.

14 **(4) REPORTS TO SUPPORT OR OPPOSE THE RECALL OF PARTISAN STATE OR LOCAL OFFICE**  
15 **HOLDER; PRIMARY.** A recall committee that accepts, makes, or incurs contributions,  
16 disbursements, or obligations to support or oppose the recall of a partisan state or  
17 local office holder, or to support or oppose other committees engaging in such  
18 activities, shall do all the following:

19 (a) File a preprimary report no earlier than 14 days and no later than 8 days  
20 preceding the recall primary.

21 (b) File a preelection report no earlier than 14 days and no later than 8 days  
22 preceding the recall election.

23 (c) In an odd-numbered year, file a report on the 15th day of the month in the  
24 months of January, April, July, and October.

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1 (d) In an even-numbered year, file a report on the 15th day of the month in the  
2 months of January, April, and July, and on the 4th Tuesday in September.

3 **(5) REPORTS TO SUPPORT OR OPPOSE THE RECALL OF PARTISAN STATE OR LOCAL OFFICE**  
4 **HOLDER; GENERAL ELECTION.** A recall committee that accepts, makes, or incurs  
5 contributions, disbursements, or obligations to support or oppose the recall of a  
6 partisan state or local office holder, or to support or oppose other committees  
7 engaging in such activities, shall do all of the following:

8 (a) File a preelection report no earlier than 14 days and no later than 8 days  
9 preceding the recall election.

10 (b) In an odd-numbered year, file a report on the 15th day of the month in the  
11 months of January, April, July, and October.

12 (c) In an even-numbered year, file a report on the 15th day of the month in the  
13 months of January, April, and July, and on the 4th Tuesday in September.

## SUBCHAPTER X

## OTHER PERSONS

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16 **11.1001 Reporting; specific express advocacy. (1) DISBURSEMENTS.** (a) Any  
17 person, other than a committee, spending \$5,000 or more in the aggregate on express  
18 advocacy shall submit statements to the board under par. (b) if the express advocacy  
19 is made during the period beginning on the day that is 30 days prior to the day of the  
20 primary or election involving the candidate identified under par. (b) 5. and ending  
21 on the day of the primary or election involving that candidate.

22 (b) A person required to report under this section shall submit statements to  
23 the board providing all of the following information:

24 1. The dates on which the person made the disbursements.

25 2. The name and address of the persons who received the disbursements.

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1           3. The purpose for making the disbursements.

2           4. The amount spent for each act of express advocacy.

3           5. The name of any candidate affected by the disbursement, the office that the  
4 candidate seeks, and whether the express advocacy supports or opposes that  
5 candidate.

6           6. An affirmation, made under oath, that the person will comply with the  
7 prohibition on coordination under s. 11.1203 with respect to any candidate or agent  
8 or candidate committee who is supported or opposed by the express advocacy.

9           7. The name and mailing and street address of the person's designated agent  
10 in this state.

11           **(2) EXCEPTION.** (a) A person who is required to report under this section is not  
12 required to submit the information described under sub. (1) (b) regarding  
13 disbursements made before reaching the \$5,000 threshold under sub. (1) (a). For  
14 purposes of this section, an disbursement for express advocacy is the amount spent  
15 directly on developing, producing, and disseminating the express advocacy.

16           (b) This section does not apply to any of the following:

17           1. A communication, other than an advertisement, appearing in a news story,  
18 commentary, or editorial distributed through the facilities of any legitimate news  
19 organization, unless the facilities are controlled by any political party, political  
20 committee, or candidate.

21           2. A communication made exclusively between an organization and its  
22 members.

23           **(3) TIMING.** A person who is required to report under this section shall submit  
24 the report to the board no later than 48 hours after making the disbursements.

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## SUBCHAPTER XI

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## CONTRIBUTIONS

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2           **11.1101 Contribution limits. (1) INDIVIDUAL LIMITS.** An individual may  
3 contribute to a candidate committee no more than the following amounts specified  
4 for the candidate whose nomination or election the individual supports [See Figure  
5 11.1101 following]:

6           (a) Candidates for governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state  
7 treasurer, attorney general, state superintendent, or justice, \$20,000.

8           (b) Candidates for state senator, \$2,000.

9           (c) Candidates for representative to the assembly, \$1,000.

10           (d) Candidates for court of appeals judge in districts which contain a county  
11 having a population of more than 500,000, \$6,000.

12           (e) Candidates for court of appeals judge in other districts, \$5,000.

13           (f) Candidates for circuit judge in circuits having a population of more than  
14 300,000, or candidates for district attorney in prosecutorial units having a  
15 population of more than 300,000, \$6,000.

16           (g) Candidates for circuit judge in other circuits or candidates for district  
17 attorney in other prosecutorial units, \$2,000.

18           (h) Candidates for local offices, an amount equal to the greater of the following:

19           1. Five hundred dollars.

20           2. Two cents times the number of inhabitants of the jurisdiction or district,  
21 according to the latest federal census or the census information on which the district  
22 is based, as certified by the appropriate filing officer, but not more than \$6,000.

23           **(2) CANDIDATE COMMITTEES.** A candidate committee may contribute to another  
24 candidate committee no more than the following amounts specified for the candidate  
25 whose nomination or election the committee supports [See Figure 11.1101 following]:

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1 (a) Candidates for governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state  
2 treasurer, attorney general, state superintendent, or justice, \$20,000.

3 (b) Candidates for state senator, \$2,000.

4 (c) Candidates for representative to the assembly, \$1,000.

5 (d) Candidates for court of appeals judge in districts which contain a county  
6 having a population of more than 500,000, \$6,000.

7 (e) Candidates for court of appeals judge in other districts, \$5,000.

8 (f) Candidates for circuit judge in circuits having a population of more than  
9 300,000, or candidates for district attorney in prosecutorial units having a  
10 population of more than 300,000, \$6,000.

11 (g) Candidates for circuit judge in other circuits or candidates for district  
12 attorney in other prosecutorial units, \$2,000.

13 (h) Candidates for local offices, an amount equal to the greater of the following:

14 1. Five hundred dollars.

15 2. Two cents times the number of inhabitants of the jurisdiction or district,  
16 according to the latest federal census or the census information on which the district  
17 is based, as certified by the appropriate filing officer, but not more than \$6,000.

18 **(3) POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEES.** A political action committee may contribute  
19 to a candidate committee no more than the following amounts specified for the  
20 candidate whose nomination or election the committee supports [See Figure 11.1101  
21 following]:

22 (a) Candidates for governor, \$86,000.

23 (b) Candidates for lieutenant governor, \$26,000.

24 (c) Candidates for attorney general, \$44,000.

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1 (d) Candidates for secretary of state, state treasurer, state superintendent, or  
2 justice, \$18,000.

3 (e) Candidates for state senator, \$2,000.

4 (f) Candidates for representative to the assembly, \$1,000.

5 (g) Candidates for court of appeals judge in districts which contain a county  
6 having a population of more than 500,000, \$6,000.

7 (h) Candidates for court of appeals judge in other districts, \$5,000.

8 (i) Candidates for circuit judge in circuits having a population of more than  
9 300,000, or candidates for district attorney in prosecutorial units having a  
10 population of more than 300,000, \$6,000.

11 (j) Candidates for circuit judge in other circuits or candidates for district  
12 attorney in other prosecutorial units, \$2,000.

13 (k) Candidates for local offices, an amount equal to the greater of the following:

14 1. Four hundred dollars.

15 2. Two cents times the number of inhabitants of the jurisdiction or district,  
16 according to the latest federal census or the census information on which the district  
17 is based, as certified by the appropriate filing officer, but not more than \$5,000.

