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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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**H. F. No. 2531**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Elections
- 03/10/2014 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Civil Law
- 03/12/2014 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary Finance and Policy
- 03/20/2014 Adoption of Report: Amended and Placed on the General Register  
Read Second Time
- 04/25/2014 Calendar for the Day, Amended  
Read Third Time as Amended  
Passed by the House as Amended and transmitted to the Senate to include Floor Amendments
- 05/06/2014 Returned to the House as Amended by the Senate  
Refused to concur and Conference Committee appointed
- 05/15/2014 Third Reading as Amended by Conference  
Repassed by the House

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to campaign finance; modifying duties of board; requiring rulemaking;  
1.3 authorizing online electronic records systems; authorizing the board to request  
1.4 reconciliation information; authorizing penalties; modifying certain definitions  
1.5 and fee amounts; modifying certain reporting and filing requirements; making  
1.6 various technical and clarifying changes; providing data classifications; modifying  
1.7 statements of economic interest; amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, sections  
1.8 10A.01, subdivision 5, by adding a subdivision; 10A.02, subdivisions 5, 8, 11a,  
1.9 by adding a subdivision; 10A.025, by adding a subdivision; 10A.09, subdivisions  
1.10 1, 5, by adding subdivisions; 10A.12, subdivision 5; 10A.255, subdivision  
1.11 3; 10A.28, subdivision 4; 13.607, subdivisions 5, 5a; 211A.02, subdivision 2;  
1.12 Minnesota Statutes 2013 Supplement, sections 10A.01, subdivision 10; 10A.02,  
1.13 subdivisions 10, 11, 15; 10A.025, subdivision 4; 10A.20, subdivisions 2, 5;  
1.14 repealing Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 10A.09, subdivision 8.

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

1.16 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 10A.01, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

1.17 Subd. 5. **Associated business.** "Associated business" means an association,  
1.18 corporation, partnership, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or other  
1.19 organized legal entity from which the individual receives compensation in excess of \$50,  
1.20 except for actual and reasonable expenses, in any month as a director, officer, owner,  
1.21 member, partner, employer or employee, or whose securities the individual holds worth  
1.22 more than \$2,500 ~~or more~~ at fair market value.

1.23 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2013 Supplement, section 10A.01, subdivision 10, is  
1.24 amended to read:

1.25 Subd. 10. **Candidate.** "Candidate" means an individual who seeks nomination or  
1.26 election as a state constitutional officer, legislator, or judge. An individual is deemed  
1.27 to seek nomination or election if the individual has taken the action necessary under

2.1 the law of this state to qualify for nomination or election, has received contributions or  
2.2 made expenditures in excess of ~~\$100~~ \$750, or has given implicit or explicit consent for  
2.3 any other person to receive contributions or make expenditures in excess of ~~\$100~~ \$750,  
2.4 for the purpose of bringing about the individual's nomination or election. A candidate  
2.5 remains a candidate until the candidate's principal campaign committee is dissolved as  
2.6 provided in section 10A.243.

2.7 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 10A.01, is amended by adding a subdivision  
2.8 to read:

2.9 Subd. 32a. **Prima facie determination.** A prima facie determination is a  
2.10 determination that a complaint filed under section 10A.02, subdivision 11, is sufficient  
2.11 to allege a violation of this chapter or of those sections of chapter 211B listed in section  
2.12 10A.02, subdivision 11.

2.13 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 10A.02, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

2.14 Subd. 5. **Executive director; staff.** The board must appoint an executive director.  
2.15 The executive director is in the unclassified service. The executive director is not  
2.16 an ex officio member of the board. The executive director serves as secretary of the  
2.17 board and must keep a record of all proceedings and actions by the board. The board  
2.18 may also employ and prescribe the duties of other permanent or temporary employees  
2.19 in the unclassified service as may be necessary to administer this chapter, subject to  
2.20 appropriation. The executive director and all other employees serve at the pleasure of the  
2.21 board. Expenses of the board must be approved by the chair or another member as the  
2.22 rules of the board may provide and the expenses must then be paid in the same manner  
2.23 as other state expenses are paid.

