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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-SECOND SESSION

H. F. No. 773

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on State Government Finance and Elections

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 2020, section 10A.273,

1.4 subdivision 1; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 10A.273, subdivisions

1.5 2, 3.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, 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.~~ the following times:

1.14 (1) the period beginning the day after a state general election and ending at 11:59 p.m.

1.15 on the last day of the annual legislative session the following year;

1.16 (2) the period beginning at 12:00 a.m. on the day an annual legislative session is scheduled

1.17 to convene in an even numbered year, and ending at 11:59 p.m. on the day the annual session

1.18 adjourns sine die in that year; and

1.19 (3) the period beginning at 12:00 a.m. on the day a special legislative session is scheduled

1.20 to convene, and ending at 11:59 p.m. on the day the special session adjourns sine die.

1.21 (b) A registered lobbyist, political committee, political fund, or an association not

1.22 registered with the board must not make a contribution ~~to a candidate for the legislature or~~

1.23 ~~for constitutional office, the candidate's principal campaign committee, or a political~~

2.1 ~~committee or party unit established by all or a part of the party organization within a house~~
2.2 ~~of the legislature during a regular session of the legislature~~ that the recipient is prohibited
2.3 from accepting under paragraph (a).

2.4 Sec. 2. **REPEALER.**

2.5 Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 10A.273, subdivisions 2 and 3, are repealed.

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.

Subd. 3. **Definition.** For purposes of this section, a "regular session" starts at 12:00 a.m., on the first day of each annual session and ends at 11:59 p.m. on the last day of each annual session. For purposes of this section, regular session does not include a special session or the interim between the two annual sessions of a biennium.