**Figure 11.1101:**

	<b>INDIVIDUAL CON- TRIBUTORS</b>	<b>CANDIDATE COMMIT- TEE CONTRIBUTORS</b>	<b>POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE CON- TRIBUTORS</b>
<b>GOVERNOR</b>	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$86,000
<b>LT. GOVERNOR</b>	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$26,000
<b>SECRETARY OF STATE</b>	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$18,000
<b>STATE TREASURER</b>	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$18,000
<b>ATTORNEY GENERAL</b>	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$44,000

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<b>STATE SUPERINTENDENT</b>	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$18,000
<b>JUSTICE</b>	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$18,000
<b>STATE SENATOR</b>	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
<b>ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVE</b>	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
<b>APPEALS JUDGE – POPULOUS DISTRICTS</b>	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
<b>APPEALS JUDGE – OTHER DISTRICTS</b>	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>CIRCUIT JUDGE – POPULOUS AREA</b>	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
<b>DISTRICT ATTORNEY – POPULOUS AREA</b>	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
<b>CIRCUIT JUDGE – OTHER AREA</b>	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
<b>DISTRICT ATTORNEY – OTHER AREA</b>	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
<b>LOCAL OFFICES</b>	GREATER OF \$500 OR 2 CENTS TIMES THE POPULATION, BUT NOT MORE THAN \$6,000	GREATER OF \$500 OR 2 CENTS TIMES THE POPULATION, BUT NOT MORE THAN \$6,000	GREATER OF \$400 OR 2 CENTS TIMES THE POPULATION, BUT NOT MORE THAN \$5,000

1           **11.1102 Contribution limit adjustment.** Beginning on January 1, 2021,  
2           and on January 1 every 5 years thereafter, the board shall modify the dollar amounts  
3           under s. 11.1101 (1) to (3), rounded to the nearest multiple of \$25, to adjust for the  
4           change in the consumer price index, all items. U.S. city average, published by the  
5           federal Department of Labor for the preceding 5-year period ending on December 31.

6           **11.1103 Applicable periods.** (1) For an individual who is a candidate for an  
7           office that the individual holds, the limits under s. 11.1101 (1) to (3) apply during the  
8           term of that office.

9           (2) For an individual who is a candidate for an office that the individual does  
10          not hold, the limits under s. 11.1101 (1) to (3) apply during the period beginning on  
11          the date on which the individual becomes a candidate under s. 11.0101 (1) (a) and



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1 ending on July 1 for a candidate at a spring primary or spring election, January 1  
2 for a candidate at a partisan primary or general election, and 60 days after a special  
3 election for a candidate at a special election.

4 **11.1104 Exceptions.** Except as provided in subs. (3) (b) and (4) (b), the  
5 following contributions may be made in unlimited amounts:

6 (1) Contributions to a political action committee.

7 (2) Contributions transferred between political action committees.

8 (3) (a) Except as provided in par. (b), contributions to a legislative campaign  
9 committee.

10 (b) A political action committee may contribute no more than \$12,000 in any  
11 calendar year to a legislative campaign committee.

12 (4) (a) Except as provided in par. (b), contributions to a political party.

13 (b) A political action committee may contribute no more than \$12,000 in any  
14 calendar year to a political party.

15 (5) Contributions made by a political party or legislative campaign committee  
16 to a candidate committee.

17 (6) Contributions paid to a segregated fund established and administered by  
18 a political party or legislative campaign committee for purposes other than making  
19 contributions to a candidate committee.

20 (7) Contributions that a candidate makes to his or her candidate committee  
21 from the candidate's personal funds or property or the personal funds or property  
22 that are owned jointly or as marital property with the candidate's spouse.

23 (8) Contributions transferred between the candidates for governor and  
24 lieutenant governor of the same political party.

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1           **(9)** Contributions used to pay legal fees and other expenses incurred as a result  
2 of a recount under s. 9.01.

3           **(10)** Contributions used to pay legal fees and other expenses incurred in  
4 connection with or in response to circulating, offering to file, or filing a petition to  
5 recall an office holder prior to the time that a recall primary or election is ordered,  
6 or after that time if incurred to contest or defend the order.

7           **(11)** Contributions to a recall committee.

8           **(12)** Contributions to a referendum committee.

9           **11.1105 Valuation.** **(1)** Except as provided in s. 11.1111, for purposes of  
10 complying with a contribution limit under this section, the value of a contribution of  
11 any tangible or intangible item, other than money, is the item's fair market value at  
12 the time that the individual or committee made the contribution.

13           **(2)** Except as provided in s. 11.1111, for purposes of complying with a  
14 contribution limit under this section, the value of a contribution of a service is the  
15 fair market value of the service at the time that the individual or committee made  
16 the contribution.

17           **11.1106 Conduit contributions.** **(1)** For purposes of this chapter, a  
18 contribution released by a conduit to a committee is to be reported by the committee  
19 as a contribution from the individual who made the contribution and not as a  
20 contribution from the conduit.

21           **(2)** A contribution of money received from a conduit, accompanied by the  
22 information required under s. 11.0704 (1), is considered to be a contribution from the  
23 original contributor.

24           **(3)** Each filing officer shall place a copy of any report received under s. 11.0704  
25 in the file of the conduit and the file of the recipient.

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1           **11.1107 Limitation on cash contributions.** Every contribution of money  
2 exceeding \$100 shall be made by negotiable instrument or evidenced by an itemized  
3 credit card receipt bearing on the face the name of the remitter. No committee  
4 required to report under this chapter may accept a contribution made in violation of  
5 this section. The committee shall promptly return the contribution, or donate it to  
6 the common school fund or to a charitable organization in the event that the donor  
7 cannot be identified.

8           **11.1108 Anonymous contributions.** No committee may accept an  
9 anonymous contribution exceeding \$10. If an anonymous contribution exceeds \$10,  
10 the committee shall donate the contribution to the common school fund or to a  
11 charitable organization and report the donation as required under this chapter.

12           **11.1109 In-kind contributions.** Before making a contribution, as defined  
13 under s. 11.0101 (8) (a) 2., to a committee, the prospective contributor shall notify the  
14 administrator or treasurer of the committee and obtain that individuals oral or  
15 written consent to the contribution.

16           **11.1110 Return of contributions.** (1) A committee required to report under  
17 this chapter may return a contribution at any time before or after it has been  
18 deposited.

19           (2) (a) Except as provided in par. (b), the subsequent return of a contribution  
20 deposited contrary to law does not constitute a defense to a violation.

21           (b) A committee that accepts a contribution contrary to law, reports that  
22 contribution, and returns that contribution within 15 days after the filing date for  
23 the reporting period in which the contribution is received does not violate the  
24 contribution or source limits under this subchapter.

25           **11.1111 Valuation of opinion poll results.** (1) In this section:

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1 (a) “Election period” means any of the following:

2 1. The period beginning on December 1 and ending on the date of the spring  
3 election.

4 2. The period beginning on May 1 and ending on the date of the general election.

5 3. The period beginning on the first day for circulating nomination papers and  
6 ending on the date of a special election.

7 (b) “Initial recipient” means the individual who or committee which  
8 commissions a public opinion poll or voter survey.

9 (c) “Results” means computer output or a written or verbal analysis.

10 (d) “Voter survey” includes acquiring information that identifies voter  
11 attitudes concerning candidates or issues.

12 (2) If a committee receives opinion poll or voter survey results during the first  
13 15 days after the initial recipient receives the results, and the committee received the  
14 results during an election period, the committee shall report the results as a  
15 contribution. The committee shall report the contribution’s value as 100 percent of  
16 the cost incurred by the initial recipient to commission the poll or survey, except that  
17 if more than one committee receives the results, the committees shall report the  
18 contribution’s value as 100 percent of the amount allocated to the committee under  
19 sub. (5).

20 (3) If the committee receives the opinion poll or voter survey results 16 to 60  
21 days following the day on which the initial recipient received the results, and the  
22 committee received the results during an election period, the committee shall report  
23 the results as a contribution valued at 50 percent of the cost incurred by the initial  
24 recipient to commission the poll or survey, except that if more than one committee

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1 receives the results, the committees shall report the contribution's value as 50  
2 percent of the amount allocated to the committee under sub. (5).

3 (4) If the committee receives the opinion poll or voter survey results more than  
4 60 days after the initial recipient received the results the committee is not required  
5 to report the results as a contribution.