2.24 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 10A.02, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

2.25 Subd. 8. **Duties.** (a) The board must report at the close of each fiscal year to the  
2.26 legislature, the governor, and the public concerning the action it has taken, the names,  
2.27 salaries, and duties of all individuals in its employ, and the money it has disbursed. The  
2.28 board must include and identify in its report any other reports it has made during the fiscal  
2.29 year. It may indicate apparent abuses and offer legislative recommendations.

2.30 (b) The board must prescribe forms for statements and reports required to be filed  
2.31 under this chapter and make the forms available to individuals required to file them.

3.1 (c) The board must make available to the individuals required to file the reports and  
3.2 statements a manual setting forth the recommended uniform methods of bookkeeping  
3.3 and reporting.

3.4 (d) The board must develop a filing, coding, and cross-indexing system consistent  
3.5 with the purposes of this chapter.

3.6 (e) The board must make the reports and statements filed with it available for public  
3.7 inspection and copying by the end of the second day following the day on which they  
3.8 were received. An individual may copy a report or statement by hand or by duplicating  
3.9 machine and the board must provide duplicating services at cost for this purpose.

3.10 (f) Notwithstanding section 138.163, the board must preserve reports and statements  
3.11 for a period of five years from the date of receipt.

3.12 (g) The board must compile and maintain a current list and summary of all  
3.13 statements or parts of statements pertaining to each candidate.

3.14 (h) The board may prepare and publish reports it considers appropriate.

3.15 (i) The board shall only vote on a matter before the board at a meeting if:

3.16 (1) the matter was placed on an agenda distributed to all members of the board at  
3.17 least seven days before the meeting; and

3.18 (2) background or other relevant information to the matter was distributed to all  
3.19 members of the board by the executive director or other staff at least seven days before the  
3.20 meeting.

3.21 By majority consent of all members of the board, the board may vote on a matter at a  
3.22 meeting that does not satisfy the requirements of this paragraph.

3.23 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2013 Supplement, section 10A.02, subdivision 10, is  
3.24 amended to read:

3.25 Subd. 10. **Audits and investigations.** (a) Within limits of available resources, the  
3.26 board may must make audits and investigations; with respect to the requirements of this  
3.27 chapter. A final audit report completed under this chapter must contain the name of the  
3.28 primary board employee responsible for conducting the audit. The board may impose  
3.29 statutory civil penalties; and issue orders for compliance with respect to the requirements  
3.30 of this chapter and provisions under the board's jurisdiction pursuant to subdivision 11. In  
3.31 all matters relating to its official duties, the board has the power to require testimony under  
3.32 oath, to permit written statements to be given under oath, and to issue subpoenas and cause  
3.33 them to be served. If a person does not comply with a subpoena, the board may apply to  
3.34 the District Court of Ramsey County for issuance of an order compelling obedience to the  
3.35 subpoena. A person failing to obey the order is punishable by the court as for contempt.

4.1 (b) The board shall issue rules, using the expedited rulemaking process in section  
 4.2 14.389, setting forth procedures to be followed for all audits and investigations conducted  
 4.3 by the board under this chapter and other provisions under the board's jurisdiction pursuant  
 4.4 to subdivision 11. The rules regarding the board's investigative procedure shall set forth:

- 4.5 (1) the process for the board initiating and overseeing an investigation;  
 4.6 (2) when summary proceedings may be available;  
 4.7 (3) dedication of staff resources in taking witness testimony and conducting  
 4.8 discovery;  
 4.9 (4) parties' rights and opportunities to be heard by the board; and  
 4.10 (5) board hearings and disposition of complaints, audits, and investigations.

4.11 (c) In addition to the notice required under chapter 14, the board shall notify the  
 4.12 chairs and ranking minority members of the committees or subcommittees in the senate  
 4.13 and house of representatives with primary jurisdiction over elections within seven  
 4.14 calendar days of taking the following actions:

- 4.15 (1) publication of a notice of intent to adopt rules or a notice of hearing;  
 4.16 (2) publication of proposed rules in the state register;  
 4.17 (3) issuance of a statement of need and reasonableness; or  
 4.18 (4) adoption of final rules.

