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Van Roy Votes to Ban Cash from Lobbyists

MADISON – Rep. Karl Van Roy (R-Howard) is pleased to announce that lobbyist cash will be eliminated from campaigns this fall, following the passage of an historic new ethics and election reform. Assembly Resolution 56 bans lobbyists from contributing to personal campaigns.

“People want strong ethics and elections laws,” said Van Roy. “Wisconsin has always been a pioneer in the fight to make laws that demand high ethical standards from public officials, so constituents will appreciate AR 56. Under this rule, candidates cannot accept a single penny of lobbyist cash for their campaigns, making sure that voters, not lobbyists, have the ear of state leaders.”

AR 56 passed unanimously on a vote of 96-0. The resolution explicitly prohibits members of the state Assembly from accepting personal campaign contributions from lobbyists and will take effect immediately upon becoming law. That way, said Van Roy, the measure will affect the fall elections.

“Wisconsin comes first,” said Van Roy. “Putting people ahead of lobbyists is the right thing to do. I’m here to represent my constituents, so the only special interest group I care about is the 90th Assembly district.”

Van Roy added that Wisconsin continues to be a leader in ethics and election reform. He noted that a recent letter from the director of the Wisconsin Ethics Board, the ethics watchdog agency for the state, cited that Wisconsin has been used as a model for ethics reform in several other states. In fact, the governor of Tennessee recently called Wisconsin’s lobbying law the most respected in the nation, he said.

“In keeping with our state motto, Wisconsin keeps moving forward,” said Van Roy. “And, if other states continue to model their reforms on Wisconsin law, AR 56 will certainly keep Wisconsin, as well as the states that emulate her, moving in the right direction too.”

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