6 (5) If a person contributes opinion poll or voter survey results to more than one  
7 committee, the person shall apportion the value of the poll or survey to each  
8 committee receiving the results by one of the following methods and shall provide the  
9 apportioned values to the committees:

10 (a) Determine the share of the cost of the opinion poll or voter survey that is  
11 allocable to each recipient based on the allocation formula used by the person that  
12 conducted the poll or survey.

13 (b) Determine the share of the cost of the opinion poll or voter survey that is  
14 allocable to each recipient by dividing the cost of the poll or survey equally among  
15 all the committees receiving the results.

16 (c) Determine the share of the cost of the opinion poll or voter survey that is  
17 allocable to each recipient as follows:

18 1. Divide the number of question results received by each recipient by the total  
19 number of question results received by all recipients.

20 2. Multiple the total cost of the poll or survey by the number determined under  
21 subd. 1.

22 (6) If a person makes a contribution of opinion poll or voter survey results to  
23 a committee after the person has apportioned the value of the results to previous  
24 recipients under sub. (5), the person shall make a good faith effort to apportion the  
25 value to the committee, considering the value apportioned to other recipients under

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1 sub. (5), and shall report that value to the committee. For purposes of this  
2 subsection, the total value of the contributor's aggregate contributions may exceed  
3 the original cost of the poll or survey.

4 (7) A person who contributes opinion poll or voter survey results shall maintain  
5 records sufficient to support the contribution's value and shall provide the  
6 contribution's value to the recipient.

7 **11.1112 Corporations, cooperatives, and tribes.** No foreign or domestic  
8 corporation, no association organized under ch. 185 or 193, no labor organization,  
9 and no federally recognized American Indian Tribe may make a contribution to a  
10 committee, other than an independent expenditure committee or referendum  
11 committee, but may make a contribution to a segregated fund as provided under s.  
12 11.1104 (6).

13 **11.1113 Sole proprietors, partnerships, and limited liability**  
14 **companies.** (1) A contribution made to a committee by a sole proprietorship is  
15 considered a contribution made by the individual who is the sole proprietor and  
16 subject to the limits under this subchapter.

17 (2) A contribution made to a committee by a partnership is considered a  
18 contribution made by each of the contributing partners and subject to the limits  
19 under this subchapter. A partnership that makes a contribution to a committee shall  
20 provide to the committee the names of the contributing partners and the amount of  
21 the individual contribution made by each partner. For purposes of determining the  
22 individual contribution amounts made by each partner, the partnership shall  
23 attribute the individual contributions according to each partner's share of the  
24 partnership's profits, unless the partners agree to apportion the contribution in a  
25 different manner.

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1           **(3) LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES.** (a) A contribution made to a committee by a  
2 limited liability company treated as a partnership by the federal internal revenue  
3 service pursuant to 26 CFR 301.7701-3 is considered a contribution made by each  
4 of the contributing members and subject to the limits under this subchapter. A  
5 limited liability company that makes a contribution under this paragraph shall  
6 affirm to the candidate committee that it is treated as a partnership for federal tax  
7 purposes and eligible to make the contribution. The company shall provide to the  
8 committee the names of the contributing members and the amount of the individual  
9 contribution made by each member. For purposes of determining the individual  
10 contribution amounts made by each member, the company shall attribute the  
11 individual contributions according to each member's share of the company's profits,  
12 unless the members agree to apportion the contribution in a different manner.

13           (b) A contribution made to a candidate committee by a single-member limited  
14 liability company in which the sole member is an individual is considered a  
15 contribution made by that individual and subject to the individual limits under s.  
16 11.1101 (1). A limited liability company that makes a contribution under this  
17 paragraph shall affirm to the candidate committee that it is a single-member limited  
18 liability company in which the sole member is an individual and eligible to make the  
19 contribution.

20           **11.1114 Two candidate committees.** (1) If a candidate establishes a 2nd  
21 candidate committee under s. 11.0202 (2) to pursue a state or local office for which  
22 the contribution limit under this subchapter is higher than the contribution limit for  
23 the office that the candidate originally sought, the 2nd candidate committee may  
24 accept contributions up to the higher limit, but shall take into account the amount  
25 of any contributions transferred from the first candidate committee to the 2nd

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1 candidate committee to determine whether the 2nd candidate committee has  
2 reached or exceeded the higher limits.

3 (2) If a candidate establishes a 2nd candidate committee under s. 11.0202 (2)  
4 to pursue a state or local office for which the contribution limit under this subchapter  
5 is lower than the contribution limit for the office that the candidate originally sought,  
6 the first candidate committee may transfer its contributions to the 2nd candidate  
7 committee in an amount not to exceed the contribution limits applicable to the 2nd  
8 candidate committee.

9 (3) Upon termination of a 2nd candidate committee, the 2nd candidate  
10 committee may transfer any of its remaining funds to the first candidate committee  
11 in amounts not to exceed the contribution limits applicable to the persons who  
12 contributed to the first candidate committee.

**SUBCHAPTER XII****PROHIBITED PRACTICES**

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15 **11.1201 False reports and statements.** No person may prepare or submit  
16 a false report or statement to a filing officer under this chapter.

17 **11.1202 Earmarking.** (1) The treasurer of a candidate committee may agree  
18 with a prospective contributor that a contribution is received to be used for a specific  
19 purpose not prohibited by law. That purpose may not include a disbursement to a  
20 committee to support or oppose another candidate.

21 (2) When a contribution is made to a committee other than a candidate  
22 committee, the contributor may not direct the committee to make a disbursement to  
23 a committee to support or oppose another candidate.

24 (3) Except for transfers of membership-related moneys between committees  
25 of the same political party, no committee may transfer to another committee the



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1 earmarked contributions of others. Transfers of membership-related moneys  
2 between political parties shall be treated in the same manner as other transfers.

3 **11.1203 Coordination. (1)** No person may make a disbursement for express  
4 advocacy that is coordinated with a candidate, candidate committee, candidate's  
5 agent, the legislative campaign committee of the candidate's party, or a political  
6 party in violation of the contribution limits under s. 11.1101 or the source restrictions  
7 under s. 11.1112.

8 **(2) (a)** For purposes of this section, a disbursement for express advocacy is  
9 coordinated if any of the following apply:

10 1. The disbursement is made at the request or suggestion of the candidate or  
11 candidate's agent.

12 2. The candidate exercises control over the disbursement.

13 3. The candidate engages in substantial discussions or negotiations with the  
14 person making the disbursement regarding any of the following:

15 a. The communication's content.

16 b. The communication's timing.

17 c. The location, form, or intended audience of the communication.

18 d. The number or frequency of communications.

19 **(b)** If a disbursement for express advocacy is not in violation of the coordination  
20 prohibitions under sub. (1), all of the following apply:

21 1. The person making the disbursement shall report the disbursement if the  
22 person is a committee subject to the reporting requirements under this chapter.

23 2. The candidate committee shall report the disbursement as a contribution.

24 **11.1204 Unlawful political contributions. (1)** Subject to sub. (2), no person  
25 may, directly or indirectly, make any contribution other than from funds or property

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1 belonging to the person. No person may, directly or indirectly, give funds or property  
2 to another person for the purpose of making a contribution in other than the person's  
3 own name.

4 (2) A conduit releasing a contribution of money in the manner prescribed in s.  
5 11.0704 does not violate sub. (1).

6 (3) No person may intentionally accept or receive any contribution made in  
7 violation of this chapter.

8 **11.1205 Use of government materials by candidates.** (1) (a) Except as  
9 provided in sub. (2), no person elected to state or local office who becomes a candidate  
10 for national, state, or local office may use public funds for the cost of materials or  
11 distribution for 50 or more pieces of substantially identical material distributed  
12 after:

13 1. In the case of a candidate who is nominated by nomination papers, the first  
14 day authorized by law for circulation of nomination papers as a candidate.

15 2. In the case of a candidate who is nominated at a primary election by write-in  
16 votes, the day the board of canvassers issues its determination that the person is  
17 nominated.

18 3. In the case of a candidate who is nominated at a caucus, the date of the  
19 caucus.

20 4. In the case of any other candidate who is nominated solely by filing a  
21 declaration of candidacy, the first day of the month preceding the month which  
22 includes the last day for filing the declaration.

