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Introduction and first reading
Referred to State Government Finance and Policy and Elections

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to campaign finance; providing a process to terminate a special election
1.3 cycle early; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 10A.01, subdivision 16;
1.4 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 10A.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 10A.01, subdivision 16, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 16. **Election cycle.** "Election cycle" means the period from January 1 following
1.8 a general election for an office to December 31 following the next general election for that
1.9 office, except that "election cycle" for a special election means the period from the date the
1.10 special election writ is issued to 60 days after the special election is held, unless the cycle
1.11 is ended sooner pursuant to section 10A.095. For a regular election, the period from January
1.12 1 of the year prior to an election year through December 31 of the election year is the
1.13 "election segment" of the election cycle. Each other two-year segment of an election cycle
1.14 is a "nonelection segment" of the election cycle. An election cycle that consists of two
1.15 calendar years has only an election segment. The election segment of a special election
1.16 cycle includes the entire special election cycle.

1.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
1.18 applies to any special election cycle that starts on or after that date.

1.19 Sec. 2. **[10A.095] SPECIAL ELECTION CYCLE TERMINATION.**

1.20 A candidate in a special election may end the election cycle five days after the special
1.21 election by notifying the board. The notice must be in writing and be delivered to the board

2.1 before 5 p.m. on the fifth day after the election. If the fifth day falls on a Saturday, Sunday,
2.2 or holiday, the notice must be delivered before 5 p.m. on the next business day.

2.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
2.4 applies to any special election cycle that starts on or after that date.