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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-SECOND SESSION

H. F. No. 2075

03/09/2021 Authored by Nelson, M., 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; amending public subsidy disbursements for certain
1.3 candidates; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 10A.31, subdivision 7.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 10A.31, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 7. Distribution of general account. (a) As soon as the board has obtained the
1.7 results of the primary election from the secretary of state, but no later than one week after
1.8 certification of the primary results by the State Canvassing Board, the board must distribute
1.9 the available money in the general account, as certified by the commissioner of revenue
1.10 one week before the state primary and according to allocations set forth in subdivision 5,
1.11 in equal amounts to all candidates of a major political party whose names are to appear on
1.12 the ballot in the general election and who:

1.13 (1) have signed a spending limit agreement under section 10A.322;

1.14 (2) have filed the affidavit of contributions required by section 10A.323; and

1.15 (3) were opposed in either the primary election or the general election.

1.16 (b) If one or more candidates for an office are not eligible for the public subsidy, and
1.17 one or more candidates for the same office are eligible for the public subsidy, then the
1.18 amount of public subsidy that would have otherwise been paid to the ineligible candidate
1.19 or candidates must be equally distributed to the eligible candidate or candidates.

1.20 (c) The public subsidy under this subdivision may not be paid in an amount that
1.21 would cause the sum of the public subsidy paid from the party account plus the public
1.22 subsidy paid from the general account to exceed 50 percent of the expenditure limit for the

- 2.1 candidate or 50 percent of the expenditure limit that would have applied to the candidate if
- 2.2 the candidate had not been freed from expenditure limits under section 10A.25, subdivision
- 2.3 10. Money from the general account not paid to a candidate because of the 50 percent limit
- 2.4 must be distributed equally among all other qualifying candidates for the same office until
- 2.5 all have reached the 50 percent limit or the balance in the general account is exhausted.