23 (b) This subsection applies until after the date of the election or after the date  
24 of the primary election if the person appears as a candidate on a primary election  
25 ballot and is not nominated at the primary election.

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1           (2) This section does not apply to use of public funds for the costs of the  
2 following:

3           (a) Answers to communications of constituents.

4           (b) Actions taken by a state or local government administrative officer  
5 pursuant to a specific law, ordinance or resolution which authorizes or directs the  
6 actions to be taken.

7           (c) Communications between members of the legislature regarding the  
8 legislative or deliberative process while the legislature is in session.

9           (d) Communications not exceeding 500 pieces by members of the legislature  
10 relating solely to the subject matter of a special session or extraordinary session,  
11 made during the period between the date that the session is called or scheduled and  
12 14 days after adjournment of the session.

13           **11.1206 Travel by public officers.** (1) No person may use any vehicle or  
14 aircraft owned by the state or by any local governmental unit for any trip which is  
15 exclusively for the purposes of campaigning to support or oppose any candidate for  
16 national, state, or local office, unless use of the vehicle or aircraft is required for  
17 purposes of security protection provided by the state or local governmental unit.

18           (2) No person may use any vehicle or aircraft owned by the state or by any local  
19 governmental unit for purposes that include campaigning to support or oppose any  
20 candidate for national, state, or local office, unless the person pays to the state or  
21 local governmental unit a fee which is comparable to the commercial market rate for  
22 the use of a similar vehicle or aircraft and for any services provided by the state or  
23 local governmental unit to operate the vehicle or aircraft. If a trip is made in part  
24 for a public purpose and in part for the purpose of campaigning, the person shall pay  
25 for the portion of the trip attributable to campaigning, but in no case less than 50

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1 percent of the cost of the trip. The portion of the trip attributable to campaigning  
2 shall be determined by dividing the number of appearances made for campaign  
3 purposes by the total number of appearances. Fees payable to the state shall be  
4 prescribed by the secretary of administration and shall be deposited in the account  
5 under s. 20.855 (6) (h). Fees payable to a local governmental unit shall be prescribed  
6 by the governing body of the governmental unit.

7 **11.1207 Political solicitation involving public officials and employees**  
8 **restricted.** (1) (a) Except as provided in par. (b) and (c), no person may solicit or  
9 receive from any state officer or employee or from any officer or employee of the  
10 University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics Authority any contribution or service.

11 (b) Paragraph (a) does not apply to a contribution or service solicited or received  
12 from a state officer or employee or an officer or employee of the University of  
13 Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics Authority who is on an unpaid leave of absence at  
14 the time of the solicitation or receipt.

15 (c) Paragraph (a) does not apply to communications about a referendum.

16 (3) No person may solicit or receive from any officer or employee of a political  
17 subdivision of this state any contribution or service during established hours of  
18 employment or while the officer or employee is engaged in his or her official duties.

19 (4) Every person who has charge or control in a building, office, or room  
20 occupied for any purpose by this state, by any political subdivision thereof, or by the  
21 University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics Authority shall prohibit the entry of  
22 any person into that building, office, or room for the purpose of making or receiving  
23 a contribution.

24 (5) No person may enter or remain in any building, office, or room occupied for  
25 any purpose by the state, by any political subdivision thereof or by the University of

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1 Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics Authority or send or direct a letter or other notice  
2 thereto for the purpose of requesting or collecting a contribution.

3 (6) This section does not apply to a response by a legal custodian or subordinate  
4 of the custodian to a request to locate, reproduce, or inspect a record under s. 19.35  
5 if the request is processed in the same manner as the custodian or subordinate  
6 responds to other requests to locate, reproduce, or inspect a record under s. 19.35.

7 **11.1208 Unlawful political disbursements and obligations.** (1) No  
8 person may intentionally receive or accept anything of value, or any promise or  
9 pledge thereof, constituting a disbursement made or obligation incurred contrary to  
10 law.

11 (3) (a) Except as provided in pars. (b) and (c), a committee may not make a  
12 disbursement or incur an obligation for the committee's or an individual's strictly  
13 personal use.

14 (b) A committee may accept contributions and make disbursements from a  
15 campaign depository account for any of the following:

16 1. For the purpose of making disbursements in connection with a campaign for  
17 national office.

18 2. For payment of civil penalties incurred by the committee under this chapter  
19 but not under any other chapter.

20 3. For the purpose of making a donation to a charitable organization or the  
21 common school fund.

22 4. For payment of the expenses of nonpartisan campaigns to increase voter  
23 registration or participation.

24 (c) A candidate committee may accept contributions and make disbursements  
25 from a campaign depository account for payment of inaugural expenses of an

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1 individual who is elected to state or local office. Inaugural expenses paid from  
2 contributions made to the campaign depository account are reportable under s.  
3 11.0204 (1) as disbursements and are subject to the limits under s. 11.1101.

4 (4) No contributions to or disbursements from a committee’s depository  
5 account may be invested for the purpose of producing income unless the investment  
6 is in direct obligations of the United States and of agencies and corporations wholly  
7 owned by the United States, commercial paper maturing within one year from the  
8 date of investment, preferred shares of a corporation, or securities of an investment  
9 company registered under the federal investment company act of 1940 (15 USC 80a)  
10 and registered for public offer and sale in this state of the type commonly referred  
11 to as a “money market fund”.

## SUBCHAPTER XIII

## ADMINISTRATION

14 **11.1301 Defense fund authorized.** (1) Any candidate or public official who  
15 is being investigated for, charged with, or convicted of a criminal violation of this  
16 chapter or ch. 12, or whose agent is so investigated, charged, or convicted, may  
17 establish a defense fund for disbursements supporting or defending the candidate,  
18 official, or agent, or any dependent of the candidate, official, or agent, while that  
19 person is being investigated for, or while the person is charged with or convicted of  
20 a criminal violation of this chapter or ch. 12.

21 (2) No person may use a contribution received from a contributor to a candidate  
22 committee fund for a purpose for which a defense fund is authorized under sub. (1)  
23 unless the person obtains the contributor’s authorization. Notwithstanding s.  
24 11.1202 (3), any contributor may authorize the transfer of all or part of a contribution  
25 from a campaign fund to a defense fund.

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1           **11.1302 Donations to charitable organizations or school fund.** Any  
2 committee may make a donation to a charitable organization or the common school  
3 fund from the committee’s depository account. No later than 5 days after a committee  
4 makes a donation to a charitable organization or the common school fund from the  
5 committee’s depository account, the committee shall notify the committee’s filing  
6 officer in writing of the name of the donee and the date of the donation, and shall  
7 provide an explanation for not retaining the amount donated in the committee’s  
8 depository account.

9           **11.1303 Attribution of political contributions, disbursements and**  
10 **communications.** (1) No disbursement may be made anonymously and no  
11 contribution or disbursement may be made in a fictitious name or by one person or  
12 organization in the name of another.

13           (2) (a) Every printed advertisement, billboard, handbill, sample ballot,  
14 television or radio advertisement, or other communication which is paid for by any  
15 contribution or disbursement shall clearly identify its source.

16           (b) Every communication described under par. (a) the cost of which is paid for  
17 or reimbursed by a committee, or for which a committee assumes responsibility,  
18 whether by accepting a contribution or making a disbursement, shall identify its  
19 source by the words “Paid for by” followed by the name of the committee making the  
20 payment or reimbursement or assuming responsibility for the communication and  
21 may include the name of the treasurer or other authorized agent of the committee.

22           (c) Every communication described under par. (a) that is directly paid for or  
23 reimbursed by an individual, including a candidate who is serving as his or her own  
24 candidate committee treasurer, or for which an individual assumes responsibility,  
25 whether by accepting a contribution or making a disbursement, shall identify its

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1 source by the words “Paid for by” followed by the name of the candidate or other  
2 individual making the payment or reimbursement or assuming responsibility for the  
3 communication.

4 (d) In addition to the requirements of pars. (a) to (c), a person required to submit  
5 an affirmation under oath, as provided under s. 11.0505 (1) (b) 6., 11.0605 (1) (b) 6.,  
6 or 11.1001 (1) (b) 6. shall also include the words “Not authorized by any candidate  
7 or candidate’s agent or committee” in every communication supporting or opposing  
8 any clearly identified candidate.

