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Referred to Rules and Administration

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article VII, section
1.3 9; requiring the legislature to enact laws providing for disclosure of certain
1.4 campaign contributions and expenditures.

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

Section 1. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED.

An amendment to the Minnesota Constitution is proposed to the people. If the amendment is adopted, article VII, section 9, will read:

Sec. 9. The amount that may be spent by candidates for constitutional and legislative offices to campaign for nomination or election shall be limited by law.

The legislature shall provide by law for disclosure of contributions and expenditures made to support or oppose candidates for state elective offices. At a minimum, disclosure must be required for contributions and expenditures for communications made within a reasonable proximity to an election that clearly identify a candidate, communications that use words or phrases of express advocacy, and communications that, when taken as a whole and with limited reference to external events, including the proximity to an election, are not susceptible to any other interpretation by a reasonable person other than as advocating the election or defeat of a candidate. Exceptions to disclosure for de minimus contributions and expenditures and for contributions and expenditures directed by an organization to its own subscribed membership may be provided by law.

As used in this section, "candidate" means an individual seeking nomination or election to a constitutional or legislative office and includes an incumbent seeking renomination or reelection to an office.

Section 1.

2.1	Sec. 2. SUBMISSION TO VOTERS.
2.2	The proposed amendment must be submitted to the people at the 2016 general
2.3	election. The question submitted must be:
2.4	"Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to require public disclosure of
2.5	contributions and expenditures for communications made within a reasonable proximity
2.6	to an election that clearly identify a candidate, communications that expressly advocate
2.7	for or against a candidate for state elected office, and communications that could be
2.8	interpreted by a reasonable person as advocating the election or defeat of a candidate
2.9	for state elected office?
2.10	<u>Yes</u>
2.11	<u>No</u> <u>"</u>
2.12	Sec. 3. DISCLOSE ACT.
2.13	This act shall be referred to as the Democracy is Strengthened by Casting Light on
2.14	Spending in Elections (DISCLOSE) Act.

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