JRM/JU

S.F. No. 2184

(SENATE AUTHORS: CARLSON, Laine and Marty)				
DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS		
03/20/2017	1577	Introduction and first reading		
		Referred to State Government Finance and Policy and Elections		
04/03/2017	3055	Author added Marty		

SENATE STATE OF MINNESOTA NINETIETH SESSION

1.1	A bill for an act
1.2 1.3 1.4 1.5	relating to campaign finance; modifying definition of expressly advocating; providing for disclosure of electioneering communications; amending prorating method for contributions or use of general treasury money; providing penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, sections 10A.01, subdivision 16a; 10A.121,
1.6 1.7	subdivision 1; 10A.20, subdivision 3; 10A.244; 10A.25, subdivision 3a; 10A.27, subdivision 15; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 10A.
1.8	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
1.9	Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 10A.01, subdivision 16a, is amended to read:
1.10	Subd. 16a. Expressly advocating. "Expressly advocating" means:
1.11	(1) that a communication clearly identifies a candidate and uses words or phrases of
1.12	express advocacy- <u>; or</u>
1.13	(2) that a communication when taken as a whole and with limited reference to external
1.14	events, such as the proximity to the election, is susceptible of no reasonable interpretation
1.15	other than as an appeal advocating the election or defeat of one or more clearly identified
1.16	candidates.
1.17	Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 10A.121, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
1.18	Subdivision 1. Permitted disbursements. An independent expenditure political
1.19	committee or fund, or a ballot question political committee or fund, may:
1.20	(1) pay costs associated with its fund-raising and general operations;
1.21	(2) pay for communications that do not constitute contributions or approved expenditures;

2.1	(3) make contributions to independent expenditure or ballot question political committees
2.2	or funds;
2.3	(4) make independent expenditures;
2.4	(5) make expenditures to promote or defeat ballot questions;
2.5	(6) return a contribution to its source;
2.6	(7) for a political fund, record bookkeeping entries transferring the association's general
2.7	treasury money allocated for political purposes back to the general treasury of the association;
2.8	and
2.9	(8) for a political fund, return general treasury money transferred to a separate depository
2.10	to the general depository of the association-; and
2.11	(9) make disbursements for electioneering communications.
2.12	Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 10A.20, subdivision 3, is amended to read:
2.13	Subd. 3. Contents of report. (a) The report required by this section must include each
2.14	of the items listed in paragraphs (b) to (o) that are applicable to the filer. The board shall
2.15	prescribe forms based on filer type indicating which of those items must be included on the
2.16	filer's report.
2.17	(b) The report must disclose the amount of liquid assets on hand at the beginning of the
2.18	reporting period.
2.19	(c) The report must disclose the name, address, employer, or occupation if self-employed,
2.20	and registration number if registered with the board, of each individual or association that
2.21	has made one or more contributions to the reporting entity, including the purchase of tickets
2.22	for a fund-raising effort, that in aggregate within the year exceed \$200 for legislative or
2.23	statewide candidates or more than \$500 for ballot questions, together with the amount and
2.24	date of each contribution, and the aggregate amount of contributions within the year from
2.25	each source so disclosed. A donation in kind must be disclosed at its fair market value. An
2.26	approved expenditure must be listed as a donation in kind. A donation in kind is considered
2.27	consumed in the reporting period in which it is received. The names of contributors must
2.28	be listed in alphabetical order. Contributions from the same contributor must be listed under
2.29	the same name. When a contribution received from a contributor in a reporting period is
2.30	added to previously reported unitemized contributions from the same contributor and the
2.31	aggregate exceeds the disclosure threshold of this paragraph, the name, address, and

employer, or occupation if self-employed, of the contributor must then be listed on thereport.

3.3 (d) The report must disclose the sum of contributions to the reporting entity during the3.4 reporting period.

(e) The report must disclose each loan made or received by the reporting entity within
the year in aggregate in excess of \$200, continuously reported until repaid or forgiven,
together with the name, address, occupation, principal place of business, if any, and
registration number if registered with the board of the lender and any endorser and the date
and amount of the loan. If a loan made to the principal campaign committee of a candidate
is forgiven or is repaid by an entity other than that principal campaign committee, it must
be reported as a contribution for the year in which the loan was made.