9 (e) Communications under this section by a candidate committee may identify  
10 the name of the candidate committee, except as provided in par. (b) 2. and except that  
11 no abbreviation may be used to identify the committee.

12 (em) Each printed advertisement, billboard, handbill, paid television or radio  
13 advertisement, or other communication made for the purpose of influencing the  
14 recall from or retention in office of an individual holding a state or local office shall  
15 clearly identify its source in the manner prescribed in pars. (b) and (c).

16 (f) This subsection does not apply to communications printed on small items  
17 on which the information required by this subsection cannot be conveniently printed.  
18 The board may, by rule, specify small items to which this subsection shall not apply.

19 (g) The attributions required by this subsection in written communications  
20 shall be readable, legible, and readily accessible.

21 (3) Whenever any person receives payment from another person, in cash or  
22 in-kind, for the direct or indirect cost of conducting a poll concerning support or  
23 opposition to a candidate, political party, or referendum, the person conducting the  
24 poll shall, upon request of any person who is polled, disclose the name and address



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1 of the person making payment for the poll and, in the case of a committee, the name  
2 of the treasurer of the committee making payment.

3 **11.1304 Duties of the government accountability board.** The board shall:

4 (1) Prescribe forms for making the reports, statements, and notices required  
5 by this chapter. The board shall make the forms available free of charge on the  
6 board's Internet site and shall distribute or arrange for the distribution of all forms  
7 for use by other filing officers.

8 (2) Upon request, transmit a form described under sub. (1), free of charge, by  
9 facsimile or by 1st class mail.

10 (3) (a) Prepare and publish for the use of persons required to file reports and  
11 statements under this chapter a manual setting forth simply and concisely  
12 recommended uniform methods of bookkeeping and reporting.

13 (b) Prepare, publish, and revise as necessary a manual simply and concisely  
14 describing the filing and registration requirements established in this chapter in  
15 detail, as well as other major provisions of this chapter and ch. 12.

16 (4) Develop a filing, coding, and cross-indexing system consonant with the  
17 purposes of this chapter.

18 (5) Assign an identification number to each committee for whom the board acts  
19 as a filing officer under s. 11.0102 (1) and to each conduit.

20 (6) (a) Except as provided in par. (b), require each committee for whom the  
21 board serves as filing officer under s. 11.0102 (1) to file each campaign finance report  
22 that is required to be filed under this chapter in an electronic format. The board shall  
23 permit an authorized individual to provide at the time of filing an electronic  
24 signature, as defined in s. 137.11 (8), that is subject to a security procedure, as  
25 defined in s. 137.11 (13). A committee that files a report under this subsection in an

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1 electronic format may file with the board that portion of the report signed by an  
2 authorized individual rather than submit the electronic signature of that individual.  
3 The board shall provide complete instructions to any committee that files a report  
4 under this subsection.

5 (b) Permit a committee that accepts contributions in a total amount or value  
6 of \$1,000 or less during a campaign period to opt out of the requirement to file a  
7 campaign finance report in an electronic format as specified in par. (a). In this  
8 paragraph, the campaign period of a candidate committee begins and ends as  
9 provided under s. 11.1103, and the campaign period of any other committee begins  
10 on January 1 of each odd-numbered year and ends on December 31 of the following  
11 year.

12 (7) Compile and maintain on an electronic system a current list of all reports  
13 and statements received by or required of and pertaining to each committee  
14 registered under this chapter.

15 (8) Maintain a duplicate record of any statement received by a political action  
16 committee under s. 11.0505 or by a person under subchapter VII together with the  
17 record of each candidate to whom it relates.

18 (9) Determine whether each report or statement required to be filed under this  
19 chapter has been filed in the form and by the time prescribed by law, and whether  
20 it conforms on its face to the requirements of this chapter.

21 (10) Immediately send to any committee or conduit which is delinquent in  
22 filing, or which has filed otherwise than in the proper form, a notice that the  
23 committee or conduit has failed to comply with this chapter. Whenever a candidate  
24 committee has appointed an individual other than the candidate as campaign

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1 treasurer, the board shall send the notice to both the candidate and the treasurer of  
2 the candidate committee.

3 (11) Receive and maintain in an orderly manner all reports and statements  
4 required to be filed with the state under the federal election campaign act. The board  
5 shall:

6 (a) Preserve such reports and statements for a period of 6 years from date of  
7 receipt.

8 (b) Compile and maintain a current list of all reports and statements pertaining  
9 to each candidate who is required to file a report or statement under the federal  
10 election campaign act.

11 (c) Promptly compile and release for public inspection a list of all reports  
12 received from candidates for national office and from committees supporting or  
13 opposing such candidates which are required to be filed with the state under the  
14 federal election campaign act, as soon as possible after each deadline for receipt of  
15 such reports as provided by federal law.

16 (12) Make the reports and statements filed under this chapter, including those  
17 reports and statements filed under sub. (11), available on the board's Internet site  
18 for public inspection and copying, commencing as soon as practicable but not later  
19 than the end of the 2nd day following the day during which they are received.

20 (13) Upon the request of any person, permit copying of any report or statement  
21 described under sub. (12) by hand or by duplicating machine at cost.

22 (14) Include in its biennial report under s. 15.04 (1) (d) compilations of any of  
23 the following in its discretion:

24 (a) Total reported contributions, disbursements, and incurred obligations for  
25 all committees registered and reporting under this chapter during the biennium.

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1 (b) Total amounts contributed during the biennium, reported by contribution  
2 amounts as determined by the board, to each type of committee registered and  
3 reporting under this chapter.

4 (c) Total amounts expended during the biennium, reported by disbursement  
5 amounts as determined by the board, by each type of committee registered and  
6 reporting under this chapter.

7 (d) Total amounts expended for influencing nominations and elections  
8 whenever separate information is reported.

9 (e) Aggregate amounts contributed by any contributors shown to have  
10 contributed more than \$100.

11 (15) Prepare and publish from time to time special reports comparing the  
12 various totals and categories of contributions and disbursements made with respect  
13 to preceding elections.

14 (16) Make available a list of delinquents for public inspection.

15 (17) Promulgate rules to administer this chapter.

**SUBCHAPTER XIV****PENALTIES**

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18 **11.1400 Civil penalties.** (1) Any person who violates this chapter may be  
19 required to forfeit not more than \$500 for each violation.

20 (2) In addition to the penalty under sub. (1), any person who is delinquent in  
21 filing a report required by this chapter may be required to forfeit not more than \$50  
22 or one percent of the annual salary of the office for which the candidate is being  
23 supported or opposed, whichever is greater, for each day of delinquency.

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1           **(3)** Notwithstanding sub. (1), any person who makes any contribution in  
2 violation of this chapter may be required to forfeit treble the amount of the  
3 contribution or portion of that contribution which is illegally contributed.

4           **(4)** Notwithstanding sub. (1), any person who violates s. 11.0102 (3) or 11.1208  
5 shall forfeit \$10 for each person who is solicited, but not more than \$1,000 for each  
6 report from which persons are solicited, in violation of s. 11.0102 (3) or 11.1208.

7           **(5)** Notwithstanding sub. (1), any person who is subject to a requirement to pay  
8 a filing fee under s. 11.0102 and who fails to pay that fee within the time prescribed  
9 in that section shall forfeit \$500 plus treble the amount of the fee payable by that  
10 person.

11           **(6)** Except as otherwise provided in ss. 5.05 (2m) (c) 15. and 16. and (h), 5.08,  
12 and 5.081, actions under this section may be brought by the board or, upon the board's  
13 determination of probable cause, by the district attorney for the county where the  
14 defendant resides or, if the defendant is a nonresident, by the district attorney for the  
15 county where the violation is alleged to have occurred. For purposes of this  
16 subsection, a person other than an individual resides within a county if the person's  
17 principal place of operation is located within that county.

18           **(7)** Any elector may file a verified petition with the board requesting that civil  
19 action under this chapter be brought against any person or committee. The petition  
20 shall allege such facts as are within the knowledge of the petitioner to show probable  
21 cause that a violation of this chapter has occurred.

