2009 SENATE BILL 68

February 18, 2009 − Introduced by Senators HARSDORF, LEHMAN, COWLES, OLSEN, KEDZIE, LEIBHAM and HOPPER, cosponsored by Representatives SPANBAUER, BALLWEG, BIES, GUNDERSON, KAUFERT, KESTELL, PETERSEN, RIPP, STRACHOTA and TOWNSEND. Referred to Committee on Judiciary, Corrections, Insurance, Campaign Finance Reform, and Housing.

AN ACT ***to amend*** 11.06 (1) (intro.), 11.06 (3) (b) (intro.) and 11.12 (4) of the statutes; **relating to:** reporting of information by nonresident registrants under the campaign finance law.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, with certain exceptions, registrants under the campaign finance law are required to file regular reports with the appropriate filing officer or agency. The reports must identify contributors of more than $20 cumulatively within a calendar year; the occupation and principal place of employment, if any, of each contributor whose cumulative contributions within a calendar year exceed $100; the registrants from whom or to whom funds are transferred; other income exceeding $20; contributions donated to a charitable organization or the common school fund; loans exceeding $20, together with the identity of the lenders and guarantors, if any; disbursements (expenditures) and obligations exceeding $20; and certain information from registrants making disbursements independently of candidates. However, if a registrant does not maintain an office or street address within this state, the registrant need only identify contributions, transfers, loans, and other income received from sources in this state and disbursements and obligations incurred with respect to elections for state or local office in this state.

This bill deletes the exception for registrants who or which do not maintain an office or street address within this state, so that these registrants are required to report the same information as other registrants. The bill also requires nonresident registrants to include in their reports a separate statement of contributions,

transfers, loans, and other income received from sources in this state and disbursements and obligations incurred with respect to elections for state and local office in this state. The bill does not affect reporting by authorized committees of candidates for the office of U.S. senator or representative in Congress, national political party committees, and federally registered committees of state political parties that make no contributions to individuals or committees that are subject to a state registration requirement.

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

SECTION 1. 11.06 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

11.06 **(1)** CONTENTS OF REPORT. (intro.) Except as provided in subs. (2)~~, (3)~~ and (3m) and ss. 11.05 (2r) and 11.19 (2), each registrant under s. 11.05 shall make full reports, upon a form prescribed by the board and signed by the appropriate individual under sub. (5), of all contributions received, contributions or disbursements made, and obligations incurred. Each report shall contain the following information, covering the period since the last date covered on the previous report, unless otherwise provided:

SECTION 2. 11.06 (3) (b) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

11.06 **(3)** (b) (intro.) ~~Notwithstanding sub. (1), a~~ A nonresident registrant ~~shall report on a form prescribed by the board the applicable information~~ that makes a report under sub. (1) ~~concerning~~ shall ensure that the report separately states information under sub. (1) concerning all of the following, in a manner prescribed by the board:

SECTION 3. 11.12 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

11.12 **(4)** Each registrant shall report contributions, disbursements, and incurred obligations in accordance with s. 11.20. Except as permitted under s. 11.06

(2)~~, (3)~~ and (3m), each report shall contain the information which is required under s. 11.06 (1).

SECTION 4. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies with respect to reporting periods which begin on or after the effective date of this subsection.

(END)