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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 496

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Elections Finance and Policy
02/01/2023 Adoption of Report: Placed on the General Register as Amended
Read for the Second Time

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to ethics in government; prohibiting certain contributions made to attend
1.3 an event or gain access during the legislative session; amending Minnesota Statutes
1.4 2022, section 10A.273, subdivision 1.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.273, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. Contributions during legislative session. (a) A candidate for the
1.8 legislature or for constitutional office, the candidate's principal campaign committee, or a
1.9 political committee or party unit established by all or a part of the party organization within
1.10 a house of the legislature, must not solicit or accept a contribution from a registered lobbyist,
1.11 political committee, political fund, or an association not registered with the board during a
1.12 regular session of the legislature.

1.13 (b) A registered lobbyist, political committee, political fund, or an association not
1.14 registered with the board must not make a contribution to a candidate for the legislature or
1.15 for constitutional office, the candidate's principal campaign committee, or a political
1.16 committee or party unit established by all or a part of the party organization within a house
1.17 of the legislature during a regular session of the legislature.

1.18 (c) Regardless of when made, a contribution made by a lobbyist, political committee,
1.19 or political fund in order to attend an event that occurs during a regular session of the
1.20 legislature and that is held by the principal campaign committee of a candidate for the
1.21 legislature or constitutional office, or by a political party organization within a body of the
1.22 legislature, is a violation of this section.

2.1 (d) Regardless of when made, a contribution from a lobbyist, political committee, or
2.2 political fund for membership or access to a facility operated during the regular session of
2.3 the legislature by the principal campaign committee of a candidate for the legislature or
2.4 constitutional office, or by a political party organization within a body of the legislature, is
2.5 a violation of this section.

2.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.