22           **(8)** When a candidate committee treasurer or candidate's agent incurs an  
23 obligation or makes a disbursement, that action by the treasurer or agent is imputed  
24 to the candidate for purposes of civil liability under this subchapter.

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1           **(9)** In civil actions under this chapter the acts of every member of a candidate  
2 committee are presumed to be with the candidate’s knowledge or approval until  
3 clearly proven otherwise.

4           **11.1401 Criminal penalties; prosecution.** **(1)** (a) Whoever intentionally  
5 violates s. 11.1204 or any registration or reporting requirement under this chapter  
6 is guilty of a Class I felony.

7           (b) Whoever intentionally violates subch. XI or s. 11.1201, 11.1208, or 11.1303  
8 is guilty of a Class I felony if the intentional violation does not involve a specific figure  
9 or if the intentional violation concerns a figure which exceeds \$100 in amount or  
10 value.

11           (c) Whoever intentionally violates any of the following may be fined not more  
12 than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than 6 months or both:

13           1. Any provision of this chapter other than those provided in par. (a).

14           2. Any provision under par. (b) if the violation concerns a specific amount or  
15 value not exceeding \$100.

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

23           **(3)** (a) If a successful candidate for public office, other than a candidate for the  
24 legislature, is adjudged guilty in a criminal action of any violation of this chapter  
25 under sub. (1) (a) or (b), or of any violation of ch. 12 under s. 12.60 (1) (a) committed

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1 during his or her candidacy, the court shall after entering judgment enter a  
2 supplemental judgment declaring a forfeiture of the candidate's right to office. The  
3 supplemental judgment shall be transmitted to the officer or agency authorized to  
4 issue the certificate of nomination or election to the office for which the person  
5 convicted is a candidate. If the candidate's term has not yet begun, the candidate  
6 shall not take office. If the candidate's term has begun, the office shall become  
7 vacant. The office shall then be filled in the manner provided by law.

8 (b) If a successful candidate for the legislature is adjudged guilty in a criminal  
9 action of any violation of this chapter under sub. (1) (a) or (b), or of any violation of  
10 ch. 12 under s. 12.60 (1) (a) committed during his or her candidacy, the court shall  
11 after entering judgment certify its findings to the presiding officer of the house of the  
12 legislature to which the candidate was elected.

13 **SECTION 25.** 12.07 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 12.07 (4) No person may, directly or indirectly, cause any person to make a  
15 contribution or provide any service or other thing of value to or for the benefit of a  
16 ~~candidate, political party or registrant~~ committee registered under s. ~~11.05~~ chapter  
17 11, with the purpose of influencing the election or nomination of a candidate to  
18 national, state or local office or the passage or defeat of a referendum by means of the  
19 denial or the threat of denial of any employment, position, work or promotion, or any  
20 compensation or other benefit of such employment, position or work, or by means of  
21 discharge, demotion or disciplinary action or the threat to impose a discharge,  
22 demotion or disciplinary action. This subsection does not apply to employment by  
23 a ~~candidate, political party or other registrant~~ committee registered under s. ~~11.05~~  
24 chapter 11 in connection with a campaign or political party activities.

25 **SECTION 26.** 12.08 of the statutes is amended to read:

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1           **12.08 Denial of government benefits.** No person may, directly or indirectly,  
2 cause any person to make a contribution or provide any service or other thing of value  
3 to or for the benefit of a ~~candidate, political party or registrant~~ committee registered  
4 under ~~s. 11.05~~ chapter 11, with the purpose of influencing the election or nomination  
5 of a candidate to national, state, or local office or the passage or defeat of a  
6 referendum by means of the denial or threat of denial of any payment or other benefit  
7 of a program established or funded in whole or in part by this state or any local  
8 governmental unit of this state, or a program which has applied for funding by this  
9 state or any local governmental unit of this state.

10           **SECTION 27.** 12.13 (3) (h) of the statutes is amended to read:

11           12.13 (3) (h) Deface, destroy or remove any legally placed election campaign  
12 advertising poster with intent to disrupt the campaign advertising efforts of any  
13 ~~candidate, or of any committee, group or individual~~ committee registered under ch.  
14 11, or alter the information printed thereon so as to change the meaning thereof to  
15 the disadvantage of the candidate or cause espoused. Nothing in this paragraph  
16 restricts the right of any owner or occupant of any real property, or the owner or  
17 operator of any motor vehicle, to remove campaign advertising posters from such  
18 property or vehicle.

19           **SECTION 28.** 12.60 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

20           12.60 (4) Prosecutions under this chapter shall be conducted in accordance  
21 with s. ~~11.61~~ 11.1401 (2).

22           **SECTION 29.** 13.62 (5g) of the statutes is amended to read:

23           13.62 (5g) “Candidate” has the meaning given under s. ~~11.01(1)~~ 11.0101 (1).

24           **SECTION 30.** 13.62 (5j) of the statutes is created to read:

25           13.62 (5j) “Candidate committee” has the meaning given in s. 11.0101 (2).



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1           **SECTION 31.** 13.62 (5r) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           13.62 (5r) “Communications media” has the meaning given under s. 11.01 (5)  
3           means newspapers, periodicals, commercial billboards and radio and television  
4           stations, including community antenna television stations.

5           **SECTION 32.** 13.62 (5u) of the statutes is created to read:

6           13.62 (5u) “Contribution” has the meaning given in s. 11.0101 (8).

7           **SECTION 33.** 13.62 (11t) of the statutes is repealed.

8           **SECTION 34.** 13.625 (1) (b) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

9           13.625 (1) (b) (intro.) ~~Furnish~~ Give to any agency official or legislative employee  
10          of the state or to any elective state official or candidate for an elective state office, or  
11          to the ~~official’s, employee’s or candidate’s personal campaign~~ candidate committee of  
12          the official, employee, or candidate:

13          **SECTION 35.** 13.625 (1) (b) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

14          13.625 (1) (b) 3. Food, meals, beverages, money or any other thing of pecuniary  
15          value, except that a lobbyist may make a ~~campaign~~ contribution to a partisan elective  
16          state official or candidate for national, state or local office or to the ~~official’s or~~  
17          ~~candidate’s personal campaign~~ candidate committee of the official or candidate; but  
18          a lobbyist may make a contribution to which ~~par. (e)~~ sub. (1m) applies only as  
19          authorized in ~~par. (e)~~ sub. (1m).

20          **SECTION 36.** 13.625 (1) (c) (intro.) of the statutes is renumbered 13.625 (1m) (a)  
21          (intro.) and amended to read:

22          13.625 (1m) (a) (intro.) Except as permitted provided in this subsection,  
23          ~~personally make~~ par. (b), a lobbyist may not do any of the following:

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1           1. Make a campaign personal contribution, as defined in s. 11.01 (6), to a  
2 partisan elective state official for the purpose of promoting the official's election to  
3 any national, state, or local office; ~~or,~~

4           2. Make a personal contribution to a candidate for a partisan elective state  
5 office to be filled at the general election or a special election; ~~or,~~

6           3. Make a personal contribution to the official's or candidate's personal  
7 campaign candidate committee of a partisan elective state official or candidate for  
8 partisan state elective office.

9           (b) A lobbyist may personally make a campaign personal contribution to a  
10 partisan elective state official or candidate for partisan elective state office or to the  
11 ~~personal campaign candidate~~ committee of the official or candidate in the year of a  
12 ~~candidate's election~~ between the first day authorized by law for the circulation of  
13 nomination papers as a candidate at a general election or special election and the day  
14 of the general election or special election, except that:

15           **SECTION 37.** 13.625 (1) (c) 1. of the statutes is renumbered 13.625 (1m) (b) 1.  
16 and amended to read:

17           13.625 (1m) (b) 1. A ~~campaign~~ contribution to a candidate for legislative office  
18 may be made during that period only if the legislature has concluded its final  
19 floorperiod, and is not in special or extraordinary session.

