

146.1 **ARTICLE 6**

146.2 **CAMPAIGN FINANCE**

146.3 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.01, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

146.4 Subd. 5. **Associated business.** "Associated business" means an association, corporation,

146.5 partnership, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or other organized legal

146.6 entity from which the individual or the individual's spouse receives compensation in excess

146.7 of \$250, except for actual and reasonable expenses, in any month during the reporting period

146.8 as a director, officer, owner, member, partner, employer or employee, or whose securities

146.9 the individual or the individual's spouse holds worth more than \$10,000 at fair market value.

146.10 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to

146.11 read:

146.12 Subd. 12a. **Designated lobbyist.** "Designated lobbyist" means the lobbyist responsible

146.13 for reporting the lobbying disbursements and activity of the entity the lobbyist represents.

146.14 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to

146.15 read:

146.16 Subd. 17d. **General lobbying category.** "General lobbying category" means an area of

146.17 interest for lobbying for an entity that is on a list of categories specified by the board.

146.18 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to

146.19 read:

146.20 Subd. 19a. **Legislative action.** "Legislative action" means any of the following:

2.2 **ARTICLE 1**

2.3 **CAMPAIGN FINANCE POLICY**

2.4 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.01, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

2.5 Subd. 5. **Associated business.** (a) "Associated business" means an association,

2.6 corporation, partnership, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or other

2.7 organized legal entity from which the individual or the individual's spouse receives

2.8 compensation in excess of \$250, except for actual and reasonable expenses, in any month

2.9 during the reporting period as a director, officer, owner, member, partner, employer or

2.10 employee, or whose securities the individual or the individual's spouse holds worth more

2.11 than \$10,000 at fair market value.

2.12 (b) Associated business also means a lobbyist, principal, or interested person by whom

2.13 the individual is compensated in excess of \$250, except for actual and reasonable expenses,

2.14 in any month for providing services as an independent contractor or consultant. If an

2.15 individual is compensated by a person or association for providing services to a lobbyist,

2.16 principal, or interested person, associated business includes both the person or association

2.17 that pays the compensation and the lobbyist, principal, or interested person to whom the

2.18 services are provided.

2.19 (c) "Interested person" means a person or a representative of a person or association that

2.20 has a direct financial interest in a decision that the individual receiving the compensation

2.21 is authorized to make as a public or local official or will be authorized to make upon

2.22 becoming a public or local official. To be direct, the financial interest of the person or

2.23 association paying the compensation to the individual must be of greater consequence to

2.24 the payer than the general interest of other residents or taxpayers of the individual's

2.25 governmental unit.

2.26 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to

2.27 read:

2.28 Subd. 12a. **Designated lobbyist.** "Designated lobbyist" means the lobbyist responsible

2.29 for reporting the lobbying disbursements and activity of the entity the lobbyist represents.

3.1 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to

3.2 read:

3.3 Subd. 17d. **General lobbying category.** "General lobbying category" means an area of

3.4 interest for lobbying for an entity that is on a list of categories specified by the board.

3.5 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to

3.6 read:

3.7 Subd. 19a. **Legislative action.** "Legislative action" means any of the following:

146.21 (1) the development of prospective legislation, including the development of amendment
146.22 language to prospective legislation;

146.23 (2) the review, modification, adoption, or rejection by a member of the legislature or an
146.24 employee of the legislature, if applicable, of any (i) bill, (ii) amendment, (iii) resolution,
146.25 (iv) confirmation considered by the legislature, or (v) report;

146.26 (3) the development of, in conjunction with a constitutional officer, prospective legislation
146.27 or a request for support or opposition to introduced legislation; and

146.28 (4) the action of the governor in approving or vetoing any act of the legislature or portion
146.29 of an act of the legislature.

147.1 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.01, subdivision 21, is amended to read:

147.2 Subd. 21. **Lobbyist.** (a) "Lobbyist" means an individual:

147.3 (1) engaged for pay or other consideration of more than \$3,000 from all sources in any
147.4 year:

147.5 (i) for the purpose of attempting to influence legislative or administrative action, or the
147.6 official action of a ~~metropolitan governmental unit~~ political subdivision, by communicating
147.7 or urging others to communicate with public or local officials; or

147.8 (ii) from a business whose primary source of revenue is derived from facilitating
147.9 government relations or government affairs services ~~between two third parties~~ if the
147.10 individual's job duties include offering direct or indirect consulting or advice that helps the
147.11 business provide those services to clients; or

147.12 (2) who spends more than ~~\$250~~ \$3,000 of the individual's personal funds, not including
147.13 the individual's own traveling expenses and membership dues, in any year for the purpose
147.14 of attempting to influence legislative or administrative action, or the official action of a
147.15 ~~metropolitan governmental unit~~ political subdivision, by communicating or urging others
147.16 to communicate with public or local officials.

147.17 (b) "Lobbyist" does not include:

147.18 (1) a public official;

147.19 (2) an employee of the state, including an employee of any of the public higher education
147.20 systems;

147.21 (3) an elected local official;

147.22 (4) a nonelected local official or an employee of a political subdivision acting in an
147.23 official capacity, unless the nonelected official or employee of a political subdivision spends
147.24 more than 50 hours in any month attempting to influence legislative or administrative action,
147.25 or the official action of a ~~metropolitan governmental unit~~ political subdivision other than
147.26 the political subdivision employing the official or employee, by communicating or urging

3.8 (1) the development of prospective legislation, including the development of amendment
3.9 language to prospective legislation;

3.10 (2) the review, modification, adoption, or rejection by a member of the legislature or an
3.11 employee of the legislature, if applicable, of any (i) bill, (ii) amendment, (iii) resolution,
3.12 (iv) confirmation considered by the legislature, or (v) report;

3.13 (3) the development of, in conjunction with a constitutional officer, prospective legislation
3.14 or a request for support or opposition to introduced legislation; and

3.15 (4) the action of the governor in approving or vetoing any act of the legislature or portion
3.16 of an act of the legislature.

3.17 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.01, subdivision 21, is amended to read:

3.18 Subd. 21. **Lobbyist.** (a) "Lobbyist" means an individual:

3.19 (1) engaged for pay or other consideration of more than \$3,000 from all sources in any
3.20 year:

3.21 (i) for the purpose of attempting to influence legislative or administrative action, or the
3.22 official action of a ~~metropolitan governmental unit~~, by communicating or urging others to
3.23 communicate with public or local officials; or

3.24 (ii) from a business whose primary source of revenue is derived from facilitating
3.25 government relations or government affairs services ~~between two third parties~~, if the
3.26 individual's job duties include offering direct or indirect consulting or advice that helps the
3.27 business provide those services to clients; or

3.28 (2) who spends more than ~~\$250~~ \$3,000 of the individual's personal funds, not including
3.29 the individual's own traveling expenses and membership dues, in any year for the purpose
3.30 of attempting to influence legislative or administrative action, or the official action of a
4.1 ~~metropolitan governmental unit~~, by communicating or urging others to communicate with
4.2 public or local officials.