4.19 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2013 Supplement, section 10A.02, subdivision 11, is  
 4.20 amended to read:

4.21 Subd. 11. **Violations; enforcement.** (a) The board may investigate any alleged  
 4.22 violation of this chapter. The board may also investigate an alleged violation of section  
 4.23 211B.04, 211B.12, or 211B.15 by or related to a candidate, treasurer, principal campaign  
 4.24 committee, political committee, political fund, or party unit, as those terms are defined  
 4.25 in this chapter. ~~The board must investigate any violation that is alleged in a written~~  
 4.26 ~~complaint filed with the board and must~~ Upon receipt of a written complaint filed with  
 4.27 the board, the board shall promptly provide a copy of the complaint to the subject of  
 4.28 the complaint and notify the subject that a determination as to whether the complaint  
 4.29 states a prima facie violation will be made and that the subject may, within 15 days of  
 4.30 the date the board provided notice to the subject, submit a written statement addressing  
 4.31 the prima facie determination. The notice must include the definition of a prima facie  
 4.32 determination. Within 30 days after the filing of the complaint ~~make findings and~~  
 4.33 ~~conclusions,~~ the board chair or another board member designated by the chair shall make  
 4.34 a determination as to whether a violation has occurred ~~the complaint alleges a prima facie~~  
 4.35 violation. If a determination is made that the complaint does not allege a prima facie

5.1 violation, the complaint shall be dismissed without prejudice and the complainant must  
5.2 be notified of the reasons the complaint did not allege a prima facie violation. If the  
5.3 complainant files a revised complaint regarding the same facts and the same subject, the  
5.4 prima facie determination must be completed by a board member other than the member  
5.5 who made the initial determination and who does not support the same political party as  
5.6 the member who made the initial determination. The chair may order that the prima  
5.7 facie determination for any complaint be made by the full board and must order that the  
5.8 prima facie determination for a complaint being submitted for the third time be made  
5.9 by the full board. If a determination is made that the complaint alleges a prima facie  
5.10 violation, the board shall, within 45 days of the prima facie determination, make findings  
5.11 and conclusions as to whether probable cause exists to believe the alleged violation that  
5.12 warrants a formal investigation has occurred. Any party filing a complaint and any  
5.13 party against whom a complaint is filed must be given an opportunity to be heard by the  
5.14 board prior to the board's determination as to whether probable cause exists to believe  
5.15 a violation that warrants a formal investigation has occurred. Upon a determination  
5.16 by the board that probable cause exists to believe a violation that warrants a formal  
5.17 investigation has occurred, the board must undertake an investigation under subdivision  
5.18 10 and must issue an order at the conclusion of the investigation, except that if the  
5.19 complaint alleges a violation of section 10A.25 or 10A.27, the board must either enter a  
5.20 conciliation agreement or make public findings and conclusions as to whether a violation  
5.21 has occurred and must issue an order within 60 days after the filing of the complaint. Prior  
5.22 to making findings and conclusions in an investigation, the board must offer the subject of  
5.23 the complaint an opportunity to answer the allegations of the complaint in writing and  
5.24 to appear before the board to address the matter. The deadline for action on a written  
5.25 complaint may be extended by majority vote of the board.

5.26 (b) The board may bring legal actions or negotiate settlements in its own name to  
5.27 recover money raised from contributions subject to the conditions in this paragraph.

5.28 (1) No action may be commenced unless the board has made a formal determination,  
5.29 after an investigation, that the money was raised for political purposes as defined in  
5.30 section 211B.01, subdivision 6, and that the money was used for purposes not permitted  
5.31 under this chapter or under section 211B.12.

5.32 (2) Prior to commencing an action, the board must give the association whose money  
5.33 was misused written notice by certified mail of its intent to take action under this subdivision  
5.34 and must give the association a reasonable opportunity, for a period of not less than 90  
5.35 days, to recover the money without board intervention. This period must be extended  
5.36 for at least an additional 90 days for good cause if the association is actively pursuing

6.1 recovery of the money. The board may not commence a legal action under this subdivision  
6.2 if the association has commenced a legal action for the recovery of the same money.

6.3 (3) Any funds recovered under this subdivision must be deposited in a campaign  
6.4 finance recovery account in the special revenue fund and are appropriated as follows:

6.5 (i) an amount equal to the board's actual costs and disbursements in the action,  
6.6 including court reporter fees for depositions taken in the course of an investigation, is  
6.7 appropriated to the board for its operations;

6.8 (ii) an amount equal to the reasonable value of legal services provided by the Office  
6.9 of the Attorney General in the recovery matter, calculated on the same basis as is used  
6.10 for charging legal fees to state agencies, is appropriated to the attorney general for the  
6.11 attorney general's operations; and

6.12 (iii) any remaining balance is appropriated to the board for distribution to the  
6.13 association to which the money was originally contributed.