20           **SECTION 38.** 13.625 (1) (c) 2. of the statutes is renumbered 13.625 (1m) (b) 2.  
21 and amended to read:

22           13.625 (1m) (b) 2. A ~~campaign~~ contribution by a lobbyist to the lobbyist's  
23 campaign candidate committee for partisan elective state office may be made at any  
24 time.

25           **SECTION 39.** 13.625 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1           13.625 (2) No principal may engage in the practices prohibited under ~~sub.~~ subs.  
2           (1) (b) and (e) (1m). This subsection does not apply to the furnishing of  
3           transportation, lodging, food, meals, beverages, or any other thing of pecuniary value  
4           which is also made available to the general public.

5           **SECTION 40.** 13.625 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

6           13.625 (3) No candidate for an elective state office, elective state official, agency  
7           official, or legislative employee of the state may solicit or accept anything of  
8           pecuniary value from a lobbyist or principal, except as permitted under subs. (1) (b)  
9           3. ~~and (e), (1m),~~ (2), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8) and (9). No ~~personal-campaign~~ candidate  
10          committee of a candidate for state office may accept anything of pecuniary value from  
11          a lobbyist or principal, except as permitted for such a candidate under subs. (1) (b)  
12          3. ~~and (e), (1m),~~ (2), and (6).

13          **SECTION 41.** 13.625 (6r) of the statutes is amended to read:

14          13.625 (6r) Subsections (1) (b) ~~and (e), (1m),~~ and (3) do not apply to the  
15          furnishing of anything of pecuniary value by a lobbyist or principal to an employee  
16          of that lobbyist or principal who is a legislative official or an agency official solely  
17          because of membership on a state commission, board, council, committee or similar  
18          body if the thing of pecuniary value is not in excess of that customarily provided by  
19          the employer to similarly situated employees and if the legislative official or agency  
20          official receives no compensation for his or her services other than a per diem or  
21          reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of his  
22          or her duties, nor to the receipt of anything of pecuniary value by that legislative  
23          official or agency official under those circumstances.

24          **SECTION 42.** 13.69 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1           13.69 (6) Any candidate for an elective state office, elective state official, agency  
2 official, or legislative employee of the state who, or any ~~personal campaign~~ candidate  
3 committee which, violates s. 13.625 (3) may be required to forfeit not more than  
4 \$1,000.

5           **SECTION 43.** 13.695 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

6           13.695 (4) No officer or employee of an agency who is identified in a statement  
7 filed under this section may engage in the prohibited practices set forth in s. 13.625  
8 (1) (a) or (d), or use state funds to engage in the practices set forth in s. 13.625 (1) (b)  
9 or to make ~~campaign contributions as defined in s. 11.01 (6)~~ a contribution. This  
10 subsection does not prohibit an agency official who is identified in a statement filed  
11 under this section from authorizing salaries and other payments authorized by law  
12 to be paid to state officers, employees, consultants, or contractors, or candidates for  
13 state office, or from authorizing property or services of the agency to be provided for  
14 official purposes or other purposes authorized by law, whenever that action is taken  
15 in the normal course of affairs.

16           **SECTION 44.** 13.75 (intro.) of the statutes is renumbered 13.75 (1g) (intro.).

17           **SECTION 45.** 13.75 (1r) of the statutes is created to read:

18           13.75 (1r) The board may accept payment under this section by credit card,  
19 debit card, or other electronic payment mechanism, and may charge a surcharge to  
20 recover the actual cost associated with the acceptance of that electronic payment.

21           **SECTION 46.** 15.60 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

22           15.60 (5) No member, for one year immediately prior to the date of nomination  
23 may have been, or while serving on the board may become, a member of a political  
24 party, an officer or member of a committee in any partisan political club or

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1 organization, or an officer or employee of a ~~registrant~~ committee registered under s.  
2 ~~11.05~~ ch. 11.

3 **SECTION 47.** 15.60 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 15.60 (6) No member, while serving on the board, may become a candidate, as  
5 defined in s. ~~11.01(1)~~ 11.0101 (1), for state office or local office, as defined in s. 5.02.

6 **SECTION 48.** 15.60 (7) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 15.60 (7) No member, while serving on the board, may make a contribution, as  
8 defined in s. ~~11.01(6)~~ 11.0101 (8), to a candidate, as defined in s. ~~11.01(1)~~ 11.0101  
9 (1), for state office or local office, as defined in s. 5.02. No individual who serves as  
10 a member of the board, for 12 months prior to beginning that service, may have made  
11 a contribution, as defined in s. ~~11.01(6)~~ 11.0101 (8), to a candidate for a partisan state  
12 or local office, as defined in s. 5.02.

13 **SECTION 49.** 15.79 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 15.79 (2) (b) Directly or indirectly solicit or receive any contribution, as defined  
15 in s. ~~11.01(6)~~, for any political purpose, as defined in s. ~~11.01(16)~~ 11.0101 (8), from  
16 any person within or outside of the state.

17 **SECTION 50.** 19.42 (3m) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 19.42 (3m) “Candidate,” except as otherwise provided, has the meaning given  
19 in s. ~~11.01(1)~~ 11.0101 (1).

20 **SECTION 51.** 19.45 (13) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 19.45 (13) No state public official or candidate for state public office may,  
22 directly or by means of an agent, give, or offer or promise to give, or withhold, or offer  
23 or promise to withhold, his or her vote or influence, or promise to take or refrain from  
24 taking official action with respect to any proposed or pending matter in consideration  
25 of, or upon condition that, any other person make or refrain from making a political

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1 contribution, or provide or refrain from providing any service or other thing of value,  
2 to or for the benefit of a candidate, a political party, any person who is subject to a  
3 registration requirement committee registered under s. ~~11.05~~ ch. 11, or any person  
4 making a communication that contains a reference to a clearly identified state public  
5 official holding an elective office or to a candidate for state public office.

6 **SECTION 52.** 19.579 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 19.579 (1) Except as provided in sub. (2), any person who violates this  
8 subchapter may be required to forfeit not more than \$500 for each violation of s.  
9 19.43, 19.44, or 19.56 (2) or not more than \$5,000 for each violation of any other  
10 provision of this subchapter. If the court determines that the accused has realized  
11 economic gain as a result of the violation, the court may, in addition, order the  
12 accused to forfeit the amount gained as a result of the violation. In addition, if the  
13 court determines that a state public official has violated s. 19.45 (13), the court may  
14 order the official to forfeit an amount equal to the amount or value of any political  
15 contribution, service, or other thing of value that was wrongfully obtained. If the  
16 court determines that a state public official has violated s. 19.45 (13) and no political  
17 contribution, service, or other thing of value was obtained, the court may order the  
18 official to forfeit an amount equal to the maximum contribution authorized under s.  
19 ~~11.26~~ 11.1101 (1) for the office held or sought by the official, whichever amount is  
20 greater. The attorney general, when so requested by the board, shall institute  
21 proceedings to recover any forfeiture incurred under this section which is not paid  
22 by the person against whom it is assessed.

23 **SECTION 53.** 19.59 (1) (br) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 19.59 (1) (br) No local public official or candidate for local public office may,  
25 directly or by means of an agent, give, or offer or promise to give, or withhold, or offer

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1 or promise to withhold, his or her vote or influence, or promise to take or refrain from  
2 taking official action with respect to any proposed or pending matter in consideration  
3 of, or upon condition that, any other person make or refrain from making a political  
4 contribution, or provide or refrain from providing any service or other thing of value,  
5 to or for the benefit of a candidate, a political party, any person who is subject to a  
6 registration requirement committee registered under s. ~~11.05~~ ch. 11, or any person  
7 making a communication that contains a reference to a clearly identified local public  
8 official holding an elective office or to a candidate for local public office.

9 **SECTION 54.** 19.59 (7) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 19.59 (7) (b) Any person who violates sub. (1) may be required to forfeit not  
11 more than \$1,000 for each violation, and, if the court determines that a local public  
12 official has violated sub. (1) (br) and no political contribution, service or other thing  
13 of value was obtained, the court may, in addition, order the accused to forfeit an  
14 amount equal to the maximum contribution authorized under s. ~~11.26~~ 11.1101 (1) for  
15 the office held or sought by the official, whichever amount is greater.