4.3 (b) "Lobbyist" does not include:

4.4 (1) a public official;

4.5 (2) an employee of the state, including an employee of any of the public higher education
4.6 systems;

4.7 (3) an elected local official;

4.8 (4) a nonelected local official or an employee of a political subdivision acting in an
4.9 official capacity, unless the nonelected official or employee of a political subdivision spends
4.10 more than 50 hours in any month attempting to influence legislative or administrative action,
4.11 or the official action of a ~~metropolitan governmental unit~~ other than the political subdivision
4.12 employing the official or employee, by communicating or urging others to communicate

147.27 others to communicate with public or local officials, including time spent monitoring
147.28 legislative or administrative action, or the official action of a ~~metropolitan governmental~~
147.29 ~~unit political subdivision~~, and related research, analysis, and compilation and dissemination
147.30 of information relating to legislative or administrative policy in this state, or to the policies
147.31 of ~~metropolitan governmental units political subdivisions~~;

148.1 (5) a party or the party's representative appearing in a proceeding before a state board,
148.2 commission, or agency of the executive branch unless the board, commission, or agency is
148.3 taking administrative action;

148.4 (6) an individual while engaged in selling goods or services to be paid for by public
148.5 funds;

148.6 (7) a news medium or its employees or agents while engaged in the publishing or
148.7 broadcasting of news items, editorial comments, or paid advertisements which directly or
148.8 indirectly urge official action;

148.9 (8) a paid expert witness whose testimony is requested by the body before which the
148.10 witness is appearing, but only to the extent of preparing or delivering testimony; or

148.11 (9) a party or the party's representative appearing to present a claim to the legislature
148.12 and communicating to legislators only by the filing of a claim form and supporting documents
148.13 and by appearing at public hearings on the claim.

148.14 (c) An individual who volunteers personal time to work without pay or other consideration
148.15 on a lobbying campaign, and who does not spend more than the limit in paragraph (a), clause
148.16 (2), need not register as a lobbyist.

148.17 (d) An individual who provides administrative support to a lobbyist and whose salary
148.18 and administrative expenses attributable to lobbying activities are reported as lobbying
148.19 expenses by the lobbyist, but who does not communicate or urge others to communicate
148.20 with public or local officials, need not register as a lobbyist.

4.13 with public or local officials, including time spent monitoring legislative or administrative
4.14 action, or the official action of a ~~metropolitan governmental unit~~, and related research,
4.15 analysis, and compilation and dissemination of information relating to legislative or
4.16 administrative policy in this state, or to the policies of ~~metropolitan governmental units~~;

4.17 (5) a party or the party's representative appearing in a proceeding before a state board,
4.18 commission, or agency of the executive branch unless the board, commission, or agency is
4.19 taking administrative action;

4.20 (6) an individual while engaged in selling goods or services to be paid for by public
4.21 funds;

4.22 (7) a news medium or its employees or agents while engaged in the publishing or
4.23 broadcasting of news items, editorial comments, or paid advertisements which directly or
4.24 indirectly urge official action;

4.25 (8) a paid expert witness whose testimony is requested by the body before which the
4.26 witness is appearing, but only to the extent of preparing or delivering testimony; or

4.27 (9) a party or the party's representative appearing to present a claim to the legislature
4.28 and communicating to legislators only by the filing of a claim form and supporting documents
4.29 and by appearing at public hearings on the claim.

4.30 (c) An individual who volunteers personal time to work without pay or other consideration
4.31 on a lobbying campaign, and who does not spend more than the limit in paragraph (a), clause
4.32 (2), need not register as a lobbyist.

5.1 (d) An individual who provides administrative support to a lobbyist and whose salary
5.2 and administrative expenses attributable to lobbying activities are reported as lobbying
5.3 expenses by the lobbyist, but who does not communicate or urge others to communicate
5.4 with public or local officials, need not register as a lobbyist.

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98.20 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.01, subdivision 21, is amended to read:

98.21 Subd. 21. **Lobbyist.** (a) "Lobbyist" means an individual:

98.22 (1) engaged for pay or other consideration of more than \$3,000 from all sources in any
98.23 year:

98.24 (i) for the purpose of attempting to influence legislative or administrative action, or the
98.25 official action of a ~~metropolitan governmental unit~~ political subdivision, by communicating
98.26 or urging others to communicate with public or local officials; or

98.27 (ii) from a business whose primary source of revenue is derived from facilitating
98.28 government relations or government affairs services between two third parties; or

- 98.29 (2) who spends more than \$250, not including the individual's own traveling expenses
98.30 and membership dues, in any year for the purpose of attempting to influence legislative or
98.31 administrative action, or the official action of a ~~metropolitan governmental unit~~ political
98.32 subdivision, by communicating or urging others to communicate with public or local officials.
- 99.1 (b) "Lobbyist" does not include:
- 99.2 (1) a public official;
- 99.3 (2) an employee of the state, including an employee of any of the public higher education
99.4 systems;
- 99.5 (3) an elected local official;
- 99.6 (4) a nonelected local official or an employee of a political subdivision acting in an
99.7 official capacity, unless the nonelected official or employee of a political subdivision spends
99.8 more than 50 hours in any month attempting to influence legislative or administrative action,
99.9 or the official action of a ~~metropolitan governmental unit~~ political subdivision other than
99.10 the political subdivision employing the official or employee, by communicating or urging
99.11 others to communicate with public or local officials, including time spent monitoring
99.12 legislative or administrative action, or the official action of a ~~metropolitan governmental~~
99.13 ~~unit~~ political subdivision, and related research, analysis, and compilation and dissemination
99.14 of information relating to legislative or administrative policy in this state, or to the policies
99.15 of ~~metropolitan governmental units~~ political subdivisions;
- 99.16 (5) a party or the party's representative appearing in a proceeding before a state board,
99.17 commission, or agency of the executive branch unless the board, commission, or agency is
99.18 taking administrative action;
- 99.19 (6) an individual while engaged in selling goods or services to be paid for by public
99.20 funds;
- 99.21 (7) a news medium or its employees or agents while engaged in the publishing or
99.22 broadcasting of news items, editorial comments, or paid advertisements which directly or
99.23 indirectly urge official action;
- 99.24 (8) a paid expert witness whose testimony is requested by the body before which the
99.25 witness is appearing, but only to the extent of preparing or delivering testimony; or
- 99.26 (9) a party or the party's representative appearing to present a claim to the legislature
99.27 and communicating to legislators only by the filing of a claim form and supporting documents
99.28 and by appearing at public hearings on the claim.
- 99.29 (c) An individual who volunteers personal time to work without pay or other consideration
99.30 on a lobbying campaign, and who does not spend more than the limit in paragraph (a), clause
99.31 (2), need not register as a lobbyist.

148.21 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.01, subdivision 26, is amended to read:

148.22 Subd. 26. **Noncampaign disbursement.** (a) "Noncampaign disbursement" means a

148.23 purchase or payment of money or anything of value made, or an advance of credit incurred,

148.24 or a donation in kind received, by a principal campaign committee for any of the following

148.25 purposes:

148.26 (1) payment for accounting and legal services;

148.27 (2) return of a contribution to the source;

148.28 (3) repayment of a loan made to the principal campaign committee by that committee;

148.29 (4) return of a public subsidy;

148.30 (5) payment for food, beverages, and necessary utensils and supplies, entertainment,

148.31 and facility rental for a fundraising event;

149.1 (6) services for a constituent by a member of the legislature or a constitutional officer

149.2 in the executive branch as provided in section 10A.173, subdivision 1;

149.3 (7) payment for food and beverages consumed by a candidate or volunteers while they

149.4 are engaged in campaign activities;

149.5 (8) payment for food or a beverage consumed while attending a reception or meeting

149.6 directly related to legislative duties;

149.7 (9) payment of expenses incurred by elected or appointed leaders of a legislative caucus

149.8 in carrying out their leadership responsibilities;

149.9 (10) payment by a principal campaign committee of the candidate's expenses for serving

149.10 in public office, other than for personal uses;

149.11 (11) costs of child care for the candidate's children when campaigning;

149.12 (12) fees paid to attend a campaign school;

149.13 (13) costs of a postelection party during the election year when a candidate's name will

149.14 no longer appear on a ballot or the general election is concluded, whichever occurs first;

149.15 (14) interest on loans paid by a principal campaign committee on outstanding loans;

100.1 (d) An individual who provides administrative support to a lobbyist and whose salary

100.2 and administrative expenses attributable to lobbying activities are reported as lobbying

100.3 expenses by the lobbyist, but who does not communicate or urge others to communicate

100.4 with public or local officials, need not register as a lobbyist.

