

## Summary of Changes

### Who must register with Local Clerk:

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candidates for local office                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ §11.0202</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	no later than filing nomination papers or when they raise or spend any money on election	\$0
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recall Committee (local official)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ §9.10(2)(d)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	No later than the 1 <sup>st</sup> day to circulate recall petitions.	\$0. However, committees not circulating recall petitions do not have to register until receipt or expenditures in excess of \$2,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Referendum (local)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ §11.0801</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	10 business days after receipt of or disbursement of \$10,000+	<i>*Major purpose</i> to influence referendum - \$10,000+ contributions or disbursements

- All local PACs, Conduits and Independent Expenditure Committees now register with State (G.A.B.)

- Very few local referendum committees will be required to register under these new rules.

#### *\*Major Purpose:*

- Stated in entity's organizational or governing documents, bylaws, resolutions of governing body, or registration statement filed with local clerk, OR
- Uses more than 50% of total spending in a 12 month period on expenditures, including expenditures to support/oppose a referendum – total spending excludes fundraising or administrative expenses.

### Contribution Limits – Local Office [§11.1101.Wis. stats.]: (per campaign – 2 to 4 years depending on office)

Receiving Committee	From an Individual	From a Candidate Committee	From a PAC	From a Corporation
Referendum	No limits	No limits	No limits	No limits
Recall Committee	No limits	No limits	No limits	\$0
Local Candidate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater of \$500 or 2¢ times the population in the district</li> <li>• Not to exceed \$6,000</li> <li>• No aggregate limit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater of \$500 or 2¢ times the population in the district</li> <li>• Not to exceed \$6,000</li> <li>• No aggregate limit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater of \$400 or 2¢ times the population in the district</li> <li>• Not to exceed \$5,000</li> <li>• No aggregate limit</li> </ul>	\$0

- Local Candidate running for more than one office may form and register a separate committee for each office sought (County Board, Municipal Board, School Board)
  - Prior to 1-1-16 a candidate was only allowed one committee and if required to file reports had to file a copy with the clerk for each office sought.

## Finance Report Changes:

- Required to **itemize** (date, amount, name, address) **every contribution**
  - No longer allowed to not itemize donations of \$20 or less
  - Still allowed to accept anonymous donations up to \$10 per donor
- Provide **Occupation** (no employer info) for any individual donor over **\$200**
- January Continuing 2016 report is due **January 15, 2016**. (*see revised 2016 reporting schedule*)

## Exemption from filing campaign finance reports (per calendar year):

- Does not anticipate accepting contributions or making disbursements in excess of **\$2,000** in a calendar year.

## Duties of Clerk: §11.0102(3) Wis. stats.

- Notices to file campaign finance reports
  - No longer a required window on when to send
  - No longer required to send by 1<sup>st</sup> class mail
- Notify G.A.B./Ethics Commission of
  - Facts/evidence in clerk's possession of items may be grounds for civil action or criminal prosecution (*previously notified DA*)
- Electronic system (Excel, Word, etc...) to list all reports and statements received by or required of each committee registered
- Maintain copies of reports and registration 6 years

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<b>2016 Election Dates:</b>			
Spring Primary:	February 16, 2016	Spring Election:	April 5, 2016
Fall Primary:	August 9, 2016	Fall Election:	November 8, 2016

<b>2016 Reports</b>	<b>Filing Deadline</b>	<b>Reporting Period</b>
January Continuing	January 15, 2016	7/1/2015 thru 12/31/2015
Spring Pre-Primary	February 8, 2016	1/1/16 thru 2/1/16
Spring Pre- Election	March 28, 2016	2/2/16, or date of your last report thru 3/21/16
July Continuing	July 15, 2016	1/1/16 thru 6/30/16, or 3/22/16 thru 6/30/16
Fall Partisan Primary	August 1, 2016	7/1/16 thru 7/25/16
*4th Tuesday in September	September 27, 2016	7/26/16 thru 8/31/16, or 7/1/16 thru 8/31/16
Fall General Election	October 31, 2016	9/1/16 thru 10/24/16 or 7/1/16 thru 10/24/16
January Continuing	January 15, 2017	10/25/16 thru 12/31/16 or date of your last report thru 12/31/16

\*4th Tuesday in September is only required by candidates or committees (recall/referendum) for the fall election.

Spring Candidates and committees file: January Continuing 2016, Pre-Primary Spring, Pre-Election Spring, July Continuing 2016, and January Continuing 2017

Fall Candidates and committees file: January Continuing 2016, July Continuing 2016, Fall Pre-Primary, 4<sup>th</sup> Tues. September, Fall Pre-Election, January Continuing 2017