

ALEC EXPOSED

"ALEC" has long been a secretive collaboration between Big Business and "conservative" politicians. Behind closed doors, they ghostwrite "model" bills to be introduced in state capitols across the country. This agenda-underwritten by global corporations—includes major tax loopholes for big industries and the super rich, proposals to offshore U.S. jobs and gut minimum wage, and efforts to weaken public health, safety, and environmental protections. Although many of these bills have become law, until now, their origin has been largely unknown. With **ALEC EXPOSED**, the Center for Media and Democracy hopes more Americans will study the bills to understand the depth and breadth of how big corporations are changing the legal rules and undermining democracy across the nation.

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- Kraft Foods, Inc.
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- Salt River Project
- Altria Client Services, Inc.
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- State Farm Insurance

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DID YOU KNOW? Corporations VOTED to adopt this. Through ALEC, global companies work as "equals" in "unison" with politicians to write laws to govern your life. Big Business has "a VOICE and a VOTE," according to newly exposed documents. **DO YOU?**

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Prohibition on Compensation Deductions Act

Did you know that global corporation Kraft Foods was the corporate co-chair in 2011?

Summary

The Prohibition on Compensation Deductions Act prohibits state agencies and political subdivisions of the state from deducting from the compensation of any employee any money from which a contribution is made to a political committee or to an intermediary through which any amount is provided to a political committee.

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Section 1. {Short Title.} This Act shall be known as the Prohibition on Compensation Deductions Act.

Section 2. {Legislative Declarations.}

Section 3. {Definitions.}

(A) "Intermediary" means a person who receives any amount that has been deducted by an agency, department, board, division, bureau, commission, or council of the state or any political subdivision thereof from the compensation of any employee by way of dues, fees, or assessments and who transfers any or all of such amount to a political committee.

(B) "Political committee" means any organization engaged in lobbying, electoral, and political activities which includes, but is not limited to, providing independent expenditures or contributions to any candidate, political party, voter registration campaign or any other political cause.

Section 4. {Deductions Prohibited.}

(A) No agency, department, board, division, bureau, commission, or council of the state or any political subdivision thereof shall deduct from the compensation of any employee:

(1) Any money from which a contribution is made directly to a political committee or through an intermediary;

(2) Any dues, fees, or assessments from which any amount is given, transferred, or donated to a political committee for any reason or from which a contribution is made to a political committee for any reason.

(B) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as prohibiting an employee of an agency, department, board, division, bureau, commission, or council of the state or any political subdivision thereof from making contributions from his or her personal funds to a political committee.

Section 5. {Severability Clause.}

Were your laws repealed?

Section 6. {Repealer Clause.}

Section 7. {Effective Date.}

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Center for Media and Democracy's quick summary

This bill will limit funding for public employee unions by prohibiting public employers from deducting union dues from worker paychecks. Unions will have to collect dues directly from workers, reducing total dues that the unions will collect, and distracting from other workplace or union member issues by requiring unions focus energy on the task of collecting dues.

This is part of the package of public labor union reforms Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker put forth in his "Budget Repair Bill," 2011 Wisconsin Act 10.