3.12 (f) The report must disclose each receipt over \$200 during the reporting period not
3.13 otherwise listed under paragraphs (c) to (e).

- 3.14 (g) The report must disclose the sum of all receipts of the reporting entity during the3.15 reporting period.
- 3.16 (h) The report must disclose the <u>following:</u>

3.17 (1) the name, address, and registration number if registered with the board of each
3.18 individual or association to whom aggregate expenditures, approved expenditures,
3.19 independent expenditures, and ballot question expenditures, and disbursements for
3.20 electioneering communications have been made by or on behalf of the reporting entity
3.21 within the year in excess of \$200, together with;

3.22 (2) the amount, date, and purpose of each expenditure and;

3.23 (3) the name and address of, and office sought by, each candidate on whose behalf the
3.24 expenditure was made, or, in the case of electioneering communications, each candidate
3.25 identified positively in the communication;

- 3.26 (4) identification of the ballot question that the expenditure was intended to promote or 3.27 defeat and an indication of whether the expenditure was to promote or to defeat the ballot 3.28 question; and
- (5) in the case of independent expenditures made in opposition to a candidate or
 electioneering communications in which a candidate is identified negatively, the candidate's
 name, address, and office sought. A reporting entity making an expenditure on behalf of
 more than one candidate for state or legislative office must allocate the expenditure among
 the candidates on a reasonable cost basis and report the allocation for each candidate.

4.1 (i) The report must disclose the sum of all expenditures made by or on behalf of the4.2 reporting entity during the reporting period.

(j) The report must disclose the amount and nature of an advance of credit incurred by
the reporting entity, continuously reported until paid or forgiven. If an advance of credit
incurred by the principal campaign committee of a candidate is forgiven by the creditor or
paid by an entity other than that principal campaign committee, it must be reported as a
donation in kind for the year in which the advance of credit was made.

(k) The report must disclose the name, address, and registration number if registered
with the board of each political committee, political fund, principal campaign committee,
or party unit to which contributions have been made that aggregate in excess of \$200 within
the year and the amount and date of each contribution.

4.12 (1) The report must disclose the sum of all contributions made by the reporting entity4.13 during the reporting period.

4.14 (m) The report must disclose the name, address, and registration number if registered
4.15 with the board of each individual or association to whom noncampaign disbursements have
4.16 been made that aggregate in excess of \$200 within the year by or on behalf of the reporting
4.17 entity and the amount, date, and purpose of each noncampaign disbursement.

4.18 (n) The report must disclose the sum of all noncampaign disbursements made within4.19 the year by or on behalf of the reporting entity.

4.20 (o) The report must disclose the name and address of a nonprofit corporation that provides
4.21 administrative assistance to a political committee or political fund as authorized by section
4.22 211B.15, subdivision 17, the type of administrative assistance provided, and the aggregate
4.23 fair market value of each type of assistance provided to the political committee or political
4.24 fund during the reporting period.

4.25

Sec. 4. [10A.201] ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICATIONS.

4.26 <u>Subdivision 1.</u> Electioneering communication. (a) "Electioneering communication"
4.27 means a communication distributed by television, radio, satellite, or cable broadcasting
4.28 system; by means of printed material, signs, or billboards; through the use of telephone
4.29 communications; or by electronic mail or electronic text messaging that:

- 4.30 (1) refers to a clearly identified candidate;
- 4.31 (2) is made within:

	01/19/17	REVISOR	JRM/JU	17-1882	as introduced
5.1	(i) 30 da	vs before a primary	v election or speci	al primary election for the	e office sought
5.2	by the candi				
			1 alastian ar grass	ial alastian for the office a	aught by the
5.3 5.4	candidate;	ays before a genera	i election of spec.	ial election for the office s	ought by the
5.4					
5.5	<u>(3) is tar</u>	geted to the relevan	nt electorate; and		
5.6	<u>(4) is ma</u>	de without the expr	ress or implied con	nsent, authorization, or coc	peration of, and
5.7	not in conce	rt with or at the rec	uest or suggestio	n of, a candidate or a cand	idate's principal
5.8	campaign co	ommittee or agent.			
5.9	(b) Elect	ioneering commun	ication does not i	nclude:	
5.10	<u>(1) the p</u>	ublishing or broad	casting of news it	ems or editorial comments	by the news
5.11	media;				
5.12	<u>(2)</u> a con	nmunication that co	onstitutes an appr	oved expenditure or an inc	dependent
5.13	expenditure	- 2			
5.14	<u>(3)</u> a vote	er guide, which is a	pamphlet or simil	ar printed material, intende	ed to help voters
5.15	compare car	ndidates' positions	on a set of issues,	as long as each of the foll	owing is true:
5.16	<u>(i)</u> the gu	uide does not focus	on a single issue	or a narrow range of issue	es, but includes
5.17	questions an	d subjects sufficien	t to encompass ma	jor issues of interest to the	entire electorate;
5.18	(ii) the q	uestions and any o	ther description o	f the issues are clear and u	inbiased in both
5.19	their structu	re and content;			
5.20	(iii) the c	questions posed and	d provided to the	candidates are identical to	those included
5.21	in the guide	2			
5.22	(iv) each	candidate include	d in the guide is g	iven a reasonable amount	of time and the
5.23	same opport	tunity as other cand	lidates to respond	to the questions;	
5.24	(v) if the	candidate is given	limited choices f	or an answer to a question	, for example:
5.25	"support," "	oppose," "yes," or	"no," the candidat	te is also given an opportu	nity, subject to
5.26	reasonable l	imits, to explain th	e candidate's posi	tion in the candidate's owr	n words; the fact
5.27	that a candid	date provided an ex	planation is clear	ly indicated in the guide; a	and the guide
5.28	clearly indic	cates that the explan	nations will be ma	de available for public ins	pection, subject
5.29	to reasonabl	e conditions;			
5.30	(vi) ansv	vers included in the	e guide are those j	provided by the candidates	s in response to
5.31	questions, th	ne candidates' answ	vers are unedited,	and the answers appear in	close proximity
5.32	to the questi	on to which they re	espond <u>;</u>		

Sec. 4.

6.1	(vii) if the guide includes candidates' positions based on information other than responses
6.2	provided directly by the candidate, the positions are based on recorded votes or public
6.3	statements of the candidates and are presented in an unedited and unbiased manner; and
6.4	(viii) the guide includes all major party candidates for each office listed in the guide;
6.5	(4) any other communication specified in board rules or advisory opinions as being
6.6	excluded from the definition of electioneering communication; or
6.7	(5) a communication that:
6.8	(i) refers to a clearly identified candidate who is an incumbent member of the legislature
6.9	or a constitutional officer;
6.10	(ii) refers to a clearly identified issue that is or was before the legislature in the form of
6.11	an introduced bill; and
6.12	(iii) is made when the legislature is in session or within ten days after the last day of a
6.13	regular session of the legislature.
6.14	(c) A communication that meets the requirements of paragraph (a) but is made with the
6.15	authorization or express or implied consent of, or in cooperation or in concert with, or at
6.16	the request or suggestion of a candidate, a candidate's principal campaign committee, or a
6.17	candidate's agent is an approved expenditure.
6.18	(d) Distributing a voter guide questionnaire, survey, or similar document to candidates
6.19	and communications with candidates limited to obtaining their responses, without more, do
6.20	not constitute communications that would result in the voter guide being an approved
6.21	expenditure on behalf of the candidate.
6.22	Subd. 2. Targeted to relevant electorate. (a) For purposes of this section, a
6.23	communication that refers to a clearly identified candidate is targeted to the relevant electorate
6.24	if the communication is distributed to or can be received by more than 1,500 persons in the
6.25	district the candidate seeks to represent, in the case of a candidate for the house of
6.26	representatives, senate, or a district court judicial office or by more than 6,000 persons in
6.27	the state, in the case of a candidate for constitutional office or appellate court judicial office.
6.28	When determining the number of persons to whom a communication in the form of printed
6.29	material, telephone communication, electronic mail, or electronic text messaging is
6.30	distributed, an association may exclude communications distributed to its own members.
6.31	(b) A communication consisting of printed materials, other than signs, billboards, or
6.32	advertisements published in the print media, is targeted to the relevant electorate if it meets