6.14 (4) Notwithstanding clause (3), item (iii), if the candidate of a principal campaign  
6.15 committee is the person who used the association's money for illegal purposes, or if the  
6.16 association or political fund whose money was misused is no longer registered with the  
6.17 board, any money remaining after the payments specified in clause (3), items (i) and (ii),  
6.18 must be transferred to the general account of the state elections campaign account.

6.19 (5) Any action by the board under this paragraph must be commenced not later than  
6.20 four years after the improper use of money is shown on a report filed with the board or the  
6.21 board has actual knowledge of improper use. No action may be commenced under this  
6.22 paragraph for improper uses disclosed on reports for calendar years prior to 2011.

6.23 (6) If the board prevails in an action brought under this subdivision and the court  
6.24 makes a finding that the misuse of funds was willful, the court may enter judgment in favor  
6.25 of the board and against the person misusing the funds in the amount of the misused funds.

6.26 (c) Within a reasonable time after beginning an investigation of an individual  
6.27 or association, the board must notify the individual or association of the fact of the  
6.28 investigation. The board must not make a finding of whether there is probable cause to  
6.29 believe that a violation has occurred without notifying the individual or association of the  
6.30 nature of the allegations and affording an opportunity to answer those allegations.

6.31 (d) A hearing before the board or action of the board concerning a complaint or  
6.32 investigation other than a ~~finding concerning probable cause~~ findings, conclusions, and  
6.33 orders or a conciliation agreement is confidential. Until the board makes a public finding  
6.34 ~~concerning probable cause~~ or enters a conciliation agreement:

6.35 (1) a member, employee, or agent of the board must not disclose to an individual  
6.36 information obtained by that member, employee, or agent concerning a complaint or

7.1 investigation except as required to carry out the investigation or take action in the matter  
7.2 as authorized by this chapter; and

7.3 (2) an individual who discloses information contrary to this subdivision is subject  
7.4 to a civil penalty imposed by the board of up to \$1,000.

7.5 (e) A matter that is under the board's jurisdiction pursuant to this section and that  
7.6 may result in a criminal offense must be finally disposed of by the board before the alleged  
7.7 violation may be prosecuted by a city or county attorney.

7.8 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 10A.02, subdivision 11a, is amended to read:

7.9 Subd. 11a. **Data privacy.** If, after making a public finding ~~concerning probable~~  
7.10 ~~cause~~ or entering a conciliation agreement, the board determines that the record of the  
7.11 investigation contains statements, documents, or other matter that, if disclosed, would  
7.12 unfairly injure the reputation of an innocent individual, the board may:

7.13 (1) retain the statement, document, or other matter as a private record, as defined in  
7.14 section 13.02, subdivision 12, for a period of one year, after which it must be destroyed; or

7.15 (2) return the statement, document, or other matter to the individual who supplied  
7.16 it to the board.

7.17 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 10A.02, is amended by adding a subdivision  
7.18 to read:

7.19 Subd. 11b. **Data privacy related to electronic reporting system.** The board may  
7.20 develop and maintain systems to enable treasurers to enter and store electronic records  
7.21 online for the purpose of complying with this chapter. Data entered into such systems  
7.22 by treasurers or their authorized agents is not government data under chapter 13 and  
7.23 may not be accessed or used by the board for any purpose without the treasurer's written  
7.24 consent. Data from such systems that has been submitted to the board as a filed report is  
7.25 government data under chapter 13.

7.26 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2013 Supplement, section 10A.02, subdivision 15, is  
7.27 amended to read:

7.28 Subd. 15. ~~**Disposition of Fees and penalties.**~~ (a) Upon written request, certified  
7.29 pursuant to section 10A.025, subdivision 2, the board must waive that portion of a late  
7.30 filing fee or a civil penalty imposed for the late filing of a report or statement under this  
7.31 chapter for which the requester demonstrates good cause for the late filing or submission.

7.32 (b) The board must deposit all fees and civil penalties collected under this chapter  
7.33 into the general fund in the state treasury.

