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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **3557**

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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; allowing a terminating principal campaign committee
1.3 to make donations to school boards; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section
1.4 211B.12.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 211B.12, is amended to read:

1.7 **211B.12 LEGAL EXPENDITURES.**

1.8 Use of money collected for political purposes is prohibited unless the use is reasonably
1.9 related to the conduct of election campaigns, or is a noncampaign disbursement as defined
1.10 in section 10A.01, subdivision 26. The following are permitted expenditures when made
1.11 for political purposes:

1.12 (1) salaries, wages, and fees;

1.13 (2) communications, mailing, transportation, and travel;

1.14 (3) campaign advertising;

1.15 (4) printing;

1.16 (5) office and other space and necessary equipment, furnishings, and incidental supplies;

1.17 (6) charitable contributions of not more than \$100 to any charity organized under section
1.18 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code annually, except that the amount contributed is not
1.19 limited by this clause if the political committee, political fund, party unit, principal campaign
1.20 committee, or campaign fund of a candidate for political subdivision office that made the
1.21 contribution dissolves within one year after the contribution is made; ~~and~~

2.1 (7) contributions to a school board in any amount if the political committee, political
2.2 fund, party unit, principal campaign committee, or campaign fund of a candidate for political
2.3 subdivision office that made the contribution dissolves within one year after the contribution
2.4 is made; and

2.5 ~~(7)~~ (8) other expenses, not included in clauses (1) to ~~(6)~~ (7), that are reasonably related
2.6 to the conduct of election campaigns. In addition, expenditures made for the purpose of
2.7 providing information to constituents, whether or not related to the conduct of an election,
2.8 are permitted expenses. Money collected for political purposes and assets of a political
2.9 committee or political fund may not be converted to personal use.

2.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2022.