	01/19/17	REVISOR	JRM/JU	17-1882	as introduced
7.1	the requirem	nents of paragraph	(a) and is distribut	ed to voters by means o	f United States
7.2	mail or throu	ugh direct delivery	to a resident's hor	ne or business.	
7.3	Subd. 3.	Disclosure of elec	tioneering comm	unications. (a) Election	eering
7.4				a party unit, or a princip	_
7.5				orts of receipts and expe	
7.6	the associati	on on the schedule	and in accordance	e with the terms of secti	on 10A.20.
7.7	<u>(b)</u> An as	ssociation other that	n a political comr	nittee, party unit, or prir	cipal campaign
7.8	committee n	nay register a politi	ical fund with the	board and disclose its el	ectioneering
7.9	communicat	ions on the reports	of receipts and ex	penditures filed by the p	olitical fund. If it
7.10	does so, it m	ust disclose its disbu	ursements for elect	ioneering communicatio	ns on the schedule
7.11	and in accor	dance with the terr	ns of section 10A.	20.	
7.12	<u>(c) An as</u>	ssociation that does	not disclose its d	isbursements for electio	neering
7.13	communicat	ions under paragrap	oh (a) or (b) must c	isclose its electioneering	g communications
7.14	according to	the requirements of	of subdivision 4.		
7.15	<u>Subd. 4.</u>	Statement require	ed for electioneer	ing communications. (a) Except for
7.16	associations	providing disclosu	re as specified in	subdivision 3, paragrapl	n (a) or (b), every
7.17	person who	makes a disbursem	ent for the costs o	f producing or distributi	ng electioneering
7.18	<u>communicat</u>	ions that aggregate	e more than \$1,500) in a calendar year mus	t, within 24 hours
7.19	of each discl	osure date, file with	n the board a disclo	osure statement containir	ng the information
7.20	described in	this subdivision.			
7.21	(b) Each	statement required	to be filed under	this section must contain	n the following
7.22	information:	-			
7.23	(1) the na	ames of: (i) the asso	ociation making th	e disbursement; (ii) any	person exercising
7.24	direction or	control over the ac	tivities of the asso	ciation with respect to t	he disbursement;
7.25	and (iii) the	custodian of the fir	nancial records of	the association making	the disbursement;
7.26	(2) the ad	ddress of the associ	iation making the	disbursement;	
7.27	(3) the an	mount of each disb	ursement of more	than \$200 during the pe	eriod covered by
7.28	the statemen	t, a description of t	he purpose of the	disbursement, and the id	entification of the
7.29	person to wh	nom the disburseme	ent was made;		
7.30	(4) the na	ames of the candid	ates identified or t	o be identified in the co	mmunication;
7.31	(5) if the	disbursements wer	e paid out of a segr	regated bank account tha	t consists of funds
7.32	donated spec	cifically for electio	neering communi	cations, the name and ac	ldress of each
7.33	person who	gave the associatio	n more than \$200	in aggregate to that acc	ount during the
	~ .		_		

Sec. 4.