8.1 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2013 Supplement, section 10A.025, subdivision 4, is  
8.2 amended to read:

8.3 Subd. 4. **Changes and corrections.** Material changes in information previously  
8.4 submitted and corrections to a report or statement must be reported in writing to the board  
8.5 within ten days following the date of the event prompting the change or the date upon  
8.6 which the person filing became aware of the inaccuracy. The change or correction must  
8.7 identify the form and the paragraph containing the information to be changed or corrected.

8.8 A person who willfully fails to report a material change or correction is subject to a  
8.9 civil penalty imposed by the board of up to \$3,000. A willful violation of this subdivision  
8.10 is a gross misdemeanor.

8.11 The board must send a written notice ~~by certified mail~~ to any individual who fails to  
8.12 file a report required by this subdivision. If the individual fails to file the required report  
8.13 within ten business days after the notice was sent, the board may impose a late filing fee of  
8.14 ~~\$5~~ \$25 per day up to ~~\$100~~ \$1,000 starting on the 11th day after the notice was sent. The  
8.15 board ~~must~~ may send an additional notice by certified mail to an individual who fails to  
8.16 file a report within ~~14~~ ten business days after the first notice was sent by the board ~~that~~.  
8.17 The certified notice must state that if the individual does not file the requested report  
8.18 within ten business days after the certified notice was sent, the individual may be subject  
8.19 to a civil penalty for failure to file a report. An individual who fails to file a report required  
8.20 by this subdivision within ~~seven~~ ten business days after the ~~second~~ certified notice was  
8.21 sent by the board is subject to a civil penalty imposed by the board of up to \$1,000.

8.22 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 10A.025, is amended by adding a  
8.23 subdivision to read:

8.24 Subd. 5. **Reconciliation information; penalty.** An individual or association  
8.25 required to file a report under this chapter must provide information requested by the  
8.26 board to reconcile discrepancies between the report and reports filed by other individuals  
8.27 or associations. The board's request for information must be in writing. If the individual  
8.28 or association fails to provide the requested information within ten business days after the  
8.29 request was sent, the board may impose a late filing fee of \$25 per day up to \$1,000.

8.30 The board may send notice by certified mail to an individual or association that has  
8.31 not timely responded to the board's written request for reconciliation information. The  
8.32 certified notice must state that if the individual or association does not respond to the  
8.33 board's request for information within ten business days after the certified notice was  
8.34 sent, the individual or association may be subject to a civil penalty for failure to provide  
8.35 information to the board. An individual or association that does not provide the requested



9.1 information within ten business days after the certified notice was sent is subject to a civil  
 9.2 penalty imposed by the board of up to \$1,000.

9.3 A person who willfully fails to cooperate with the board to reconcile a report  
 9.4 discrepancy is subject to a civil penalty imposed by the board of up to \$3,000.

9.5 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 10A.09, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

9.6 Subdivision 1. **Time for filing.** ~~Except for a candidate for elective office in the~~  
 9.7 ~~judicial branch;~~ An individual must file a statement of economic interest with the board:

9.8 (1) within 60 days of accepting employment as a public official or a local official in  
 9.9 a metropolitan governmental unit;

9.10 (2) within 60 days of assuming office as a district court judge, appeals court judge,  
 9.11 supreme court justice, or county commissioner;

9.12 ~~(2)~~ (3) within 14 days after filing an affidavit of candidacy or petition to appear on  
 9.13 the ballot for an elective state constitutional or legislative office or an elective local office  
 9.14 in a metropolitan governmental unit other than county commissioner;

9.15 ~~(3)~~ (4) in the case of a public official requiring the advice and consent of the senate,  
 9.16 within 14 days after undertaking the duties of office; or

9.17 ~~(4)~~ (5) in the case of members of the Minnesota Racing Commission, the director  
 9.18 of the Minnesota Racing Commission, chief of security, medical officer, inspector of  
 9.19 pari-mutuels, and stewards employed or approved by the commission or persons who  
 9.20 fulfill those duties under contract, within 60 days of accepting or assuming duties.

9.21 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 10A.09, is amended by adding a subdivision  
 9.22 to read:

9.23 Subd. 1a. **Exception; retired judges.** Notwithstanding subdivision 1, a retired  
 9.24 judge or justice appointed to serve as a judge or justice under section 2.724 is not required  
 9.25 to comply with the provisions of this section.

