

## “Restore Integrity Tour”

### **Cronies & Corruption**

- 1) “Political Appointment Reform Act”: AB 313
  - a. This bill repeals parts of Act 10 that allowed Governor Walker to appoint 32 unqualified politically connected cronies to high powered positions that used to be appointed by the Civil Service.
- 2) “Administrative Corruption Prevention Act”
  - a. This bill prohibits anyone affected by proposed administrative rules from contributing to the campaign of the Governor and other committees while the rule is being reviewed.
  - b. This problem was created in Act 21, which gave the Governor veto over administrative rules. This bill eliminates the possibility of pay for play.
- 3) “Campaign Embezzlement Act”
  - a. This bill creates a higher penalty for embezzling funds from a non-profit and directing the funds to political enterprises.
  - b. The public needs to have absolute faith that our charities and non-profit groups are not being used as slush funds to aid politicians.
- 4) “Integrity in Contracting Act”
  - a. Provides that anyone working on procurement for an agency be registered as a lobbyist and therefore be subject to all regulations lobbyists are subject to.
  - b. Creates a procurement cooling off period of 1 year for staff leaving State employ and working on procurement.
  - c. We should not have a revolving door from state employment to state contracts and funds.
- 5) “Political Appointment Transparency Act”
  - a. Requires the Governor’s office to maintain an employment transparency website for all non-civil services political appointments made by the governor.
  - b. Requires that any job that is available be publically noticed when it is available for interested individuals to have an opportunity to apply.
  - c. Requires that when a position is filled - the job title, name of individual, salary, salary of the person who previously held that position, and a brief explanation of the qualifications of the person hired the job would be made available.

### **Money in Politics**

- 6) “Recall Fundraising Loophole Reform Act”: AB 296
  - a. Eliminates the statute that allows unlimited fundraising during a recall petition period.
- 7) “Budget Fundraising Ban”: AB 264
  - a. Bans fundraising while the budget is under debate.
- 8) “Restore Clean Elections Fund”: AB 317
  - a. Restores the Clean Elections Fund which was raided during the budget
- 9) “Contracts for Cash”
  - a. This bill prohibits state contractors from giving campaign contributions.
  - b. State contracts should not be up for sale to the highest bidder.
- 10) “ALEC Accountability Act”
  - a. The ALEC Accountability Act would apply existing lobbying laws to any organization or person who advocates for the introduction of model legislation

and require organizations who offer “scholarships” to legislators to disclose their corporate sponsors.

### **Restoring Judicial Integrity**

#### 11) “Restoring Judicial Integrity Act”

- a. Requires a judge to disqualify themselves from participating in a legal proceeding or action if a reasonable person would question whether the judge could act in an impartial manner.
- b. Provides that if a Supreme Court Justice denies a motion to disqualify themselves from an action, the Court may review that decision to deny the motion, and may either affirm or reverse the justice’s decision.
- c. Requires that whenever a party to a case donates to a judge presiding over their case, they must notify the judge and every party in the case within 5 days.
- d. Provides that a Supreme Court Justice is subject to discipline by a panel of three court of appeals judges, instead of the Supreme Court.
- e. Requires the Supreme Court to assign a temporary court of appeals judge to aid in the disposition of judicial disciplinary proceedings in the supreme court to provide an odd number of justices for the consideration of the proceedings. This is to ensure the Court would be able to reach a majority decision.
- f. In cases where the Supreme Court is equally divided on the question of appropriate discipline or action, the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations of the panel of judges are binding.

#### 12) “Watchdog Independence Act”: AB 355

- a. Restores GAB’s independence in the rule-making process.

#### 13) Fee Contingency Recusal

- a. Requires a judge or justice to recuse himself or herself from any case if any attorney involved ever represented the judge or justice under a fee-contingency arrangement

#### 14) Taxpayer Accountability in Attorney’s Fees

- a. Provides the full legislature must approve attorneys fees over the threshold of \$500,000
- b. Provides the JFC approve attorneys fees over \$100,000

#### 15) Judicial Disqualification Act

- a. Disqualifies a judge from presiding over a case where counsel has represented the judge within the previous 5 years.

#### 16) Venue Shopping

- a. Legislation to stop elected officials from shopping for a specific court.

### **Open Meetings Open Records**

#### 17) “First Amendment Protection Act”

- a. DOA is in charge of writing rules to govern state properties.
- b. This says that DOA may not promulgate or enforce a policy related to access that would infringe on citizens constitutional rights of speech, assembly, and petitioning their government.

#### 18) AJR 52 “Open Meetings Constitutional Amendment”

- a. This constitutional amendment calls on the legislature to follow open meetings laws, and creates penalties that are enforceable to those who break those laws.