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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to State Government Finance and Policy and Elections

1.1 A bill for an act  
 1.2 relating to public employment; prohibiting exclusive representatives from requiring  
 1.3 political contributions; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter  
 1.4 179A.

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

1.6 Section 1. [179A.065] VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS.

1.7 (a) This section applies to an exclusive representative of employees whose collective  
 1.8 bargaining agreements are subject to approval under section 3.855.

1.9 (b) An exclusive representative may not require a contribution to a candidate, principal  
 1.10 campaign committee, political party, political committee, political fund, or political action  
 1.11 committee as a condition of membership or participation in the exclusive representative.

1.12 (c) An exclusive representative wishing to make expenditures for political purposes  
 1.13 must make the expenditures only from a separate political fund that is apart from any fund  
 1.14 or account containing money received by an exclusive representative as dues. The exclusive  
 1.15 representative must ensure that each contribution to the political fund is made voluntarily  
 1.16 and specifically to that fund. An exclusive representative may not transfer money paid as  
 1.17 dues to its political fund. For purposes of this section, "political purposes" means an act  
 1.18 done with the intent or in a way to influence or tend to influence, directly or indirectly, any  
 1.19 person to refrain from voting or to vote for or against any ballot question, or for or against  
 1.20 any candidate for public office at any caucus, political convention, primary, or election.