9.26 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 10A.09, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

9.27 Subd. 5. **Form.** (a) A statement of economic interest required by this section must  
 9.28 be on a form prescribed by the board. The individual filing must provide the following  
 9.29 information:

9.30 (1) name, address, occupation, and principal place of business;

9.31 (2) the name of each associated business and the nature of that association;

9.32 (3) a listing of all real property within the state, excluding homestead property, in  
 9.33 which the individual holds: (i) a fee simple interest, a mortgage, a contract for deed as

10.1 buyer or seller, or an option to buy, whether direct or indirect, if the interest is valued in  
 10.2 excess of \$2,500; or (ii) an option to buy, if the property has a fair market value of more  
 10.3 than \$50,000 or more;

10.4 (4) a listing of all real property within the state in which a partnership of which the  
 10.5 individual is a member holds: (i) a fee simple interest, a mortgage, a contract for deed  
 10.6 as buyer or seller, or an option to buy, whether direct or indirect, if the individual's share  
 10.7 of the partnership interest is valued in excess of \$2,500; or (ii) an option to buy, if the  
 10.8 property has a fair market value of more than \$50,000 or more. A listing under clause  
 10.9 (3) or (4) must indicate the street address and the municipality or the section, township,  
 10.10 range and approximate acreage, whichever applies, and the county in which the property  
 10.11 is located; ~~and~~

10.12 (5) a listing of any investments, ownership, or interests in property connected with  
 10.13 pari-mutuel horse racing in the United States and Canada, including a racehorse, in which  
 10.14 the individual directly or indirectly holds a partial or full interest or an immediate family  
 10.15 member holds a partial or full interest;

10.16 (6) a listing of the principal business or professional activity category of each  
 10.17 business from which the individual receives more than \$50 in any month as an employee,  
 10.18 if the individual has an ownership interest of 25 percent or more in the business; and

10.19 (7) a listing of each principal business or professional activity category from which  
 10.20 the individual received compensation of more than \$2,500 in the past 12 months as an  
 10.21 independent contractor.

10.22 (b) The business or professional categories for purposes of paragraph (a), clauses (6)  
 10.23 and (7), must be the general topic headings used by the federal Internal Revenue Service  
 10.24 for purposes of reporting self-employment income on Schedule C. This paragraph does  
 10.25 not require an individual to report any specific code number from that schedule. Any  
 10.26 additional principal business or professional activity category may only be adopted if  
 10.27 the category is enacted by law.

10.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment for  
 10.29 a person who becomes a public official on or after that date, and for a person who files an  
 10.30 affidavit of candidacy or a petition to appear on a ballot that is subject to section 10A.09.  
 10.31 For a person who is a public official before the effective date of this section, this section is  
 10.32 effective for supplementary statements due April 15, 2015.

10.33 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 10A.09, is amended by adding a subdivision  
 10.34 to read:

11.1            Subd. 10. **Board audits; data classification.** All data related to an audit, including  
11.2 the existence of the audit, are classified as confidential data, as defined in section 13.02,  
11.3 subdivision 3. A member, employee, or agent of the board must not disclose information  
11.4 obtained by the member, employee, or agent concerning the audit except as required to  
11.5 carry out the audit or take action in the matter. Upon completion of the audit, the board's  
11.6 final audit report is public. The final audit report must contain the name of the individual  
11.7 subject to the audit, a description of any audit findings, a description of any responses  
11.8 provided by the individual who was subject to the audit, and a description of the manner in  
11.9 which any findings were resolved.

11.10          Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 10A.12, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

11.11            **Subd. 5. Dues or membership fees.** An association may, if not prohibited by other  
11.12 law, deposit in its political fund money derived from dues or membership fees. Under  
11.13 section 10A.20, the treasurer of the fund must disclose the name of any member whose  
11.14 dues, membership fees, and contributions deposited in the political fund together exceed  
11.15 ~~\$100~~ \$200 in a year.

11.16          Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2013 Supplement, section 10A.20, subdivision 2, is  
11.17 amended to read:

11.18            **Subd. 2. Time for filing.** (a) The reports must be filed with the board on or before  
11.19 January 31 of each year and additional reports must be filed as required and in accordance  
11.20 with paragraphs (b) to ~~(d)~~ (f).