	01/19/17	REVISOR	JRM/JU	17-1882	as introduced
8.1	period begin	uning on the first da	y of the preceding c	alendar year and ending	g on the disclosure
8.2	date; and				
8.3	<u>(6) if the</u>	disbursements for	electioneering con	munications were made	de using general
8.4	treasury mor	ney of the association	on, an association th	at has paid more than \$	5,000 in aggregate
8.5	for electione	ering communicat	tions during the cale	endar year must file wi	th its disclosure
8.6	statement a	written statement t	hat includes the nar	ne, address, and amou	nt attributable to
8.7	each person	that paid the assoc	ciation membership	dues or fees, or made	donations to the
8.8	association	that, in total, aggre	gate more than \$5,0	000 of the money used	by the association
8.9	for electione	ering communicat	ions. The statement	must also include the t	otal amount of the
8.10	disbursemen	nts for electioneering	ng communications	attributable to persons	s not subject to
8.11	itemization	under this clause.	The statement must	be certified as true by	an officer of the
8.12	association	that made the disbu	ursements for the el	ectioneering communi	cations.
8.13	<u>(c)</u> To de	etermine the amound	nt of the membershi	p dues or fees, or dona	ations made by a
8.14	person to an	association and att	ributable to the asso	ciation's disbursements	for electioneering
8.15	communicat	tions, the association	on must separately	prorate the total disbur	sements made for
8.16	electioneeri	ng communication	s during the calenda	ar year over all general	treasury money
8.17	received dur	ring the calendar y	ear.		
8.18	<u>(d) If the</u>	amount spent for e	lectioneering comm	unications exceeds the	amount of general
8.19	treasury mo	ney received by the	e association during	g that year:	
8.20	<u>(1) the e</u>	lectioneering comr	nunications must be	e attributed first to all i	receipts of general
8.21	treasury mor	ney received during	the calendar year in	which the electioneerin	g communications
8.22	were made;				
8.23	<u>(2) any a</u>	mount of current y	vear electioneering	communications that e	xceeds the total of
8.24	all receipts of	of general treasury	money during the o	current calendar year n	nust be prorated
8.25	over all gen	eral treasury mone	y received in the pr	eceding calendar year;	and
8.26	(3) if the	allocation made in	n clauses (1) and (2) is insufficient to cove	er the subject
8.27	electioneerin	ng communication	s, no further allocat	ion is required.	
8.28	(e) After	a portion of the ge	eneral treasury mon	ey received by an asso	ociation from a
8.29	person has b	been designated as	the source of a disb	pursement for electione	eering
8.30	communicat	tions, that portion o	of the association's g	eneral treasury money	received from that
8.31	person may	not be designated	as the source of any	v other disbursement for	or electioneering
8.32	communicat	tions or as the sourc	e for any contribution	on to an independent ex	penditure political
8.33	committee of	or fund.			

	01/19/17	REVISOR	JRM/JU	17-1882	as introduced
9.1	Subd. 5. Dis	closure date. Fo	or purposes of th	is section, the term "disclo	sure date" means
9.2	the earlier of:				
9.3	(1) the first of	date on which a	n electioneering	communication is publicly	y distributed,
9.4	provided that the	e person making	g the electioneeri	ng communication has mad	de disbursements
9.5	for the direct co	sts of producing	g or distributing	one or more electioneering	s communication
9.6	aggregating in e	excess of \$1,500	<u>); or</u>		
9.7	(2) any other	r date during the	e same calendar	year on which an election	eering
9.8	communication	is publicly dist	ributed, provided	that the person making th	ne electioneering
9.9	communication	has made disbu	ursements for the	direct costs of distributing	g one or more
9.10	electioneering c	communication	aggregating in ex	xcess of \$1,500 since the r	nost recent
9.11	disclosure date.				
9.12	<u>Subd. 6.</u> Co	ntracts to disb	urse. For purpos	es of this section, a person	shall be treated
9.13	as having made	a disbursement	if the person ha	s entered into an obligation	n to make the
9.14	disbursement.				
9.15	Subd. 7. Sta	tement of attri	bution. (a) An e	lectioneering communicat	ion must include
9.16	a statement of a	ttribution.			
9.17	(1) For com	munications dis	tributed by print	ed material, signs, and bill	boards, the
9.18	statement must	say, in conspice	ious letters: "Pai	d for by [association name] [address]."
9.19	(2) For com	munications dis	tributed by telev	ision, radio, satellite, or ca	ble broadcasting
9.20	system, the state	ement must be i	included at the en	nd of the communication a	nd must orally
9.21	state at a volume	e and speed that a	a person of ordina	ary hearing can comprehence	1: "The preceding
9.22	communication	was paid for by	the [association	n name]."	
9.23	(3) For com	munications dis	tributed by telep	hone, the statement must p	precede the
9.24	communication	and must orally	state at a volume	and speed that a person of	ordinary hearing
9.25	can comprehend	d: "The following	ng communicatio	on is paid for by the [assoc	iation name]."
9.26	(b) If the con	mmunication is	paid for by an as	ssociation registered with	the board, the
9.27	statement of attr	ribution must us	se the association	n's name as it is registered	with the board.
9.28	If the communic	cation is paid for	by an association	n not registered with the boa	ard, the statement
9.29	of attribution m	ust use the asso	ciation's name as	s it is disclosed to the boar	d on the
9.30	association's dis	sclosure stateme	ent associated wi	th the communication.	
9.31	<u>Subd. 8.</u> Fai	lure to file; per	nalty. (a) If a per	son fails to file a statement	t required by this
9.32	section by the d	ate the statemen	nt is due, the boa	rd may impose a late filing	g fee of \$50 per
9.33	day, not to exce	ed \$1,000, com	mencing the day	after the statement was du	<u></u>

