

A bill for an act

relating to elections; authorizing solicitation of certain contributions; amending
Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 211B.08.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 211B.08, is amended to read:

211B.08 SOLICITATION OF CONTRIBUTIONS PROHIBITED.

A religious, charitable, or educational organization may not request a candidate or
committee to contribute to the organization, to subscribe for the support of a club or
organization, to buy tickets to entertainment, or to pay for space in a publication. This
section does not apply to:

(1) the solicitation of a business advertisement in periodicals in which the candidate
was a regular contributor, before candidacy;

(2) ordinary business advertisements;

(3) regular payments to a religious, charitable, or educational organization, of which
the candidate was a member, or to which the candidate was a contributor for more than
six months before candidacy; ~~or~~

(4) ordinary contributions at church services; or

(5) any other request made when the organization has no knowledge that the
prospective contributor is a candidate or committee, or the request otherwise has no
potential to affect voting behavior.

Sec. 2. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Section 1 is effective the day following final enactment.