11.21            (b) In each year in which the name of a candidate for legislative or district court  
11.22 judicial office is on the ballot, the report of the principal campaign committee must be  
11.23 filed 15 days before a primary election and ten days before a general election, seven  
11.24 days before a special primary election and seven days before a special general election,  
11.25 and ten days after a special election cycle.

11.26            (c) In each general election year, a political committee, a political fund, a state  
11.27 party committee, and a party unit established by all or a part of the party organization  
11.28 within a house of the legislature, ~~and the principal campaign committee of a candidate for~~  
11.29 ~~constitutional or appellate court judicial office~~ must file reports on the following schedule:

11.30            (1) a first-quarter report covering the calendar year through March 31, which is  
11.31 due April 14;

11.32            (2) ~~in a year in which a primary election is held in August,~~ a report covering the  
11.33 calendar year through May 31, which is due June 14;

12.1 ~~(3) in a year in which a primary election is held before August, a pre-general-election~~  
 12.2 ~~report covering the calendar year through July 15, which is due July 29;~~

12.3 ~~(4) (3) a pre-primary-election report due 15 days before a primary election;~~

12.4 ~~(5) (4) a pre-general-election report due 42 days before the general election; and~~

12.5 ~~(6) (5) a pre-general-election report due ten days before a general election; and~~

12.6 ~~(7) for a special election, a constitutional office candidate whose name is on the~~  
 12.7 ~~ballot must file reports seven days before a special primary and a special election, and ten~~  
 12.8 ~~days after a special election cycle.~~

12.9 (d) In each general election year, a party unit not included in paragraph (c) must file  
 12.10 reports 15 days before a primary election and ten days before a general election.

12.11 (e) In each year in which a constitutional office or appellate court judicial seat is  
 12.12 on the ballot, the principal campaign committee of a candidate for that office or seat  
 12.13 must file reports on the following schedule:

12.14 (1) a first-quarter report covering the calendar year through March 31, which is  
 12.15 due April 14;

12.16 (2) a report covering the calendar year through May 31, which is due June 14;

12.17 (3) a pre-primary-election report due 15 days before a primary election;

12.18 (4) a pre-general-election report due 42 days before the general election;

12.19 (5) a pre-general-election report due ten days before a general election; and

12.20 (6) for a special election, a constitutional office candidate whose name is on the  
 12.21 ballot must file reports seven days before a special primary election, seven days before a  
 12.22 special general election, and ten days after a special election cycle.

12.23 ~~(e) (f)~~ Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) to (d), (e):

12.24 (1) the principal campaign committee of a candidate who did not file for office is not  
 12.25 required to file the report due 15 days before the primary election or the report due seven  
 12.26 days before a special primary election; and

12.27 (2) the principal campaign committee of a candidate whose name will not be on the  
 12.28 general election ballot is not required to file the report due 42 days before the general  
 12.29 election, the report due ten days before a general election, or the report due seven days  
 12.30 before a special general election.

12.31 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2013 Supplement, section 10A.20, subdivision 5, is  
 12.32 amended to read:

12.33 Subd. 5. **Pre-election reports.** (a) Any loan, contribution, or contributions:

12.34 (1) to a political committee or political fund from any one source totaling more  
 12.35 than \$1,000;

13.1 (2) to the principal campaign committee of a candidate for an appellate court judicial  
13.2 office totaling more than \$2,000;

13.3 (3) to the principal campaign committee of a candidate for district court judge  
13.4 totaling more than \$400; or

13.5 (4) to the principal campaign committee of a candidate for constitutional office or  
13.6 for the legislature totaling more than 50 percent of the election ~~eyele~~ segment contribution  
13.7 limit for the office,

13.8 received between the last day covered in the last report before an election and the election  
13.9 must be reported to the board in the manner provided in paragraph (b).

13.10 (b) A loan, contribution, or contributions required to be reported to the board under  
13.11 paragraph (a) must be reported to the board either:

13.12 (1) in person by the end of the next business day after its receipt; or

13.13 (2) by electronic means sent within 24 hours after its receipt.

13.14 (c) These loans and contributions must also be reported in the next required report.

