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A bill for an act  
relating to campaigns; modifying false political and campaign material law;  
amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 211B.06, subdivision 1; repealing  
Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 211B.06, subdivision 2.  
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 211B.06, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Gross Misdemeanor.** ~~(a) A person is guilty of a gross misdemeanor who intentionally participates in the preparation, dissemination, or broadcast of paid political advertising or campaign material with respect to the personal or political character or acts of a candidate, or with respect to the effect of a ballot question, that is designed or tends to elect, injure, promote, or defeat a candidate for nomination or election to a public office or to promote or defeat a ballot question, that is false, and that the person knows is false or communicates to others with reckless disregard of whether it is false.~~

~~(b)~~ A person is guilty of a misdemeanor who intentionally participates in the drafting of a letter to the editor with respect to the personal or political character or acts of a candidate, or with respect to the effect of a ballot question, that is designed or tends to elect, injure, promote, or defeat any candidate for nomination or election to a public office or to promote or defeat a ballot question, that is false, and that the person knows is false or communicates to others with reckless disregard of whether it is false.

Sec. 2. **REPEALER.**

Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 211B.06, subdivision 2, is repealed.

APPENDIX  
Repealed Minnesota Statutes: 16-5067

**211B.06 FALSE POLITICAL AND CAMPAIGN MATERIAL.**

Subd. 2. **Exception.** Subdivision 1 does not apply to any person or organization whose sole act is, in the normal course of their business, the printing, manufacturing, or dissemination of the false information.