

+++ EXEMPTION FROM FILING CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS §11.0104 Wis. Stats. +++

This registrant is eligible for exemption. This registrant will not accept contributions, make disbursements or incur obligations in an aggregate amount of more than \$2,000 in a calendar year. I am aware that per statute §11.0104(2), exempt status is effective only for the calendar year it is granted, and must be renewed each year if the committee wishes to remain exempt from filing reports.

This registrant is no longer eligible to claim exemption.

Signature of Candidate or Treasurer

Date

Committee Name

Calendar Year of Exemption

ETHID# (if necessary)

Exemption From Filing Campaign Finance Reports

All committees must file campaign finance reports, unless they check the box to claim exemption and remain within those limits.

- A committee not collecting or spending more than \$2,000 total in a calendar year.
- Candidate committees and Party Committees must register before collecting or spending any money, but those committees may not have to file reports if they claim exemption.
- PACs and IECs do not have to register until they collect or spend more than \$2,500 in a calendar year. A PAC or IEC that is already registered, but will have limited activity for a calendar year, may claim exemption and would not have to file reports for that year.
- A referendum committee that does not collect or spend more than \$10,000 is not required to register.
- A recall committee that does not collect or spend more than \$2,000 is not required to register. A recall committee does not have to file reports unless it succeeds in forcing a recall election.

If a committee on exempt status exceeds any of the limits listed above:

- The committee must immediately file an amended ETHCF-1 with the appropriate filing officer, revoking the exempt status.
- The committee must report all campaign finance activity back to the beginning of the calendar year.

If a committee filed reports for the previous calendar year, and wishes to go on exempt status for the upcoming year, the committee must file a January Continuing report covering all activity through December 31st. Include an updated ETHCF-1 requesting exempt status for the upcoming year.

Renewing Exemption

Statute §11.0104(2) states that exemption is effective only for the calendar year it is granted. If a committee wishes to renew its exempt status, it must file the ETHCF-14 (Exemption Reverification) or a new ETHCF-1 before the closing of the first reporting period for which it would be required to file a report. Candidates on the ballot that calendar year may claim exemption when they first register, or renew their exemption from the previous calendar year, but a candidate on the ballot that calendar year may not claim exemption before the date of her/his election if he/she has not been on exempt status previously. See statute §11.0104(1) (b).