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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Candidates in the Special Election for the 33<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District

**FROM:** Sharrie Hauge  
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**DATE:** November 1, 2005

**SUBJECT:** 33<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District Special Election

On November 1, 2005, Governor Doyle signed an order calling a special election for the 33<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District. The order was filed in the offices of the State Elections Board on Tuesday, November 01, 2005. The election will be held on January 10, 2006, and the primary, if required, will be held on December 13, 2005.

This memo contains information on deadlines associated with this special election, contribution limits, and grants from the Wisconsin Election Campaign Fund. Forms may be found on the State Elections Board website at <http://elections.state.wi.us> or by contacting the Elections Board office. If you have any questions about this information, please contact our office at 608-266-8005.

### Campaign Registration Statement

All candidates are required to file a Campaign Registration Statement ([EB-1](#)) as soon as they form the intent to become a candidate and before any funds are collected or spent. A current campaign registration statement can be amended by changing the office and the date of the election. ***If the registration statement is not filed by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 15, 2005, the candidate's name will not be placed on the ballot.***

### Nomination Papers

The first day to circulate nomination papers ([EB-168](#)) for the special elections is November 1, 2005, the day the order was filed in the offices of the State Elections Board. The last day to circulate nomination papers is November 15, 2005. ***Nomination papers must be submitted to the State Elections Board by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 15, 2005.*** They must contain at least 200 signatures and not more than 400 signatures for Representative to the Assembly.

### Declaration of Candidacy

***Candidates must complete and submit a Declaration of Candidacy ([EB-162](#)) by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 15, 2005.*** This form must be filed with the State Elections Board on time or the candidate's name will not appear on the ballot.

### Statement of Economic Interests

Candidates are required to file a Statement of Economic Interests for 2005 with the State Ethics Board, 44 East Mifflin, Suite 601, Madison, Wisconsin 53703-2800, 608-266-8123, by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, November 18, 2005. The form may also be printed from the Ethics Board website at <http://ethics.state.wi.us>. If this statement is not filed with the State Ethics Board by this deadline, the candidate's name will not appear on the ballot.

### **Campaign Finance Reports**

Special election candidates are required to file a Pre-Primary report, a Pre-Election report, and a Post-Election report. A Use of Grant report is required of those candidates applying for public financing. The specific information on these reports is listed below.

REPORT	DUE DATE	REPORTING PERIOD
Pre-Primary Report	December 5, 2005	From July 1, 2005, or the date of registration, through November 28, 2005
Pre-Election Report	January 3, 2006 **	**From November 29, 2005, through December 26, 2005.
January Continuing 2006	January 31, 2006 **	**December 27, 2005 through December 31, 2005.
Post-Election Report	February 9, 2006	From January 1, 2006 through February 1, 2006.
Use of Grant Report	February 9, 2006	

*\*\*Committees may choose file one report for both the Pre-Election and January Continuing by including the last 4 days of December on the report due January 3, 2006. Check both boxes on the report: Pre-Election Special & January Continuing 2006.*

### **Contribution Limits**

The contribution limits which apply to **state assembly campaigns** apply to this special election. Contributions from individuals and from single political committees, excluding political party committees, are limited to \$500 each. A candidate may accept no more than a total of \$7,763 from all political committees, excluding political party committees. A candidate may accept no more than \$11,213 from all political committees, including political party committees.

### **Grants from the Wisconsin Election Campaign Fund**

Candidates in these special elections are eligible to receive a grant from the Wisconsin Election Campaign Fund. ***The deadline for applying for a WECF grant ([EB-23](#)) is 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 15, 2005.***

The maximum amount an eligible **state assembly candidate** can receive is \$5,574. In order to qualify for a grant, a special election assembly candidate must raise \$863 in individual contributions of \$100 or less between September 15, 2005, and December 13, 2005. As a condition of receiving a grant, an assembly candidate must agree to limit their personal contributions to the campaign to \$1,000 and to limit campaign spending. The spending limits applicable to this special election are \$10,775 for each the primary and the election, with a total spending limit of \$17,250.

In special elections, candidates are required to only raise 5%, not the usual 10%, of the spending limit to qualify. However, the money must be raised in the 90 days before the primary. If the candidate's pre-primary report does not show sufficient qualifying contributions, it is the candidate's responsibility to file a Supplemental Report with the State Elections Board showing contributions received between November 29, 2005, and December 13, 2005. This report must be postmarked no later than December 20, 2005.

The last day for withdrawing an application for a grant is December 20, 2005.