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GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD

Omnibus Motion  
[LFB Papers 330 thru 333]

Motion:

Move the following:

1. *Agency Budget Reductions [Paper #330]*. Adopt Alternative 2 to delete the provision reducing \$7,600 PR annually from the lobbying administration; program revenue appropriation.
2. *Democracy Trust Fund [Paper #331]*. Adopt Alternative 4 which would delete the Democracy Trust Fund (DTF). Delete the back-up sum sufficient appropriation amount of \$1,499,500 GPR in 2011-12 and delete the \$644,000 GPR transfer from check-offs (\$328,000 in 2011-12 and \$316,000 in 2012-13). In addition, eliminate the \$2 check-off for the DTF beginning with tax year 2011.
3. *Wisconsin Election Campaign Fund [Paper #332]*. Adopt Alternative 3 which, effective with the enactment of the budget bill, would delete the Wisconsin Election Campaign Fund (WECF). Delete the GPR election campaign fund payments appropriations and its associated expenditure authority of \$164,000 GPR in 2011-12, and \$158,000 GPR in 2012-13. Lapse the unencumbered balance from the WECF to the general fund. It is estimated that this unencumbered balance will equal \$940,900 on July 1, 2011.
4. *Sale of Voter Registration Lists [Paper #333]*. Adopt the modification to amend the Board's PR annual material and services appropriation to provide that receipts from the sale of voter registration lists are not deposited to this appropriation. In addition, amend the definition of what constitutes the election administration fund to include revenue from the sale of voter registration lists.
5. *Implementation of Enrolled 2011 Assembly Bill 7: Requiring Voter Identification in Order to Vote*. Provide \$1,800,000 GPR in 2011-12, and 5.0 two-year GPR project positions to the Government Accountability Board's GPR biennial general program operations appropriation to implement the provisions of Enrolled 2011 Assembly Bill 7. The funds and positions would be utilized for public outreach and education, modification of the Statewide Voter Registration System, training of election officials, support of the Board's Help Desk, and forms and materials revision. Prior to expending any amounts for public outreach and education, require the Board to

submit its plan for public outreach and education (including specifying the amount of funding that would be utilized) to the Joint Committee on Finance under 14-day passive review. The plan would have to be submitted to the Committee by July 1, 2011, and the Board would be prohibited from implementing the plan prior to approval or modification of the plan by the Committee.

6. *Statements of Economic Interest.* Amend current law to specify that statements of economic interest and any information contained therein may only be available for public inspection and copying at the office of the Government Accountability Board.

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Note:

*May 24, 2011, Board Papers.* The motion would delete the budget reduction to the Board's lobbying administration; program revenue appropriation. The motion would also delete the Democracy Trust Fund and the Wisconsin Election Campaign Fund which provide public financing grants to qualifying candidates for Supreme Court Justice, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Treasurer, Secretary of State, Superintendent of Public Instruction, State Senate, and State Assembly. Further, the motion would adopt a modification to permit receipts from the sale of voter registration lists to be deposited to the election administration fund in order to comply with federal requirements.

*Enrolled 2011 Assembly Bill 7.* The motion would provide \$1.8 million GPR in 2011-12, and 5.0 GPR-funded two-year project positions to provide resources to the Board to implement the provisions of Enrolled Assembly Bill 7.

*Statements of Economic Interest.* Under current law, state public officials and certain state employees are required by statute to file annual statements of economic interest. Filers of these reports are generally required to disclose the identity of every organization with which the individual is associated, and the nature of his or her association with the organization. Typical disclosures include investments, business interests, mortgages and other loans.

Current law provides that the Government Accountability Board must make statements of economic interests filed with the Board available for public inspection and copying during regular office hours and make copying facilities available at a charge not to exceed actual cost. Current law also provides that the Board must report to a filer, as soon as possible in writing, the full name and address of any individual seeking to copy or obtain information from the filer's statement of economic interest. The Board currently posts information from filers' statements of economic interest on the Internet, and filers are not notified if their information posted on the Internet is reviewed. The motion would amend current law to provide that statements of economic interest and any information contained therein may only be available for public inspection and copying at the office of the Government Accountability Board.

[Change to Bill: -\$665,500 GPR and 5.0 GPR project positions, \$15,200 PR, and \$940,900 GPR-REV]