01/19/17	REVISOR	JRM/JU	17-1882	as introduced

10.1	(b) The board must send notice by certified mail to a person who fails to file a statement
10.2	within ten business days after the statement was due that the person may be subject to a
10.3	civil penalty for failure to file the statement. A person who fails to file the statement within
10.4	seven days after the certified mail notice was sent by the board is subject to a civil penalty
10.5	imposed by the board of up to \$1,000.
10.6	(c) An association that provides disclosure under section 10A.20 rather than under this
10.7	section is subject to the late filing fee and civil penalty provisions of section 10A.20 and is
10.8	not subject to the penalties provided in this subdivision.
10.9	(d) An association that makes electioneering communications under this section and
10.10	willfully fails to provide the statement required by subdivision 4, paragraph (b), clause (6),
10.11	within the time specified is subject to an additional civil penalty of up to four times the
10.12	amount of the electioneering communications disbursements that should have been included
10.13	on the statement.
10.14	Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 10A.244, is amended to read:
10.15	10A.244 VOLUNTARY INACTIVE STATUS; POLITICAL FUNDS.
10.16	Subdivision 1. Election of voluntary inactive status. An association that has a political
10.17	fund registered under this chapter may elect to have the fund placed on voluntary inactive
10.18	status if the following conditions are met:
10.19	(1) the association makes a written request for inactive status;
10.20	(2) the association has filed all periodic reports required by this chapter and has received
10.21	no contributions into its political fund and made no expenditures or disbursements, including
10.22	disbursements for electioneering communications, through its political fund since the last
10.23	date included on the association's most recent report; and
10.24	(3) the association has satisfied all obligations to the state for late filing fees and civil
10.25	penalties imposed by the board or the board has waived this requirement.
10.26	Subd. 2. Effect of voluntary inactive status. After an association has complied with
10.27	the requirements of subdivision 1:
10.28	(1) the board must notify the association that its political fund has been placed in
10.29	voluntary inactive status and of the terms of this section;
10.30	(2) the board must stop sending the association reports, forms, and notices of report due
10.31	dates that are periodically sent to entities registered with the board;

(3) the association is not required to file periodic disclosure reports for its political fundas otherwise required under this chapter;

(4) the association may not accept contributions into its political fund and may not make
expenditures, contributions, or disbursements, including disbursements for electioneering
communications, through its political fund; and

(5) if the association maintains a separate depository account for its political fund, it
may continue to pay bank service charges and receive interest paid on that account while
its political fund is in inactive status.

Subd. 3. Resumption of active status or termination. (a) An association that has placed
its political fund in voluntary inactive status may resume active status upon written notice
to the board.

(b) A political fund placed in voluntary inactive status must resume active status within
14 days of the date that it has accepted contributions or made expenditures, contributions,
or disbursements, including disbursements for electioneering communications, that aggregate
more than \$750 since the political fund was placed on inactive status. If, after meeting this
threshold, the association does not notify the board that its fund has resumed active status,
the board may place the association's political fund in active status and notify the association
of the change in status.

(c) An association that has placed its political fund in voluntary inactive status mayterminate the registration of the fund without returning it to active status.

Subd. 4. Penalty for financial activity while in voluntary inactive status. If an
association fails to notify the board of its political fund's resumption of active status under
subdivision 3, the board may impose a civil penalty of \$50 per day, not to exceed \$1,000
commencing on the 15th calendar day after the fund resumed active status.

