

Cullen prepares to fundraise for potential gov bid

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Former Dem state Sen. Tim Cullen tells WisPolitics.com he is taking steps today to allow him to begin fundraising for an expected gubernatorial bid next year.

Cullen, D-Janesville, stopped short of saying he will run for gov no matter what. But he said changing his registration with the Ethics Commission and opening a bank account are in advance of a formal announcement of his intention.

“If I wasn’t serious about running, I wouldn’t be doing this,” Cullen said. “You don’t do this to announce you’re not going to run.”

Cullen said he plans to make a formal announcement next month. In the meantime, he plans to begin raising money, attend Dem district conventions and continue meeting with others as he works toward officially getting into the race.

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Cullen said he does not have an immediate fundraising goal, and the money raised will go toward a formal announcement and rollout of the campaign. His first campaign finance report would be due in July.

“Filing this is a significant step towards going ahead and rolling out a campaign,” he said.