100.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024.

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5.5 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.01, subdivision 26, is amended to read:

5.6 Subd. 26. **Noncampaign disbursement.** (a) "Noncampaign disbursement" means a

5.7 purchase or payment of money or anything of value made, or an advance of credit incurred,

5.8 or a donation in kind received, by a principal campaign committee for any of the following

5.9 purposes:

5.10 (1) payment for accounting and legal services;

5.11 (2) return of a contribution to the source;

5.12 (3) repayment of a loan made to the principal campaign committee by that committee;

5.13 (4) return of a public subsidy;

5.14 (5) payment for food, beverages, and necessary utensils and supplies, entertainment,

5.15 and facility rental for a fundraising event;

5.16 (6) services for a constituent by a member of the legislature or a constitutional officer

5.17 in the executive branch as provided in section 10A.173, subdivision 1;

5.18 (7) payment for food and beverages consumed by a candidate or volunteers while they

5.19 are engaged in campaign activities;

5.20 (8) payment for food or a beverage consumed while attending a reception or meeting

5.21 directly related to legislative duties;

5.22 (9) payment of expenses incurred by elected or appointed leaders of a legislative caucus

5.23 in carrying out their leadership responsibilities;

5.24 (10) payment by a principal campaign committee of the candidate's expenses for serving

5.25 in public office, other than for personal uses;

5.26 (11) costs of child care for the candidate's children when campaigning;

5.27 (12) fees paid to attend a campaign school;

5.28 (13) costs of a postelection party during the election year when a candidate's name will

5.29 no longer appear on a ballot or the general election is concluded, whichever occurs first;

5.30 (14) interest on loans paid by a principal campaign committee on outstanding loans;

149.16 (15) filing fees;

149.17 (16) post-general election holiday or seasonal cards, thank-you notes, or advertisements

149.18 in the news media mailed or published prior to the end of the election cycle;

149.19 (17) the cost of campaign material purchased to replace defective campaign material, if

149.20 the defective material is destroyed without being used;

149.21 (18) contributions to a party unit;

149.22 (19) payments for funeral gifts or memorials;

149.23 (20) the cost of a magnet less than six inches in diameter containing legislator contact

149.24 information and distributed to constituents;

149.25 (21) costs associated with a candidate attending a political party state or national

149.26 convention in this state;

149.27 (22) other purchases or payments specified in board rules or advisory opinions as being

149.28 for any purpose other than to influence the nomination or election of a candidate or to

149.29 promote or defeat a ballot question;

150.1 (23) costs paid to a third party for processing contributions made by a credit card, debit

150.2 card, or electronic check;

150.3 (24) a contribution to a fund established to support a candidate's participation in a recount

150.4 of ballots affecting that candidate's election;

150.5 (25) costs paid by a candidate's principal campaign committee for a single reception

150.6 given in honor of the candidate's retirement from public office after the filing period for

150.7 affidavits of candidacy for that office has closed;

150.8 (26) a donation from a terminating principal campaign committee to the state general

150.9 fund;

150.10 (27) a donation from a terminating principal campaign committee to a county obligated

150.11 to incur special election expenses due to that candidate's resignation from state office; ~~and~~

150.12 (28) during a period starting January 1 in the year following a general election and ending

150.13 on December 31 of the year of general election, total payments of up to \$3,000 for security

150.14 expenses for a candidate, including home security hardware, maintenance of home security

150.15 hardware, identity theft monitoring services, and credit monitoring services;

150.16 (29) costs to support a candidate's principal campaign committee's participation in a

150.17 recount of ballots affecting that candidate's election;

6.1 (15) filing fees;

6.2 (16) post-general election holiday or seasonal cards, thank-you notes, or advertisements

6.3 in the news media mailed or published prior to the end of the election cycle;

6.4 (17) the cost of campaign material purchased to replace defective campaign material, if

6.5 the defective material is destroyed without being used;

6.6 (18) contributions to a party unit;

6.7 (19) payments for funeral gifts or memorials;

6.8 (20) the cost of a magnet less than six inches in diameter containing legislator contact

6.9 information and distributed to constituents;

6.10 (21) costs associated with a candidate attending a political party state or national

6.11 convention in this state;

6.12 (22) other purchases or payments specified in board rules or advisory opinions as being

6.13 for any purpose other than to influence the nomination or election of a candidate or to

6.14 promote or defeat a ballot question;

6.15 (23) costs paid to a third party for processing contributions made by a credit card, debit

6.16 card, or electronic check;

6.19 (25) a contribution to a fund established to support a candidate's participation in a recount

6.20 of ballots affecting that candidate's election;

6.21 (25) (26) costs paid by a candidate's principal campaign committee for a single reception

6.22 given in honor of the candidate's retirement from public office after the filing period for

6.23 affidavits of candidacy for that office has closed;

6.24 (26) (27) a donation from a terminating principal campaign committee to the state general

6.25 fund;

6.26 (27) (28) a donation from a terminating principal campaign committee to a county

6.27 obligated to incur special election expenses due to that candidate's resignation from state

6.28 office; ~~and~~

6.29 (28) (29) during a period starting January 1 in the year following a general election and

6.30 ending on December 31 of the year of general election, total payments of up to \$3,000 for

6.31 detection-related security monitoring expenses for a candidate, including home security

7.1 hardware, maintenance of home security monitoring hardware, identity theft monitoring

7.2 services, and credit monitoring services; and

6.17 (24) costs paid by a candidate's principal campaign committee to support the candidate's

6.18 participation in a recount of ballots affecting the candidate's election;

150.18 (30) costs of running a transition office for a winning state constitutional office candidate
150.19 during the first three months after election; and

150.20 (31) costs paid to repair or replace campaign property that is documented to have been
150.21 lost, damaged, or stolen, including but not limited to campaign lawn signs.

150.22 (b) The board must determine whether an activity involves a noncampaign disbursement
150.23 within the meaning of this subdivision.

150.24 (c) A noncampaign disbursement is considered to be made in the year in which the
150.25 candidate made the purchase of goods or services or incurred an obligation to pay for goods
150.26 or services.

150.27 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to
150.28 read:

150.29 Subd. 26b. **Official action of a political subdivision.** "Official action of a political
150.30 subdivision" means any action that requires a vote or approval by one or more elected local
150.31 officials while acting in their official capacity; or an action by an appointed or employed
151.1 local official to make, to recommend, or to vote on as a member of the governing body,
151.2 major decisions regarding the expenditure or investment of public money.

151.3 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.01, subdivision 30, is amended to read:

151.4 Subd. 30. **Political party unit or party unit.** "Political party unit" or "party unit" means
151.5 the state committee or, the party organization within a house of the legislature, ~~congressional~~
151.6 ~~district, county, legislative district, municipality, or precinct~~ or any other party organization
151.7 designated by the chair of the political party in an annual certification of party units provided
151.8 to the board.

151.9 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to
151.10 read:

151.11 Subd. 35c. **Specific subject of interest.** "Specific subject of interest" means a particular
151.12 topic or area of lobbying interest within a general lobbying category.

7.3 (30) costs paid to repair or replace campaign property that was: (i) lost or stolen, or (ii)
7.4 damaged or defaced to such a degree that the property no longer serves its intended purpose.
7.5 For purposes of this clause, campaign property includes but is not limited to campaign lawn
7.6 signs. The candidate must document the need for these costs in writing or with photographs.

7.7 (b) The board must determine whether an activity involves a noncampaign disbursement
7.8 within the meaning of this subdivision.

7.9 (c) A noncampaign disbursement is considered to be made in the year in which the
7.10 candidate made the purchase of goods or services or incurred an obligation to pay for goods
7.11 or services.