11.25 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 10A.25, subdivision 3a, is amended to read:

Subd. 3a. Independent expenditures <u>and electioneering communications</u>. The principal
campaign committee of a candidate must not make independent expenditures <u>or</u>
disbursements for electioneering communications.

11.29 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 10A.27, subdivision 15, is amended to read:

11.30 Subd. 15. Contributions or use of general treasury money. (a) An association may,

if not prohibited by other law, contribute its general treasury money to an independent

11.32 expenditure or ballot question political committee or fund, including its own independent

Sec. 7.

expenditure or ballot question political committee or fund, without complying withsubdivision 13.

(b) Before the day when the recipient committee or fund's next report must be filed with 12.3 the board under section 10A.20, subdivision 2 or 5, an association that has contributed more 12.4 than \$5,000 in aggregate to independent expenditure political committees or funds during 12.5 the calendar year or has contributed more than \$5,000 in aggregate to ballot question political 12.6 committees or funds during the calendar year must provide in writing to the recipient's 12.7 12.8 treasurer a statement that includes the name, address, and amount attributable to each person that paid the association dues or fees, or made donations to the association that, in total, 12.9 aggregate more than \$5,000 of the contribution from the association to the independent 12.10 expenditure or ballot question political committee or fund. The statement must also include 12.11 the total amount of the contribution attributable to persons not subject to itemization under 12.12 this section. The statement must be certified as true by an officer of the donor association. 12.13

12.14 (c) To determine the amount of membership dues or fees, or donations made by a person
12.15 to an association and attributable to the association's contribution to the independent
12.16 expenditure or ballot question political committee or fund, the donor association must=
12.17 separately prorate the total independent expenditures and ballot question expenditures made

12.18 during the calendar year over all general treasury money received during the calendar year.

(1) apply a pro rata calculation to all unrestricted dues, fees, and contributions received
by the donor association in the calendar year; or

(2) as provided in paragraph (d), identify the specific individuals or associations whose
 dues, fees, or contributions are included in the contribution to the independent expenditure
 political committee or fund.

12.24 (d) Dues, fees, or contributions from an individual or association must be identified in
 12.25 a contribution to an independent expenditure political committee or fund under paragraph
 12.26 (c), clause (2), if:

(1) the individual or association has specifically authorized the donor association to use
 the individual's or association's dues, fees, or contributions for this purpose; or

12.29 (2) the individual's or association's dues, fees, or contributions to the donor association

12.30 are unrestricted and the donor association designates them as the source of the subject

12.31 contribution to the independent expenditure political committee or fund.

	01/19/17	REVISOR	JRM/JU	17-1882	as introduced	
13.1	(d) If the	amount contribute	ed to independent	expenditure and ballot qu	estion political	
13.2	committees or funds in a calendar year exceeds the amount of general treasury money					
13.3	received by	the association dur	ing that year:			
13.4	<u> /</u>			o all receipts of general tr	easury money	
13.5	received dur	ing the calendar ye	ear in which the co	ontributions were made;		
13.6	<u>(2)</u> any a	mount of current-y	ear contributions	that exceeds the total of a	ll receipts of	
13.7	general treas	ury money during	the current calence	lar year must be prorated	over all general	
13.8	treasury mor	ney received in the	preceding calend	ar year; and		
13.9	(3) if the	allocation made in	clauses (1) and (2) is insufficient to cover	the subject	
13.10	independent	expenditures and b	allot question exp	enditures, no further alloc	ation is required.	
13.11	(e) After	a portion of the ge	eneral treasury mo	ney received by an associ	ation from a	
13.12	person has b	een designated as f	the source of a con	ntribution to an independent	ent expenditure	
13.13	or ballot que	stion political com	mittee or fund, th	at portion of the associati	on's general	
13.14	treasury mor	ney received from t	hat person may no	ot be designated as the sou	urce of any other	
13.15	contribution	to an independent	expenditure or ba	llot question political con	nmittee or fund <u>,</u>	
13.16	or as the sou	rce of funds for a c	disbursement for e	electioneering communication	ations made by	
13.17	that associat	ion.				

13.18 Sec. 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.

13.19 <u>Sections 1 to 7 are effective the day following final enactment.</u>