



2005 ASSEMBLY BILL 872

December 9, 2005 - Introduced by Representatives McCORMICK, FREESE, KRAWCZYK, GUNDRUM, KREIBICH and BERCEAU, cosponsored by Senator OLSEN. Referred to Committee on Campaigns and Elections.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 11.386 of the statutes; **relating to:** political contributions by
2 government contractors.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill prohibits any person who enters into a contract with this state or an agency of the state or any local governmental unit in this state for the furnishing of any materials, supplies, equipment, or services, or for the selling of any land or building, if payment therefor is to be made from public funds, from making a political contribution for any purpose other than to promote or defeat a referendum. The prohibition applies during the period beginning with the submittal of a bid or the commencement of negotiations for and ending with the later of the completion of performance under or the withdrawal of the bid or termination of negotiations for the contract or furnishing of the materials, supplies, equipment, or service or the selling of the land or building. The bill also prohibits any person from knowingly soliciting any such contribution from any such person for any such purpose during any such period. Currently, there is no similar prohibition.

Violators are subject to a forfeiture (civil penalty) of treble the amount or value of any unlawful contribution. Intentional violators are guilty of a misdemeanor and may be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than six months or both.

Because this bill creates a new crime or revises a penalty for an existing crime, the Joint Review Committee on Criminal Penalties may be requested to prepare a