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100.6 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to
100.7 read:

100.8 Subd. 26b. **Official action of political subdivisions.** "Official action of political
100.9 subdivisions" means any action that requires a vote or approval by one or more elected local
100.10 officials while acting in their official capacity; or an action by an appointed or employed
100.11 local official to make, to recommend, or to vote on, as a member of the governing body,
100.12 major decisions regarding the expenditure or investment of public money.

100.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

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7.12 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.01, subdivision 30, is amended to read:

7.13 Subd. 30. **Political party unit or party unit.** "Political party unit" or "party unit" means
7.14 the state committee or, the party organization within a house of the legislature, ~~congressional~~
7.15 ~~district, county, legislative district, municipality, or precinct~~ or any other party organization
7.16 designated by the chair of the political party in an annual certification of party units provided
7.17 to the board.

7.18 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to
7.19 read:

7.20 Subd. 35c. **Specific subject of interest.** "Specific subject of interest" means a particular
7.21 topic or area of lobbying interest within a general lobbying category.

7.22 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to
7.23 read:

7.24 Subd. 37. **Virtual currency.** "Virtual currency" means any digital currency which is
7.25 only available in an electronic form and not as a physical form of money. Virtual currency

151.13 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.022, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

151.14 Subd. 3. **Investigation authority; complaint process.** (a) The board may investigate
151.15 any alleged or potential violation of this chapter. The board may also investigate an alleged
151.16 or potential violation of section 211B.04, 211B.12, or 211B.15 by or related to a candidate,
151.17 treasurer, principal campaign committee, political committee, political fund, or party unit,
151.18 as those terms are defined in this chapter. The board may only investigate an alleged violation
151.19 if the board:

151.20 (1) receives a written complaint alleging a violation;

151.21 (2) discovers a potential violation as a result of an audit conducted by the board; or

151.22 (3) discovers a potential violation as a result of a staff review.

151.23 (b) When the board investigates the allegations made in a written complaint and the
151.24 investigation reveals other potential violations that were not included in the complaint, the
151.25 board may investigate the potential violations not alleged in the complaint only after making
151.26 a determination under paragraph (d) that probable cause exists to believe a violation that
151.27 warrants a formal investigation has occurred.

151.28 (c) Upon receipt of a written complaint filed with the board, the board chair or another
151.29 board member designated by the chair shall promptly make a determination as to whether
151.30 the complaint alleges a prima facie violation. If a determination is made that the complaint
151.31 does not allege a prima facie violation, the complaint shall be dismissed without prejudice
152.1 and the complainant and the subject of the complaint must be promptly notified of the
152.2 reasons the complaint did not allege a prima facie violation. The notice to the subject of the
152.3 complaint must include a copy of the complaint. If the complainant files a revised complaint
152.4 regarding the same facts and the same subject, the prima facie determination must be
152.5 completed by a board member other than the member who made the initial determination
152.6 and who does not support the same political party as the member who made the initial
152.7 determination. The chair may order that the prima facie determination for any complaint
152.8 be made by the full board and must order that the prima facie determination for a complaint
152.9 being submitted for the third time be made by the full board.

152.10 (d) If a determination is made that the complaint alleges a prima facie violation, the
152.11 board shall, within ~~45~~ 60 days of the prima facie determination, make findings and
152.12 conclusions as to whether probable cause exists to believe the alleged violation that warrants
152.13 a formal investigation has occurred. Any party filing a complaint and any party against
152.14 whom a complaint is filed must be given an opportunity to be heard by the board prior to
152.15 the board's determination as to whether probable cause exists to believe a violation that
152.16 warrants a formal investigation has occurred.

7.26 functions as a medium of exchange, units of account, or a store of value. Virtual currency
7.27 includes cryptocurrencies. Virtual currency does not include currencies issued by a
7.28 government.

8.1 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.022, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

8.2 Subd. 3. **Investigation authority; complaint process.** (a) The board may investigate
8.3 any alleged or potential violation of this chapter. The board may also investigate an alleged
8.4 or potential violation of section 211B.04, 211B.12, or 211B.15 by or related to a candidate,
8.5 treasurer, principal campaign committee, political committee, political fund, or party unit,
8.6 as those terms are defined in this chapter. The board may only investigate an alleged violation
8.7 if the board:

8.8 (1) receives a written complaint alleging a violation;

8.9 (2) discovers a potential violation as a result of an audit conducted by the board; or

8.10 (3) discovers a potential violation as a result of a staff review.

8.11 (b) When the board investigates the allegations made in a written complaint and the
8.12 investigation reveals other potential violations that were not included in the complaint, the
8.13 board may investigate the potential violations not alleged in the complaint only after making
8.14 a determination under paragraph (d) that probable cause exists to believe a violation that
8.15 warrants a formal investigation has occurred.

8.16 (c) Upon receipt of a written complaint filed with the board, the board chair or another
8.17 board member designated by the chair shall promptly make a determination as to whether
8.18 the complaint alleges a prima facie violation. If a determination is made that the complaint
8.19 does not allege a prima facie violation, the complaint shall be dismissed without prejudice
8.20 and the complainant and the subject of the complaint must be promptly notified of the
8.21 reasons the complaint did not allege a prima facie violation. The notice to the subject of the
8.22 complaint must include a copy of the complaint. If the complainant files a revised complaint
8.23 regarding the same facts and the same subject, the prima facie determination must be
8.24 completed by a board member other than the member who made the initial determination
8.25 and who does not support the same political party as the member who made the initial
8.26 determination. The chair may order that the prima facie determination for any complaint
8.27 be made by the full board and must order that the prima facie determination for a complaint
8.28 being submitted for the third time be made by the full board.

8.29 (d) If a determination is made that the complaint alleges a prima facie violation, the
8.30 board shall, within ~~45~~ 60 days of the prima facie determination, make findings and
8.31 conclusions as to whether probable cause exists to believe the alleged violation that warrants
8.32 a formal investigation has occurred. Any party filing a complaint and any party against
8.33 whom a complaint is filed must be given an opportunity to be heard by the board prior to
9.1 the board's determination as to whether probable cause exists to believe a violation that
9.2 warrants a formal investigation has occurred.

152.17 (e) Upon a determination by the board that probable cause exists to believe a violation
152.18 that warrants a formal investigation has occurred, the board must undertake an investigation
152.19 under subdivision 2 and must issue an order at the conclusion of the investigation, except
152.20 that if the complaint alleges a violation of section 10A.25 or 10A.27, the board must either
152.21 enter a conciliation agreement or make public findings and conclusions as to whether a
152.22 violation has occurred and must issue an order within 60 days after the probable cause
152.23 determination has been made. Prior to making findings and conclusions in an investigation,
152.24 the board must offer the subject of the complaint an opportunity to answer the allegations
152.25 of the complaint in writing and to appear before the board to address the matter. The deadline
152.26 for action on a written complaint, including but not limited to issuance of a probable cause
152.27 determination in accordance with paragraph (d), entering into a conciliation agreement, or
152.28 issuance of public findings may be extended by majority vote of the board.

152.29 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.025, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

152.30 Subd. 4. **Changes and corrections.** Material changes in information previously submitted
152.31 and corrections to a report or statement must be reported in writing to the board within ten
152.32 days following the date of the event prompting the change or the date upon which the person
152.33 filing became aware of the inaccuracy. The change or correction must identify the form and
152.34 the paragraph containing the information to be changed or corrected. A request from the
153.1 board to a lobbyist to provide more detailed information about a specific subject of interest
153.2 disclosed on a lobbyist disbursement report is a change or correction governed by this
153.3 subdivision.

153.4 A person who willfully fails to report a material change or correction is subject to a civil
153.5 penalty imposed by the board of up to \$3,000. A willful violation of this subdivision is a
153.6 gross misdemeanor.

