

CHAPTER 265--S.F.No. 2782

An act relating to campaign finance; modifying certain contribution limits; requiring certain reports to be made available online; amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, sections 211A.02, by adding a subdivision; 211A.12.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 211A.02, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 6. Online accessibility; reports. (a) The filing officer of a local government shall make all reports required to be filed with the local government under this section available on the local government's Web site, if the local government maintains a Web site. The filing officer must post the reports on the local government's Web site as soon as possible, but no later than 30 days after receipt of the report. The local government must make the reports available on the local government's Web site for four years from the date the report was posted to the Web site.

(b) The filing officer shall provide the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board with the link to the section of the Web site where reports are made available pursuant to paragraph (a). The Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board shall publish on its Web site each link that a filing officer provides pursuant to this paragraph.

(c) This subdivision does not apply to a statutory or home rule charter city or town if the statutory or home rule charter city or town has fewer than 400 registered voters as of January 1 of the year in which the election is to be held.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment and applies to reports filed on or after that date.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 211A.12, is amended to read:

211A.12 CONTRIBUTION LIMITS.

A candidate or a candidate's committee may not accept aggregate contributions made or delivered by an individual or committee in excess of ~~\$300~~ \$600 in an election year for the office sought and ~~\$100~~ \$250 in other years; except that a candidate or a candidate's committee for an office whose territory has a population over 100,000 may not accept aggregate contributions made or delivered by an individual or committee in excess of ~~\$500~~ \$1,000 in an election year for the office sought and ~~\$100~~ \$250 in other years.

The following deliveries are not subject to the bundling limitation in this section:

(1) delivery of contributions collected by a member of the candidate's committee, such as a block worker or a volunteer who hosts a fund-raising event, to the committee's treasurer; and

(2) a delivery made by an individual on behalf of the individual's spouse.

Notwithstanding sections 211A.02, subdivision 3, and 410.21, this section supersedes any home rule charter.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment and applies to elections held on or after that date.

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Signed by the governor May 16, 2014, 10:10 a.m.