

A bill for an act

relating to campaign finance; modifying certain contribution and expenditure limits; amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, sections 10A.25, subdivision 2; 10A.27, subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 10A.25, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Amounts.** (a) In a year in which an election is held for an office sought by a candidate, the principal campaign committee of the candidate must not make campaign expenditures nor permit approved expenditures to be made on behalf of the candidate that result in aggregate expenditures in excess of the following:

(1) for governor and lieutenant governor, running together, \$2,577,200;

(2) for attorney general, secretary of state, and state auditor, separately, \$429,600
\$1,000,000;

~~(3) for secretary of state and state auditor, separately, \$214,800;~~

~~(4)~~ (3) for state senator, ~~\$64,500~~ \$70,000;

~~(5)~~ (4) for state representative, ~~\$32,500~~ \$35,000.

(b) In addition to the amount in paragraph (a), clause (1), a candidate for endorsement for the office of lieutenant governor at the convention of a political party may make campaign expenditures and approved expenditures of five percent of that amount to seek endorsement.

(c) If a special election cycle occurs during a general election cycle, expenditures by or on behalf of a candidate in the special election do not count as expenditures by or on behalf of the candidate in the general election.

(d) The expenditure limits in this subdivision for an office are increased by ten percent for a candidate who is running for that office for the first time and who has not run previously for any other office whose territory now includes a population that is more than one-third of the population in the territory of the new office.

EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICABILITY. This section is effective January 1, 2012. The expenditure limits in this section shall be the limits in place for elections held in 2012. These limits must be adjusted by the consumer price index as required by section 10A.255, beginning in 2014 and thereafter.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 10A.27, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Contribution limits.** (a) Except as provided in subdivision 2, a candidate must not permit the candidate's principal campaign committee to accept aggregate contributions made or delivered by any individual, political committee, or political fund in excess of the following:

(1) to candidates for governor and lieutenant governor running together, attorney general, secretary of state, or state auditor, \$2,000 in an election year for the office sought and \$500 in other years;

~~(2) to a candidate for attorney general, secretary of state, or state auditor, \$1,000 in an election year for the office sought and \$200 in other years;~~

~~(3) (2)~~ to a candidate for state senator, \$500 in an election year for the office sought and ~~\$100~~ \$250 in other years;

~~(4) (3)~~ to a candidate for state representative, \$500 in an election year for the office sought and ~~\$100~~ \$250 in the other year; and

~~(5) (4)~~ to a candidate for judicial office, \$2,000 in an election year for the office sought and \$500 in other years.

(b) The following deliveries are not subject to the bundling limitation in this subdivision:

(1) delivery of contributions collected by a member of the candidate's principal campaign committee, such as a block worker or a volunteer who hosts a fund-raising event, to the committee's treasurer; and

(2) a delivery made by an individual on behalf of the individual's spouse.

(c) A lobbyist, political committee, political party unit, or political fund must not make a contribution a candidate is prohibited from accepting.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2012, and applies to contributions received on or after that date.