16 **SECTION 55.** 20.511 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 20.511 (1) (a) *General program operations; general purpose revenue.*  
18 Biennially, the amounts in the schedule for general program operations of the board,  
19 including the printing of forms, materials, manuals, and election laws under ss. 7.08  
20 (1) (b), (3), and (4) and ~~11.21~~ 11.1304 (3) and (14), and the training of election officials  
21 under s. 5.05 (7).

22 **SECTION 56.** 20.511 (1) (i) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 20.511 (1) (i) *Elections administration; program revenue.* The amounts in the  
24 schedule for the administration of chs. 5 to 12. All moneys received from fees imposed  
25 under s. ~~11.055~~ (1) 11.0102 (2) shall be credited to this appropriation account.

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1           **SECTION 57.** 20.511 (1) (j) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           20.511 (1) (j) *Electronic filing software.* All moneys received from registrants  
3 who purchase software to be utilized for electronic filing of campaign finance reports  
4 under s. ~~11.21 (16)~~ 11.1304 (6), for the purpose of providing that software.

5           **SECTION 58.** 20.855 (6) (h) of the statutes is amended to read:

6           20.855 (6) (h) *Vehicle and aircraft receipts.* The amounts in the schedule for  
7 the purpose of subsidizing the cost of operation, maintenance, and depreciation of the  
8 vehicles and aircraft. All moneys received by state agencies under ss. ~~11.37~~ 11.1206  
9 and 20.916 (7) for political and other personal uses of state-owned vehicles and  
10 aircraft shall be credited to this appropriation. The department of administration  
11 may transfer moneys from this appropriation to the proper appropriation of any state  
12 agency from which state vehicle and aircraft costs are financed.

13           **SECTION 59.** 36.11 (1) (cm) of the statutes is amended to read:

14           36.11 (1) (cm) The board shall promulgate rules under ch. 227 prescribing the  
15 times, places, and manner in which political literature may be distributed and  
16 political campaigning may be conducted in state-owned residence halls. No such  
17 rule may authorize any activity prohibited under s. ~~11.36 (3)~~ 11.1207 (4) or (5).

18           **SECTION 60.** 111.365 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

19           111.365 (3) (a) The application of s. ~~11.36~~ 11.1207.

20           **SECTION 61.** 120.06 (6) (b) 5. of the statutes is amended to read:

21           120.06 (6) (b) 5. If a candidate has not filed a registration statement under s.  
22 ~~11.05~~ 11.0202 (1) (a) by the time he or she files a declaration of candidacy, the  
23 candidate shall file the statement with the declaration. A candidate shall file an  
24 amended declaration under oath with the school district clerk in the event of a  
25 change in any information provided in the declaration as provided in s. 8.21.



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1           **SECTION 62.** 185.03 (10) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           185.03 (10) (e) The cooperative dedicates any funds remaining unclaimed after  
3 the date specified in par. (b) to educational purposes, limited to providing  
4 scholarships or loans to students, or to charitable purposes, as the board determines,  
5 within one year after the date the funds are declared forfeited under par. (a). ~~In this~~  
6 ~~paragraph, educational purposes does not include political purposes as defined in s.~~  
7 ~~11.01 (16).~~

8           **SECTION 63.** 202.12 (5) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

9           202.12 (5) (a) 2. A candidate for national, state, or local office or a political party  
10 or other committee or group required to file financial information with the federal  
11 elections commission or a filing officer under s. ~~11.02~~ 11.0102 (1).

12           **SECTION 64.** 341.14 (6r) (fm) 1. b. of the statutes is amended to read:

13           341.14 (6r) (fm) 1. b. The group or organization is not a ~~political~~ committee, as  
14 ~~defined in s. 11.01 (4), or a political group,~~ as defined in s. ~~11.01 (10)~~ 11.0101 (6).

15           **SECTION 65.** 346.94 (16) (b) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

16           346.94 (16) (b) 2. The operator of a vehicle of a public utility, ~~as defined in s.~~  
17 ~~11.40 (1) (a).~~ In this paragraph, public utility means any corporation, company,  
18 individual, or association which furnishes products or services to the public, and  
19 which is regulated under ch. 195 or 196, including railroads, telecommunications or  
20 telegraph companies and any company furnishing or producing heat, light, power or  
21 water.

22           **SECTION 66.** 349.135 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

23           349.135 (2) (b) The operator of a vehicle of a public utility, ~~as defined in s. 11.40~~  
24 ~~(1) (a).~~ In this paragraph, public utility means any corporation, company, individual  
25 or association which furnishes products or services to the public, and which is

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1 regulated under ch. 195 or 196, including railroads, telecommunications or  
2 telegraph companies and any company furnishing or producing heat, light, power or  
3 water.

4 **SECTION 67.** 563.907 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 563.907 (3) (b) A political party, as defined in s. 5.02 (13), except a state  
6 committee political party registered under s. ~~11.05~~ and ~~organized exclusively for~~  
7 ~~political purposes~~ subch. III of ch. 11 under whose name candidates appear on a  
8 ballot at any election.

9 **SECTION 68.** 630.05 (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 **630.05 Political contributions.** (intro.) Section ~~11.38~~ 11.1112 applies to:

11 **SECTION 69.** 755.01 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 755.01 (4) Two or more cities, towns or villages of this state may enter into an  
13 agreement under s. 66.0301 for the joint exercise of the power granted under sub. (1),  
14 except that for purposes of this subsection, any agreement under s. 66.0301 shall be  
15 effected by the enactment of identical ordinances by each affected city, town or  
16 village. Electors of each municipality entering into the agreement shall be eligible  
17 to vote for the judge of the municipal court so established. If a municipality enters  
18 into an agreement with a municipality that already has a municipal court, the  
19 municipalities may provide by ordinance or resolution that the judge for the existing  
20 municipal court shall serve as the judge for the joint court until the end of the term  
21 or until a special election is held under s. 8.50 (4) (fm). Each municipality shall adopt  
22 an ordinance or bylaw under sub. (1) prior to entering into the agreement. The  
23 contracting municipalities need not be contiguous and need not all be in the same  
24 county. Upon entering into or discontinuing such an agreement, the contracting  
25 municipalities shall each transmit a certified copy of the ordinance or bylaw effecting

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1 or discontinuing the agreement to the appropriate filing officer under s. ~~11.02 (3e)~~  
2 11.0102 (1)(c) and to the director of state courts. When a municipal judge is elected  
3 under this subsection, candidates shall be nominated by filing nomination papers  
4 under s. 8.10 (6) (bm), and shall register with the filing officer specified in s. ~~11.02~~  
5 ~~(3e)~~.

6 **SECTION 70.** 758.13 (3) (g) 1. a. of the statutes is amended to read:

7 758.13 (3) (g) 1. a. “Candidate” has the meaning given in s. ~~11.01~~ 11.0101 (1).

8 **SECTION 71.** 758.13 (3) (g) 1. b. of the statutes is amended to read:

9 758.13 (3) (g) 1. b. “Contribution” has the meaning given in s. ~~11.01 (6)~~ 11.0101  
10 (8).

11 **SECTION 72.** 946.11 (2) (b) of the statutes is renumbered 946.11 (2) (b) (intro.)

12 and amended to read:

13 946.11 (2) (b) (intro.) “Privilege” ~~has the meaning designated under s. 11.40;~~  
14 means anything of value not available to the general public, but does not include  
15 compensation or fringe benefits provided as a result of employment by a public utility  
16 to a regular employee or pensioner when the following conditions are satisfied:

17 **SECTION 73.** 946.11 (2) (b) 1. and 2. of the statutes are created to read:

18 946.11 (2) (b) 1. The regular employee or pensioner is not compensated  
19 specifically for services performed for a purpose related to the election or nomination  
20 for election of an individual to state or local office, the recall from or retention in office  
21 of an individual holding a state or local office, or for the purpose of payment of  
22 expenses incurred as a result of a recount at an election.

23 2. The regular employee or pensioner is not compensated in excess of that  
24 provided to other regular employees or pensioners of like status.

25 **SECTION 74. Nonstatutory provisions.**

