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Fitzgerald Statement on Senate Passage of Campaign Finance Legislation

[Madison, WI] Today in an extraordinary session, the Wisconsin Senate passed an amended version of Assembly Bill 387 (Senate Bill 292) rewriting Wisconsin's antiquated campaign finance statutes. Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald released the following statement:

"Today the Wisconsin Senate took the long-overdue step of rewriting the state's outdated and cumbersome campaign finance regulations—a move mandated by state and federal courts which have rebuked Chapter 11 as, 'unconstitutionally overbroad and vague,' and, 'in serious need of legislative attention.'

Over the past several months we have heard from experts, our constituents, and the media and implemented the ideas we received to arrive at a bill that I believe our members can be proud to vote for. This legislation modernizes and simplifies our campaign finance statutes, retains and strengthens reporting requirements, and puts Wisconsin's campaign contribution limits in line with those of other states.

Campaign finance reform may not be a glamorous issue, and many may disagree with the current status quo imposed by the courts. However, our job as legislators is to ensure that our state statutes remain in compliance with state and federal law, and we have done that today."

The amended bill now moves again to the Wisconsin Assembly for final passage before being sent to the Governor.

Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald (R-Juneau) represent the 13th Senate District, which covers portions of Dodge, Jefferson, Waukesha, Washington, Dane, and Columbia counties.

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