

## Campaign Finance Update

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<http://www.legis.state.wi.us/lrb/pubs/tapthepower.htm>

Election law reform is a topic of perennial interest to both federal and state governments. Most revisions involve campaign finance reform: contribution limits, lobbying regulations, disclosure requirements, state grants to candidates, and the newest type of public financing – “Clean Elections”. Wisconsin’s first attempt to regulate election practices occurred with enactment of Chapter 385, Laws of 1897. This bibliography provides background as well as state, federal, and Wisconsin reforms. Both print and electronic resources are included.

### General Information

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- pt.2 *Campaign Finance: Constitutional and Legal Issues of Soft Money*. Updated January 10, 2005. <http://fpc.state.gov/documents/organization/41145.pdf>

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<http://campfin.polisci.wisc.edu/Wisc%20Camp%20Fin%20Proj%20-%20Public%20Funding%20and%20Competition.pdf>

*Dollars and Democracy: A Blueprint for Campaign Finance Reform / The Association of the Bar of the City of New York, Special Commission on Campaign Finance Reform. 2000. (325.52/As7)* A two-year study with recommendations for reform.

“Federal Campaign Finance Laws” / U.S. Federal Election Commission. [www.fec.gov/law/feca/feca.shtml](http://www.fec.gov/law/feca/feca.shtml)

*Money, Politics, and Campaign Finance Reform Law in the States / David Schultz, ed. 2002. (325.52/Sch8)*

*The New Campaign Finance Sourcebook / Anthony Corrado [et al.]. Brookings Institution. 2005. (325.52/B79a)*

*Overview of States’ Public Campaign Financing Programs / Connecticut Office of Legislative Research. August 2005. (325.52/C76)* [www.cga.ct.gov/2005/rpt/2005-R-0607.htm](http://www.cga.ct.gov/2005/rpt/2005-R-0607.htm)

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[www.legis.state.wi.us/lfb/Informationalpapers/89.pdf](http://www.legis.state.wi.us/lfb/Informationalpapers/89.pdf)

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[www.campaigndisclosure.org/](http://www.campaigndisclosure.org/) – Campaign Disclosure Project. "A project of the UCLA School of Law, the Center for Governmental Studies, and the California Voter Foundation, supported by The Pew Charitable Trusts."

[www.cato.org/research/crg/index.html](http://www.cato.org/research/crg/index.html) – Cato Institute, Center for Representative Government. "Government and Politics" reading lists on various topics, including campaign finance.

[www.stateaction.org/issues/issue.cfm/issue/CleanElections.xml](http://www.stateaction.org/issues/issue.cfm/issue/CleanElections.xml) – Center for Policy Alternatives. "Clean Elections."

[www.opensecrets.org/basics/links/state.asp](http://www.opensecrets.org/basics/links/state.asp) – Center for Responsive Politics. "Campaign Finance Links; State Resources."

[www.commoncause.org/site/pp.asp?c=dkLNK1MQIwG&b=191979](http://www.commoncause.org/site/pp.asp?c=dkLNK1MQIwG&b=191979) – Common Cause. "Money in Politics."

[www.campaignfinancesite.org/](http://www.campaignfinancesite.org/) – Hoover Institution.

[www.followthemoney.org](http://www.followthemoney.org) – The Institute on Money in State Politics. "Follow the Money: the Nation's Most Complete Resource for Information on Money in State Politics."

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[www.lii.org/pub/subtopic/776](http://www.lii.org/pub/subtopic/776) – "Librarians' Internet Index: Websites You Can Trust; Campaign Funds."

<http://nsl.org/programs/legman/about/campfin.htm> – National Conference of State Legislatures, Campaign Finance.

[www.publiccampaign.org/states/index.htm](http://www.publiccampaign.org/states/index.htm) – Public Campaign. "Clean Money, Clean Elections in the States!"

[www.fec.gov/](http://www.fec.gov/) – U.S. Federal Election Commission. "Administering and Enforcing Federal Campaign Finance Laws."

<http://campfin.polisci.wisc.edu/Index.asp> – University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Political Science. "Wisconsin Campaign Finance Project." Links, data, and publications.

[www.wisdc.org/](http://www.wisdc.org/) Wisconsin Democracy Campaign.

<http://ethics.state.wi.us/> Wisconsin Ethics Board.

<http://elections.state.wi.us/> Wisconsin State Elections Board.

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