13.15 (d) This notice requirement does not apply in a primary election to a candidate who  
13.16 is unopposed in the primary, in a primary election to a ballot question political committee  
13.17 or fund, or in a general election to a candidate whose name is not on the general election  
13.18 ballot. The board must post the report on its Web site by the end of the next business day  
13.19 after it is received.

13.20 (e) This subdivision does not apply to a ballot question or independent expenditure  
13.21 political committee or fund that has not met the registration threshold of section 10A.14,  
13.22 subdivision 1a. However, if a contribution that would be subject to this section triggers the  
13.23 registration requirement in section 10A.14, subdivision 1a, then both registration under  
13.24 that section and reporting under this section are required.

13.25 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 10A.255, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

13.26 Subd. 3. **Publication of expenditure limit.** By April 15 of each election year  
13.27 the board must publish ~~in the State Register~~ on its Web site the expenditure limit for  
13.28 each office for that calendar year under section 10A.25 as adjusted by this section. The  
13.29 revisor of statutes must code the adjusted amounts in the next edition of Minnesota  
13.30 Statutes, section 10A.25, subdivision 2.

13.31 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 10A.28, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

13.32 Subd. 4. **Civil action.** If the board is unable after a reasonable time to correct by  
13.33 informal methods a matter ~~that constitutes probable cause~~ where there is reason to believe  
13.34 that excess expenditures have been made or excess contributions accepted contrary to

14.1 subdivision 1 or 2, the board must make a public finding of ~~probable cause~~ in the matter.  
 14.2 ~~After making a public finding, the board must bring an action, or transmit the finding to a~~  
 14.3 ~~county attorney who must bring an action, in the District Court of Ramsey County or, in the~~  
 14.4 ~~case of a legislative candidate, the district court of a county within the legislative district,~~  
 14.5 ~~to collect a civil penalty as imposed by the board under subdivision 1 or 2. All money~~  
 14.6 ~~recovered under this section must be deposited in the general fund of the state treasury.~~  
 14.7 The board may use section 10A.34 to recover fees and penalties or to seek an injunction.

14.8 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 13.607, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

14.9 Subd. 5. **Statements of economic interest.** (a) Disclosure of statements of  
 14.10 economic interest filed by local officials is governed by section 10A.09, subdivision 6a.

14.11 (b) Data related to audits of statements of economic interest are governed by section  
 14.12 10A.09, subdivision 10.

14.13 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 13.607, subdivision 5a, is amended to read:

14.14 Subd. 5a. **Campaign reports and data.** Certain reports filed with the Campaign  
 14.15 Finance and Public Disclosure Board are classified under section 10A.20. Certain data  
 14.16 stored by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board is not government data  
 14.17 under section 10A.02, subdivision 11b.

14.18 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 211A.02, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

14.19 Subd. 2. **Information required.** The report to be filed by a candidate or committee  
 14.20 must include:

14.21 (1) the name of the candidate or ballot question;

14.22 (2) the printed name, address, telephone number, signature, and e-mail address, if  
 14.23 available, of the person responsible for filing the report;

14.24 (3) the total cash on hand designated to be used for political purposes;

14.25 (4) the total amount of receipts contributions and expenditures disbursements for the  
 14.26 period from the last previous report to five days before the current report is due;

14.27 (5) the amount, date, and purpose for each expenditure disbursement; and

14.28 (6) the name, address, and employer, or occupation if self-employed, of any  
 14.29 individual or committee that during the year has made one or more contributions that in  
 14.30 the aggregate exceed \$100, and the amount and date of each contribution. The filing  
 14.31 officer must restrict public access to the address of any individual who has made a  
 14.32 contribution that exceeds \$100 and who has filed with the filing officer a written statement

15.1 signed by the individual that withholding the individual's address from the financial report  
15.2 is required for the safety of the individual or the individual's family.

15.3 Sec. 25. **REPEALER.**

15.4 Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 10A.09, subdivision 8, is repealed.

15.5 Sec. 26. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

15.6 Except where otherwise provided, sections 1 to 25 are effective the day following  
15.7 final enactment.

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Subd. 8. **Failure to file; suspension.** A public official, except a member of the legislature or a constitutional officer, who is required to file a statement of economic interest and fails to do so by the prescribed deadline must be suspended without pay by the board in the manner prescribed in the contested case procedures in chapter 14.