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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETIETH SESSION

H. F. No. **467**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Elections Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to campaign finance; requiring affidavits of contributions be submitted
1.3 electronically; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 10A.323; repealing
1.4 Minnesota Rules, part 4501.0300, subpart 3.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 10A.323, is amended to read:

1.7 **10A.323 AFFIDAVIT OF CONTRIBUTIONS.**

1.8 (a) In addition to the requirements of section 10A.322, to be eligible to receive a public
1.9 subsidy under section 10A.31 a candidate or the candidate's treasurer must:

1.10 (1) between January 1 of the previous year and the cutoff date for transactions included
1.11 in the report of receipts and expenditures due before the primary election, accumulate
1.12 contributions from individuals eligible to vote in this state in at least the amount indicated
1.13 for the office sought, counting only the first \$50 received from each contributor, excluding
1.14 in-kind contributions:

1.15 (i) candidates for governor and lieutenant governor running together, \$35,000;

1.16 (ii) candidates for attorney general, \$15,000;

1.17 (iii) candidates for secretary of state and state auditor, separately, \$6,000;

1.18 (iv) candidates for the senate, \$3,000; and

1.19 (v) candidates for the house of representatives, \$1,500;

2.1 (2) file an affidavit with the board stating that the principal campaign committee has
2.2 complied with this paragraph. The affidavit must state the total amount of contributions that
2.3 have been received from individuals eligible to vote in this state, excluding:

2.4 (i) the portion of any contribution in excess of \$50;

2.5 (ii) any in-kind contribution; and

2.6 (iii) any contribution for which the name and address of the contributor is not known
2.7 and recorded; and

2.8 (3) submit the affidavit required by this section to the board in writing by the deadline
2.9 for reporting of receipts and expenditures before a primary under section 10A.20, subdivision
2.10 4.

2.11 (b) A candidate for a vacancy to be filled at a special election for which the filing period
2.12 does not coincide with the filing period for the general election must accumulate the
2.13 contributions specified in paragraph (a) and must submit the affidavit required by this section
2.14 to the board within five days after the close of the filing period for the special election for
2.15 which the candidate filed.

2.16 (c) A candidate or the candidate's treasurer must be able to electronically file the affidavit
2.17 required under this section in the same manner as other reports required by this chapter.
2.18 The board must not require the candidate or candidate's treasurer to notarize the affidavit
2.19 of contribution.

2.20 Sec. 2. **REPEALER.**

2.21 Minnesota Rules, part 4501.0300, subpart 3, is repealed.

APPENDIX
Repealed Minnesota Rule: 17-1658

4501.0300 CERTIFICATION, SIGNATURES, AND NOTARIZATION.

Subp. 3. **Notarization.** The only documents that must be notarized are affidavits of contributions filed pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.323, and sworn statements relating to independent expenditures filed pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.20, subdivision 6a.