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**CHAPTER 565.**

AN ACT to amend 346.25 and to create 346.235 of the statutes, relating to reports of expenditures by lobbyists and providing a penalty.

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

SECTION 1. 346.235 of the statutes is created to read:

346.235 LOBBYISTS TO FILE REPORTS; REPORTS TO LEGISLATURE.

(1) Every legislative counsel and agent required to have his name entered upon the legislative docket shall, beginning with the second Tuesday after the beginning of any regular or special session of the legislature and ending with the second Tuesday following the final adjournment of such session, file with the secretary of state a sworn statement of expenses made and obligations incurred by himself or any agent in connection with or relative to his activities as such counsel or agent during the full preceding calendar week, except that the first statement shall be for the period between the convening of the legislature and the end of the week prior to the time of the first filing. The statement shall be made on a form prescribed and furnished by the secretary of state and shall show for each day the disbursements made or obligations incurred, which shall be listed separately for meals, refreshments, entertainment, transportation and miscellaneous, to whom paid or to be paid, the total number of persons for whom the disbursements were made or obligations incurred, the amount for personal expense, and the subject of legislation or number of each bill or resolution in connection with which such disbursements were made or obligations incurred. All disbursements and obligations listed under the heading "miscellaneous" shall be specifically itemized so as to show the purpose for which each disbursement or obligation was made or incurred. The statement shall also show the total disbursements or obligations last reported, the total for the week, and the aggregate total at the end of each report period. If any such disbursement or obligation is made or incurred by an agent, the name and address of such agent shall be stated. No member or officer of the legislature shall act as such agent.

(2) Beginning with the third Tuesday following the beginning of any regular or special session of the legislature and on every

Thursday thereafter for the duration of such session, the secretary of state shall from his records report to each house of the legislature the names of legislative counsel and agents registered under section 346.20 who were not previously reported, the names of the persons whom they represent as such counsel or agent, and the subjects of legislation in which they are interested. Such reports shall be incorporated into the journal of each house. The secretary of state shall also forward to each house a copy of each statement required to be filed under subsection (1). Such copy shall be open to public inspection but shall not be incorporated in the journal unless the house so orders. This act shall apply equally to all state employes and state officials as well as to the members of the state legislature and any expenditures made or obligations incurred by any individual in behalf of any state official or employe shall be reported according to the provisions of this act.

SECTION 2. 346.25 of the statutes is amended to read:

346.25 Any person, corporation or association violating any provision of sections 346.20 to 346.26, shall for such offense be fined not less than \$200 nor more than \$5,000. Any person employed as legislative counsel or agent who shall fail to comply with any provision of sections 346.20 to 346.26, or who shall act as legislative counsel or agent contrary to the provisions of sections 346.20 to 346.26, shall be fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000, and shall be disbarred from acting in the capacity of a legislative counsel or agent for the period of 3 years from the date of such conviction. *Any person who fails to make and file the statement required by section 346.235 (1) shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$500 or by imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed 6 months or by both such fine and imprisonment. Any such person who shall file a false statement shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than 30 days nor more than one year.* It shall be the duty of the attorney general, upon information, to bring prosecutions for the violation of the provisions of sections 346.20 to 346.26.

SECTION 3. Within 10 days after the effective date of this act each person required to file the statement prescribed in section 1 shall file with the secretary of state a report showing the gross amount of expenditures made or obligations incurred by him or any agent in connection with or relative to his activities as legislative counsel or agent from the beginning of the 1945 session

to the end of the week preceding the effective date of this act. After the effective date of this act reports shall be filed as provided in section 1.

SECTION 5. Legislative counsel who register with the Secretary of State during the first week of any session of the Wisconsin Legislature for the duration of the session shall during the first week of each month file the account required by section 346.235.

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#### CHAPTER 566.

AN ACT to amend 41.22 of the statutes, relating to the membership of the board of trustees of the Stout institute.

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

41.22 of the statutes is amended to read:

41.22 The *members of the state board of vocational and adult education and the state director of vocational and adult education* shall \* \* \* constitute a body corporate under the name of the "Board of Trustees of the Stout Institute," and shall possess all powers necessary or convenient to accomplish the objects and perform the duties prescribed by law. In such capacity, such board shall also employ such clerks and assistants as may be necessary to properly conduct its affairs. The state treasurer shall be ex officio treasurer of the board, but the board shall appoint a suitable person to receive fees or other moneys that may be due such board, to account therefor, and to pay such moneys, within one week of their receipt, to the state treasurer. Such payments shall be credited to Stout institute.

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