

A bill for an act
relating to elections; requiring preelection reports of certain contributions to
political committees, political funds, and party units; changing preelection
reporting requirements for contributions to candidates; increasing contribution
limits for candidates for secretary of state or state auditor; amending Minnesota
Statutes 2006, sections 10A.20, subdivision 5; 10A.27, subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 10A.20, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **Preelection reports.** Any loan, contribution, or contributions to a political
committee, political fund, or party unit from any one source totaling \$1,000 or more, or
in a statewide election any loan, contribution, or contributions to a candidate from any
one source totaling ~~\$2,000~~ \$800 or more, or to a candidate in any judicial district or
legislative election totaling more than \$400, received between the last day covered in the
last report before an election and the election must be reported to the board in one of
the following ways:

- (1) in person within ~~48~~ 24 hours after its receipt;
- ~~(2) by telegram or mailgram within 48 hours after its receipt;~~
- ~~(3) by certified mail sent within 48 hours after its receipt; or~~
- ~~(4)~~ (2) by electronic means sent within ~~48~~ 24 hours after its receipt.

These loans and contributions must also be reported in the next required report.

The ~~48-hour~~ 24-hour notice requirement does not apply with respect to a primary in
which the statewide or legislative candidate is unopposed.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, 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, \$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) to a candidate for the office of secretary of state or state auditor, \$500 in an election year for the office sought and \$100 in other years;~~

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

~~(5)~~ (4) to a candidate for state representative, \$500 in an election year for the office sought and \$100 in the other year.

(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.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This act is effective for contributions made on or after July 1, 2007.