153.7 The board must send a written notice to any individual who fails to file a report required
153.8 by this subdivision. If the individual fails to file the required report within ten business days
153.9 after the notice was sent, the board may impose a late filing fee of \$25 per day up to \$1,000
153.10 starting on the 11th day after the notice was sent. The board may send an additional notice
153.11 by certified mail to an individual who fails to file a report within ten business days after the
153.12 first notice was sent by the board. The certified notice must state that if the individual does
153.13 not file the requested report within ten business days after the certified notice was sent, the
153.14 individual may be subject to a civil penalty for failure to file a report. An individual who
153.15 fails to file a report required by this subdivision within ten business days after the certified
153.16 notice was sent by the board is subject to a civil penalty imposed by the board of up to
153.17 \$1,000.

153.18 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.03, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

153.19 Subd. 2. **Form.** The board must prescribe a registration form, which must include:

153.20 (1) the name, address, and email address of the lobbyist;

153.21 (2) the principal place of business of the lobbyist;

9.3 (e) Upon a determination by the board that probable cause exists to believe a violation
9.4 that warrants a formal investigation has occurred, the board must undertake an investigation
9.5 under subdivision 2 and must issue an order at the conclusion of the investigation, except
9.6 that if the complaint alleges a violation of section 10A.25 or 10A.27, the board must either
9.7 enter a conciliation agreement or make public findings and conclusions as to whether a
9.8 violation has occurred and must issue an order within 60 days after the probable cause
9.9 determination has been made. Prior to making findings and conclusions in an investigation,
9.10 the board must offer the subject of the complaint an opportunity to answer the allegations
9.11 of the complaint in writing and to appear before the board to address the matter. The deadline
9.12 for action on a written complaint, including but not limited to issuance of a probable cause
9.13 determination in accordance with paragraph (d), entering into a conciliation agreement, or
9.14 issuance of public findings may be extended by majority vote of the board.

9.15 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.025, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

9.16 Subd. 4. **Changes and corrections.** Material changes in information previously submitted
9.17 and corrections to a report or statement must be reported in writing to the board within ten
9.18 days following the date of the event prompting the change or the date upon which the person
9.19 filing became aware of the inaccuracy. The change or correction must identify the form and
9.20 the paragraph containing the information to be changed or corrected. A request from the
9.21 board to a lobbyist to provide more detailed information about a specific subject of interest
9.22 disclosed on a lobbyist disbursement report is a change or correction governed by this
9.23 subdivision.

9.24 A person who willfully fails to report a material change or correction is subject to a civil
9.25 penalty imposed by the board of up to \$3,000. A willful violation of this subdivision is a
9.26 gross misdemeanor.

9.27 The board must send a written notice to any individual who fails to file a report required
9.28 by this subdivision. If the individual fails to file the required report within ten business days
9.29 after the notice was sent, the board may impose a late filing fee of \$25 per day up to \$1,000
9.30 starting on the 11th day after the notice was sent. The board may send an additional notice
9.31 by certified mail to an individual who fails to file a report within ten business days after the
9.32 first notice was sent by the board. The certified notice must state that if the individual does
9.33 not file the requested report within ten business days after the certified notice was sent, the
9.34 individual may be subject to a civil penalty for failure to file a report. An individual who
10.1 fails to file a report required by this subdivision within ten business days after the certified
10.2 notice was sent by the board is subject to a civil penalty imposed by the board of up to
10.3 \$1,000.

10.4 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.03, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

10.5 Subd. 2. **Form.** The board must prescribe a registration form, which must include:

10.6 (1) the name, address, and email address of the lobbyist;

10.7 (2) the principal place of business of the lobbyist;

153.22 (3) the name and address of each individual, association, political subdivision, or public
153.23 higher education system, if any, by whom the lobbyist is retained or employed or on whose
153.24 behalf the lobbyist appears;

153.25 (4) the website address of each association, political subdivision, or public higher
153.26 education system identified under clause (3), if the entity maintains a website; ~~and~~

153.27 (5) ~~a the general description of the subject or subjects lobbying categories~~ on which the
153.28 lobbyist expects to lobby; ~~on behalf of a represented entity; and~~

153.29 (6) if the lobbyist lobbies on behalf of an association, ~~the registration form must include~~
153.30 the name and address of the officers and directors of the association.

154.1 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.03, is amended by adding a subdivision to
154.2 read:

154.3 Subd. 6. **General lobbying categories and specific subjects of interest.** A list of general
154.4 lobbying categories and specific subjects of interest must be specified by the board and
154.5 updated periodically based on public comment and information provided by lobbyists. The
154.6 board must publish on its website the current list of general lobbying categories and specific
154.7 subjects of interest. Chapter 14 and section 14.386 do not apply to the specification,
154.8 publication, or periodic updates of the list of general lobbying categories and specific subjects
154.9 of interest.

154.10 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.04, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

154.11 Subd. 3. **Information to lobbyist.** ~~An employer or employee about~~ entity or lobbyist
154.12 whose activities ~~a~~ are reported to the board by another lobbyist is required to ~~report must~~
154.13 provide the information required by subdivision 4 to the lobbyist no later than five days
154.14 before the prescribed filing date.

154.15 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.04, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

154.16 Subd. 4. **Content.** (a) A report under this section must include information the board
154.17 requires from the registration form and the information required by this subdivision for the
154.18 reporting period.

154.19 (b) A lobbyist must report the specific subjects of interest for an entity represented by
154.20 the lobbyist on each report submitted under this section. A lobbyist must describe a specific
154.21 subject of interest in the report with enough information to show the particular issue of
154.22 importance to the entity represented.

154.23 (b) (c) A lobbyist must report the lobbyist's total disbursements on lobbying, separately
154.24 listing lobbying to influence legislative action, lobbying to influence administrative action,
154.25 and lobbying to influence the official actions of a metropolitan governmental unit, and a
154.26 breakdown of disbursements for each of those kinds of lobbying into categories specified

10.8 (3) the name and address of each individual, association, political subdivision, or public
10.9 higher education system, if any, by whom the lobbyist is retained or employed or on whose
10.10 behalf the lobbyist appears;

10.11 (4) the website address of each association, political subdivision, or public higher
10.12 education system identified under clause (3), if the entity maintains a website; ~~and~~

10.13 (5) ~~a the general description of the subject or subjects lobbying categories~~ on which the
10.14 lobbyist expects to lobby; ~~on behalf of a represented entity; and~~

10.15 (6) if the lobbyist lobbies on behalf of an association, ~~the registration form must include~~
10.16 the name and address of the officers and directors of the association.

10.17 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.03, is amended by adding a subdivision to
10.18 read:

10.19 Subd. 6. **General lobbying categories and specific subjects of interest.** A list of general
10.20 lobbying categories and specific subjects of interest must be specified by the board and
10.21 updated periodically based on public comment and information provided by lobbyists. The
10.22 board must publish on its website the current list of general lobbying categories and specific
10.23 subjects of interest.

10.24 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.04, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

10.25 Subd. 3. **Information to lobbyist.** ~~An employer or employee about~~ entity or lobbyist
10.26 whose activities ~~a~~ are reported to the board by another lobbyist is required to ~~report must~~
10.27 provide the information required by subdivision 4 to the lobbyist no later than five days
10.28 before the prescribed filing date.

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100.14 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.04, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

100.15 Subd. 4. **Content.** (a) A report under this section must include information the board
100.16 requires from the registration form and the information required by this subdivision for the
100.17 reporting period.

100.18 (b) A lobbyist must report the specific subjects of interest for an entity represented by
100.19 the lobbyist on each report submitted under this section. A lobbyist must describe a specific
100.20 subject of interest in the report with enough information to show the particular issue of
100.21 importance to the entity represented.

