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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FIRST SESSION

H. F. No. 715

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to campaign finance; expanding a limitation on certain contributions during
1.3 a session of the legislature; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 10A.273,
1.4 subdivisions 1, 3; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 10A.273, subdivision
1.5 2.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 10A.273, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.8 Subdivision 1. Contributions during legislative session. (a) A candidate for the
1.9 legislature or for constitutional office, the candidate's principal campaign committee, or a
1.10 political committee, a political fund, or a political party unit established by all or a part of
1.11 the party organization within a house of the legislature, must not solicit or accept a
1.12 contribution from a registered lobbyist, political committee, political fund, or an association
1.13 not registered with the board during a regular session of the legislature.

1.14 (b) A registered lobbyist, political committee, political fund, or an association not
1.15 registered with the board must not make a contribution to a candidate for the legislature or
1.16 for constitutional office, the candidate's principal campaign committee, or a political
1.17 committee or party unit established by all or a part of the party organization within a house
1.18 of the legislature during a regular session of the legislature that the recipient is prohibited
1.19 from accepting under paragraph (a).

1.20 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 10A.273, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.21 Subd. 3. Definition. For purposes of this section, a "regular session" starts includes:

2.1 (1) a regular session of the legislature, beginning at 12:00 a.m., on the first day of each  
2.2 annual session and ends ending at 11:59 p.m. on the last day of each annual session. ~~For~~  
2.3 ~~purposes of this section, regular session does not include a special session or the interim~~  
2.4 ~~between the two annual sessions of a biennium; and~~

2.5 (2) a special session of the legislature, beginning at 12:00 a.m. on the day the special  
2.6 session is scheduled to convene, and ending at 11:59 p.m. on the day the special session  
2.7 adjourns sine die.

2.8 Sec. 3. **REPEALER.**

2.9 Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 10A.273, subdivision 2, is repealed.

APPENDIX  
Repealed Minnesota Statutes: 19-2912

**10A.273 CONTRIBUTIONS AND SOLICITATIONS DURING LEGISLATIVE SESSION.**

Subd. 2. **Party unit solicitations.** A political party unit must not solicit or receive at an event hosted by a candidate for the legislature or by a candidate for constitutional office a contribution from a lobbyist, political committee, political fund, or party unit during a regular session of the legislature.