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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 3195

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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; prohibiting certain contributions by dissolving
1.3 campaign committees; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 10A.27,
1.4 subdivision 9.
1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 10A.27, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 9. **Contributions to and from other candidates.** (a) A candidate or the
1.8 treasurer of a candidate's principal campaign committee must not accept a contribution
1.9 from another candidate's principal campaign committee or from any other committee
1.10 bearing the contributing candidate's name or title or otherwise authorized by the
1.11 contributing candidate, unless the contributing candidate's principal campaign committee
1.12 is being dissolved and the contributing candidate is not a lobbyist. A candidate's principal
1.13 campaign committee must not make a contribution to another candidate's principal
1.14 campaign committee, except when the contributing committee is being dissolved and the
1.15 contributing candidate is not a lobbyist.

1.16 (b) A principal campaign committee that makes a contribution to another principal
1.17 campaign committee must provide with the contribution a written statement of the
1.18 committee's intent to dissolve and terminate its registration within 12 months after the
1.19 contribution was made. If the committee fails to dissolve and terminate its registration by
1.20 that time, the board may levy a civil penalty up to four times the size of the contribution
1.21 against the contributing committee. A contribution from a terminating principal campaign
1.22 committee that is not accepted by another principal campaign committee must be forwarded
1.23 to the board for deposit in the general account of the state elections campaign account.

2.1 (c) A candidate's principal campaign committee must not accept a contribution from,
2.2 or make a contribution to, a committee associated with a person who seeks nomination
2.3 or election to the office of president, senator, or representative in Congress of the United
2.4 States.

2.5 (d) A candidate or the treasurer of a candidate's principal campaign committee must
2.6 not accept a contribution from a candidate for political subdivision office in any state,
2.7 unless the contribution is from the personal funds of the candidate for political subdivision
2.8 office. A candidate or the treasurer of a candidate's principal campaign committee must
2.9 not make a contribution from the principal campaign committee to a candidate for political
2.10 subdivision office in any state.

2.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.