100.22 (b) (c) A lobbyist must report the lobbyist's total disbursements on lobbying, separately
100.23 listing lobbying to influence legislative action, lobbying to influence administrative action,
100.24 and lobbying to influence the official actions of a metropolitan governmental unit, and a
100.25 breakdown of disbursements for each of those kinds of lobbying into categories specified

154.27 ~~by the board, including but not limited to the cost of publication and distribution of each~~
154.28 ~~publication used in lobbying; other printing; media, including the cost of production; postage;~~
154.29 ~~travel; fees, including allowances; entertainment; telephone and telegraph; and other~~
154.30 ~~expenses; every state agency that had administrative action that the represented entity sought~~
154.31 ~~to influence during the reporting period. The lobbyist must report the specific subjects of~~
154.32 ~~interest for each administrative action and the revisor rule draft number assigned to the~~
154.33 ~~administrative rulemaking.~~

155.1 (d) A lobbyist must report every political subdivision that considered official action that
155.2 the represented entity sought to influence during the reporting period. The lobbyist must
155.3 report the specific subjects of interest for each action.

155.4 (e) A lobbyist must report general lobbying categories and up to four specific subjects
155.5 of interest related to each general lobbying category on which the lobbyist attempted to
155.6 influence legislative action during the reporting period. If the lobbyist attempted to influence
155.7 legislative action on more than four specific subjects of interest for a general lobbying
155.8 category, the lobbyist, in consultation with the represented entity, must determine which
155.9 four specific subjects of interest were the entity's highest priorities during the reporting
155.10 period and report only those four subjects.

155.11 (f) A lobbyist must report the Public Utilities Commission project name for each rate
155.12 setting, power plant and powerline siting, or granting of certification of need before the
155.13 Public Utilities Commission that the represented entity sought to influence during the
155.14 reporting period.

155.15 ~~(g)~~ (g) A lobbyist must report the amount and nature of each gift, item, or benefit,
155.16 excluding contributions to a candidate, equal in value to \$5 or more, given or paid to any
155.17 official, as defined in section 10A.071, subdivision 1, by the lobbyist or an employer or
155.18 employee of the lobbyist. The list must include the name and address of each official to
155.19 whom the gift, item, or benefit was given or paid and the date it was given or paid.

155.20 ~~(h)~~ (h) A lobbyist must report each original source of money in excess of \$500 in any
155.21 year used for the purpose of lobbying to influence legislative action, administrative action,
155.22 or the official action of a ~~metropolitan governmental unit~~ political subdivision. The list must
155.23 include the name, address, and employer, or, if self-employed, the occupation and principal
155.24 place of business, of each payer of money in excess of \$500.

155.25 ~~(i)~~ (i) On the each report due June 15, the a lobbyist must provide a disclose the general
155.26 description of the subjects lobbying categories that were lobbied on in the previous 12
155.27 months reporting period.

155.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024.

155.29 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.04, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

155.30 Subd. 6. **Principal reports.** (a) A principal must report to the board as required in this
155.31 subdivision by March 15 for the preceding calendar year.

100.26 ~~by the board, including but not limited to the cost of publication and distribution of each~~
100.27 ~~publication used in lobbying; other printing; media, including the cost of production; postage;~~
100.28 ~~travel; fees, including allowances; entertainment; telephone and telegraph; and other~~
100.29 ~~expenses; every state agency that had administrative action that the represented entity sought~~
100.30 ~~to influence during the reporting period. The lobbyist must report the specific subjects of~~
100.31 ~~interest for each administrative action and the revisor of statutes rule draft number assigned~~
100.32 ~~to the administrative rulemaking.~~

101.1 (d) A lobbyist must report every political subdivision that considered official action that
101.2 the represented entity sought to influence during the reporting period. The lobbyist must
101.3 report the specific subjects of interest for each action.

101.4 (e) A lobbyist must report general lobbying categories and up to four specific subjects
101.5 of interest related to each general lobbying category on which the lobbyist attempted to
101.6 influence legislative action during the reporting period. If the lobbyist attempted to influence
101.7 legislative action on more than four specific subjects of interest for a general lobbying
101.8 category, the lobbyist, in consultation with the represented entity, must determine which
101.9 four specific subjects of interest were the entity's highest priorities during the reporting
101.10 period and report only those four subjects.

101.11 (f) A lobbyist must report the Public Utilities Commission project name for each rate
101.12 setting, power plant and powerline siting, or granting of certification of need before the
101.13 Public Utilities Commission that the represented entity sought to influence during the
101.14 reporting period.

101.15 ~~(g)~~ (g) A lobbyist must report the amount and nature of each gift, item, or benefit,
101.16 excluding contributions to a candidate, equal in value to \$5 or more, given or paid to any
101.17 official, as defined in section 10A.071, subdivision 1, by the lobbyist or an employer or
101.18 employee of the lobbyist. The list must include the name and address of each official to
101.19 whom the gift, item, or benefit was given or paid and the date it was given or paid.

101.20 ~~(h)~~ (h) A lobbyist must report each original source of money in excess of \$500 in any
101.21 year used for the purpose of lobbying to influence legislative action, administrative action,
101.22 or the official action of a ~~metropolitan governmental unit~~ political subdivision. The list must
101.23 include the name, address, and employer, or, if self-employed, the occupation and principal
101.24 place of business, of each payer of money in excess of \$500.

101.25 ~~(i)~~ (i) On the each report due June 15, the a lobbyist must provide a disclose the general
101.26 description of the subjects lobbying categories that were lobbied on in the previous 12
101.27 months reporting period.

101.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024.

101.29 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.04, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

101.30 Subd. 6. **Principal reports.** (a) A principal must report to the board as required in this
101.31 subdivision by March 15 for the preceding calendar year.

155.32 (b) ~~Except as provided in paragraph (d),~~ The principal must report the total amount,
155.33 ~~rounded to the nearest \$20,000~~ \$10,000, spent by the principal during the preceding calendar
156.1 year ~~to influence legislative action, administrative action, and the official action of~~
156.2 ~~metropolitan governmental units.~~ on each type of lobbying listed below:

156.3 (1) lobbying to influence legislative action;
156.4 (2) lobbying to influence administrative action, other than lobbying described in clause
156.5 (3);

156.6 (3) lobbying to influence administrative action in cases of rate setting, power plant and
156.7 powerline siting, and granting of certificates of need under section 216B.243; and

156.8 (4) lobbying to influence official action of a political subdivision.

156.9 (c) ~~Except as provided in paragraph (d),~~ For each type of lobbying listed in paragraph
156.10 ~~(b),~~ the principal must report ~~under this subdivision~~ a total amount that includes:

156.11 (1) the portion of all direct payments for compensation and benefits paid by the principal
156.12 to lobbyists in this state for that type of lobbying;

156.13 (2) the portion of all expenditures for advertising, mailing, research, consulting, surveys,
156.14 expert testimony, studies, reports, analysis, compilation and dissemination of information,
156.15 social media and public relations campaigns related to legislative action, administrative
156.16 action, or the official action of metropolitan governmental units, and legal counsel used to
156.17 support that type of lobbying in this state; and

156.18 (3) a reasonable good faith estimate of the portion of all salaries and administrative
156.19 overhead expenses attributable to activities of the principal relating to efforts to influence
156.20 legislative action, administrative action, or the official action of metropolitan governmental
156.21 units for that type of lobbying in this state.

156.22 ~~(d) A principal that must report spending to influence administrative action in cases of~~
156.23 ~~rate setting, power plant and powerline siting, and granting of certificates of need under~~
156.24 ~~section 216B.243 must report those amounts as provided in this subdivision, except that~~
156.25 ~~they must be reported separately and not included in the totals required under paragraphs~~
156.26 ~~(b) and (c).~~

156.27 (d) The principal must report disbursements made and obligations incurred that exceed
156.28 \$2,000 for paid advertising used for the purpose of urging members of the public to contact
156.29 public or local officials to influence official actions during the reporting period. Paid
156.30 advertising includes the cost to boost the distribution of an advertisement on social media.
156.31 The report must provide the date that the advertising was purchased, the name and address
156.32 of the vendor, a description of the advertising purchased, and any specific subjects of interest
156.33 addressed by the advertisement.

