



2015 SENATE BILL 151

May 8, 2015 - Introduced by Senator FARROW, cosponsored by Representatives VORPAGEL, BALLWEG, JOHNSON, KRUG, TITTL, KAHL, ROHRKASTE, KLEEFISCH, R. BROOKS, RIPP, MILROY, STEFFEN, KERKMAN, BERCEAU, A. OTT, KULP, KITCHENS, THIESFELDT, KNODL, GENRICH, SPREITZER, KATSMAN and SINICKI. Referred to Committee on Elections and Local Government.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 11.33 (2m) of the statutes; **relating to:** communications by
2 members of the legislature.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, with certain exceptions, no person who is elected to state or local office and who becomes a candidate for national, state, or local office may use public funds for the cost of materials or distribution of 50 or more pieces of substantially identical material distributed during the period beginning on the first day for circulation of nomination papers as a candidate (or certain other dates for candidates who do not file nomination papers) and ending on the date of the election at which the person's name appears on the ballot, or on the date of the primary election at which the person's name so appears if the person is not nominated at the primary.

This bill provides that this prohibition does not apply to the cost of materials or distribution of a communication made by a member of the legislature to an address located within the legislative district represented by that member during the 45-day period following declaration of a state of emergency by the governor affecting any county in which the district is located if the communication relates solely to the subject of the emergency.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 11.33 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:

