

400 (b) "Poll" does not include:

401 (i) a ballot; or

402 (ii) an interview of a focus group that is conducted, in person, by one individual, if:

403 (A) the focus group consists of more than three, and less than thirteen, individuals; and

404 (B) all individuals in the focus group are present during the interview.

405 (39) "Primary election" means any regular primary election held under the election

406 laws.

407 (40) "Public office" means the office of governor, lieutenant governor, state auditor,

408 state treasurer, attorney general, state ~~H~~→ [or local] ←~~H~~ school board member, state senator, state

409 representative, speaker of the House of Representatives, president of the Senate, and the leader,

410 whip, and assistant whip of any party caucus in either house of the Legislature.

411 (41) (a) "Public service assistance" means the following when given or provided to an

412 officeholder to defray the costs of functioning in a public office or aid the officeholder to

413 communicate with the officeholder's constituents:

414 (i) a gift, subscription, donation, unpaid or partially unpaid loan, advance, or deposit of
415 money or anything of value to an officeholder; or

416 (ii) goods or services provided at less than fair market value to or for the benefit of the
417 officeholder.

418 (b) "Public service assistance" does not include:

419 (i) anything provided by the state;

420 (ii) services provided without compensation by individuals volunteering a portion or all
421 of their time on behalf of an officeholder;

422 (iii) money lent to an officeholder by a financial institution in the ordinary course of
423 business;

424 (iv) news coverage or any publication by the news media; or

425 (v) any article, story, or other coverage as part of any regular publication of any
426 organization unless substantially all the publication is devoted to information about the
427 officeholder.

428 (42) "Publicly identified class of individuals" means a group of 50 or more individuals

429 sharing a common occupation, interest, or association that contribute to a political action

430 committee or political issues committee and whose names can be obtained by contacting the