157.1 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective January 1, 2024.

101.32 (b) ~~Except as provided in paragraph (d),~~ The principal must report the total amount,
101.33 ~~rounded to the nearest \$20,000~~, spent by the principal during the preceding calendar year
102.1 ~~to influence legislative action, administrative action, and the official action of metropolitan~~
102.2 ~~governmental units.~~ on each type of lobbying listed below:

102.3 (1) lobbying to influence legislative action;
102.4 (2) lobbying to influence administrative action, other than lobbying described in clause
102.5 (3);

102.6 (3) lobbying to influence administrative action in cases of rate setting, power plant and
102.7 powerline siting, and granting of certificates of need under section 216B.243; and

102.8 (4) lobbying to influence official action of political subdivisions.

102.9 (c) ~~Except as provided in paragraph (d),~~ For each type of lobbying listed in paragraph
102.10 ~~(b),~~ the principal must report ~~under this subdivision~~ a total amount that includes:

102.11 (1) the portion of all direct payments for compensation and benefits paid by the principal
102.12 to lobbyists in this state for that type of lobbying;

102.13 (2) the portion of all expenditures for advertising, mailing, research, consulting, surveys,
102.14 expert testimony, studies, reports, analysis, compilation and dissemination of information,
102.15 social media and public relations campaigns related to legislative action, administrative
102.16 action, or the official action of metropolitan governmental units, and legal counsel used to
102.17 support that type of lobbying in this state; and

102.18 (3) a reasonable good faith estimate of the portion of all salaries and administrative
102.19 overhead expenses attributable to activities of the principal relating to efforts to influence
102.20 legislative action, administrative action, or the official action of metropolitan governmental
102.21 units for that type of lobbying in this state.

102.22 ~~(d) A principal that must report spending to influence administrative action in cases of~~
102.23 ~~rate setting, power plant and powerline siting, and granting of certificates of need under~~
102.24 ~~section 216B.243 must report those amounts as provided in this subdivision, except that~~
102.25 ~~they must be reported separately and not included in the totals required under paragraphs~~
102.26 ~~(b) and (c).~~

102.27 (d) The principal must report disbursements made and obligations incurred that exceed
102.28 \$2,000 for paid advertising used for the purpose of urging members of the public to contact
102.29 public or local officials to influence official actions during the reporting period. Paid
102.30 advertising includes the cost to boost the distribution of an advertisement on social media.
102.31 The report must provide the date that the advertising was purchased, the name and address
102.32 of the vendor, a description of the advertising purchased, and any specific subjects of interest
102.33 addressed by the advertisement.

103.1 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective January 1, 2024.

157.2 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.04, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

157.3 Subd. 9. **Reporting by multiple lobbyists representing the same entity.** Clauses (1)

157.4 to (6) apply when a single individual, association, political subdivision, or public higher

157.5 education system is represented by more than one lobbyist.

157.6 (1) The entity must appoint one designated lobbyist to report lobbyist disbursements

157.7 made by the entity. An entity represented by more than one lobbyist may only have one

157.8 designated lobbyist at any given time. The designated lobbyist must indicate that status on

157.9 the periodic reports of lobbyist disbursements.

157.10 (2) A reporting lobbyist may consent to report on behalf of one or more other lobbyists

157.11 for the same entity, in which case, the other lobbyists are persons whose activities the

157.12 reporting lobbyist must disclose and are subject to the disclosure requirements of subdivision

157.13 3. Lobbyist disbursement reports filed by a reporting lobbyist must include the names and

157.14 registration numbers of the other lobbyists whose activities are included in the report.

157.15 (3) Lobbyists whose activities are accounted for by a reporting lobbyist are not required

157.16 to file lobbyist disbursement reports.

157.17 (4) A lobbyist whose lobbying disbursements are provided to the board through a

157.18 reporting lobbyist must supply all relevant information on disbursements to the reporting

157.19 lobbyist no later than five days before the prescribed filing date.

157.20 (5) The reporting periods and due dates for a reporting lobbyist are those provided in

157.21 subdivision 2. The late filing provisions in subdivision 5 apply to reports required by this

157.22 subdivision.

157.23 (6) The reporting lobbyist must indicate the names and registration numbers of any

157.24 lobbyists who did not provide their lobbying disbursements for inclusion in a report. The

157.25 late filing provisions in subdivision 5 apply to lobbyists who fail to report information to

157.26 the reporting lobbyist.

157.27 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.05, is amended to read:

157.28 **10A.05 LOBBYIST REPORT.**

157.29 Within 30 days after each lobbyist filing date set by section 10A.04, the executive director

157.30 of the board must publish the names of the lobbyists registered who were not previously

157.31 reported, the names of the individuals, associations, political subdivisions, or public higher

158.1 education systems whom they represent as lobbyists, the subject or subjects on which they

158.2 are lobbying, and whether in each case they lobby to influence legislative action,

158.3 administrative action, or the official action of a ~~metropolitan governmental unit~~ political

158.4 subdivision.

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11.1 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.04, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

11.2 Subd. 9. **Reporting by multiple lobbyists representing the same entity.** Clauses (1)

11.3 to (6) apply when a single individual, association, political subdivision, or public higher

11.4 education system is represented by more than one lobbyist.

11.5 (1) The entity must appoint one designated lobbyist to report lobbyist disbursements

11.6 made by the entity. An entity represented by more than one lobbyist may only have one

11.7 designated lobbyist at any given time. The designated lobbyist must indicate that status on

11.8 the periodic reports of lobbyist disbursements.

11.9 (2) A reporting lobbyist may consent to report on behalf of one or more other lobbyists

11.10 for the same entity, in which case, the other lobbyists are persons whose activities the

11.11 reporting lobbyist must disclose and are subject to the disclosure requirements of subdivision

11.12 3. Lobbyist disbursement reports filed by a reporting lobbyist must include the names and

11.13 registration numbers of the other lobbyists whose activities are included in the report.

11.14 (3) Lobbyists whose activities are accounted for by a reporting lobbyist are not required

11.15 to file lobbyist disbursement reports.

11.16 (4) A lobbyist whose lobbying disbursements are provided to the board through a

11.17 reporting lobbyist must supply all relevant information on disbursements to the reporting

11.18 lobbyist no later than five days before the prescribed filing date.

11.19 (5) The reporting periods and due dates for a reporting lobbyist are those provided in

11.20 subdivision 2. The late filing provisions in subdivision 5 apply to reports required by this

11.21 subdivision.

11.22 (6) The reporting lobbyist must indicate the names and registration numbers of any

11.23 lobbyists who did not provide their lobbying disbursements for inclusion in a report. The

11.24 late filing provisions in subdivision 5 apply to lobbyists who fail to report information to

11.25 the reporting lobbyist.

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103.2 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.05, is amended to read:

103.3 **10A.05 LOBBYIST REPORT.**

103.4 Within 30 days after each lobbyist filing date set by section 10A.04, the executive director

103.5 of the board must publish the names of the lobbyists registered who were not previously

103.6 reported, the names of the individuals, associations, political subdivisions, or public higher

103.7 education systems whom they represent as lobbyists, the subject or subjects on which they

103.8 are lobbying, and whether in each case they lobby to influence legislative action,

103.9 administrative action, or the official action of a ~~metropolitan governmental unit~~ political

103.10 subdivision.

158.5 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.06, is amended to read:

158.6 **10A.06 CONTINGENT FEES PROHIBITED.**

158.7 No person may act as or employ a lobbyist for compensation that is dependent upon the
158.8 result or outcome of any legislative or administrative action, or of the official action of a
158.9 ~~metropolitan governmental unit~~ political subdivision. A person who violates this section is
158.10 guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

158.11 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.071, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

158.12 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) The definitions in this subdivision apply to this section.

158.13 (b) "Gift" means money, real or personal property, a service, a loan, a forbearance or
158.14 forgiveness of indebtedness, or a promise of future employment, that is given and received
158.15 without the giver receiving consideration of equal or greater value in return.

158.16 (c) "Official" means a public official, an employee of the legislature, or a local official
158.17 ~~of a metropolitan governmental unit.~~

158.18 (d) "Plaque" means a decorative item with an inscription recognizing an individual for
158.19 an accomplishment.

158.20 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.09, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

158.21 Subd. 5. **Form; general requirements.** (a) A statement of economic interest required
158.22 by this section must be on a form prescribed by the board. Except as provided in subdivision
158.23 5b, the individual filing must provide the following information:

158.24 (1) the individual's name, address, occupation, and principal place of business;

158.25 (2) a listing of the name of each associated business and the nature of that association;

158.26 (3) a listing of all real property within the state, excluding homestead property, in which
158.27 the individual or the individual's spouse holds: (i) a fee simple interest, a mortgage, a contract
158.28 for deed as buyer or seller, or an option to buy, whether direct or indirect, if the interest is
158.29 valued in excess of \$2,500; or (ii) an option to buy, if the property has a fair market value
158.30 of more than \$50,000;

159.1 (4) a listing of all real property within the state in which a partnership of which the
159.2 individual or the individual's spouse is a member holds: (i) a fee simple interest, a mortgage,
159.3 a contract for deed as buyer or seller, or an option to buy, whether direct or indirect, if the
159.4 individual's share of the partnership interest is valued in excess of \$2,500; or (ii) an option

103.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024.

103.12 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.06, is amended to read:

103.13 **10A.06 CONTINGENT FEES PROHIBITED.**

103.14 No person may act as or employ a lobbyist for compensation that is dependent upon the
103.15 result or outcome of any legislative or administrative action, or of the official action of a
103.16 ~~metropolitan governmental unit~~ political subdivision. A person who violates this section is
103.17 guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

103.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024.

103.19 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.071, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

103.20 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) The definitions in this subdivision apply to this section.

103.21 (b) "Gift" means money, real or personal property, a service, a loan, a forbearance or
103.22 forgiveness of indebtedness, or a promise of future employment, that is given and received
103.23 without the giver receiving consideration of equal or greater value in return.

103.24 (c) "Official" means a public official, an employee of the legislature, or a local official
103.25 ~~of a metropolitan governmental unit.~~

103.26 (d) "Plaque" means a decorative item with an inscription recognizing an individual for
103.27 an accomplishment.

103.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024.

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11.26 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.09, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

11.27 Subd. 5. **Form; general requirements.** (a) A statement of economic interest required
11.28 by this section must be on a form prescribed by the board. Except as provided in subdivision
11.29 5b, the individual filing must provide the following information:

11.30 (1) the individual's name, address, occupation, and principal place of business;

11.31 (2) a listing of the name of each associated business and the nature of that association;

12.1 (3) a listing of all real property within the state, excluding homestead property, in which
12.2 the individual or the individual's spouse holds: (i) a fee simple interest, a mortgage, a contract
12.3 for deed as buyer or seller, or an option to buy, whether direct or indirect, if the interest is
12.4 valued in excess of \$2,500; or (ii) an option to buy, if the property has a fair market value
12.5 of more than \$50,000;

12.6 (4) a listing of all real property within the state in which a partnership of which the
12.7 individual or the individual's spouse is a member holds: (i) a fee simple interest, a mortgage,
12.8 a contract for deed as buyer or seller, or an option to buy, whether direct or indirect, if the
12.9 individual's share of the partnership interest is valued in excess of \$2,500; or (ii) an option

159.5 to buy, if the property has a fair market value of more than \$50,000. A listing under this
159.6 clause or clause (3) must indicate the street address and the municipality or the section,
159.7 township, range and approximate acreage, whichever applies, and the county in which the
159.8 property is located;

159.9 (5) a listing of any investments, ownership, or interests in property connected with
159.10 pari-mutuel horse racing in the United States and Canada, including a racehorse, in which
159.11 the individual directly or indirectly holds a partial or full interest or an immediate family
159.12 member holds a partial or full interest;

159.13 (6) a listing of the principal business or professional activity category of each business
159.14 from which the individual or the individual's spouse receives more than \$250 in any month
159.15 during the reporting period as an employee, if the individual or the individual's spouse has
159.16 an ownership interest of 25 percent or more in the business;

159.17 (7) a listing of each principal business or professional activity category from which the
159.18 individual or the individual's spouse received compensation of more than \$2,500 in the past
159.19 12 months as an independent contractor; ~~and~~

159.20 (8) a listing of the full name of each security with a value of more than \$10,000 owned
159.21 in part or in full by the individual or the individual's spouse, at any time during the reporting
159.22 period; ~~and~~

159.23 (9) a listing of any contract, professional license, lease, or franchise that:

159.24 (i) is held by the individual or the individual's spouse or any business in which the
159.25 individual has an ownership interest of 25 percent or more; and

159.26 (ii) is entered into with, or issued by, the government agency on which the individual
159.27 serves as a public or local official.

159.28 (b) The business or professional categories for purposes of paragraph (a), clauses (6)
159.29 and (7), must be the general topic headings used by the federal Internal Revenue Service
159.30 for purposes of reporting self-employment income on Schedule C. This paragraph does not
159.31 require an individual to report any specific code number from that schedule. Any additional
159.32 principal business or professional activity category may only be adopted if the category is
159.33 enacted by law.

160.1 (c) For the purpose of calculating the amount of compensation received from any single
160.2 source in a single month, the amount shall include the total amount received from the source
160.3 during the month, whether or not the amount covers compensation for more than one month.

160.4 (d) For the purpose of determining the value of an individual's interest in real property,
160.5 the value of the property is the market value shown on the property tax statement.

160.6 (e) For the purpose of this section, "date of appointment" means the effective date of
160.7 appointment to a position.

12.10 to buy, if the property has a fair market value of more than \$50,000. A listing under this
12.11 clause or clause (3) must indicate the street address and the municipality or the section,
12.12 township, range and approximate acreage, whichever applies, and the county in which the
12.13 property is located;

12.14 (5) a listing of any investments, ownership, or interests in property connected with
12.15 pari-mutuel horse racing in the United States and Canada, including a racehorse, in which
12.16 the individual directly or indirectly holds a partial or full interest or an immediate family
12.17 member holds a partial or full interest;

12.18 (6) a listing of the principal business or professional activity category of each business
12.19 from which the individual or the individual's spouse receives more than \$250 in any month
12.20 during the reporting period as an employee, if the individual or the individual's spouse has
12.21 an ownership interest of 25 percent or more in the business;

12.22 (7) a listing of each principal business or professional activity category from which the
12.23 individual or the individual's spouse received compensation of more than \$2,500 in the past
12.24 12 months as an independent contractor; ~~and~~

12.25 (8) a listing of the full name of each security with a value of more than \$10,000 owned
12.26 in part or in full by the individual or the individual's spouse, at any time during the reporting
12.27 period; ~~and~~

12.28 (9) a listing of any contract, professional license, lease, or franchise that:

12.29 (i) is held by the individual or the individual's spouse or any business in which the
12.30 individual has an ownership interest of 25 percent or more; and

12.31 (ii) is entered into with, or issued by, the government agency on which the individual
12.32 serves as a public or local official.

13.1 (b) The business or professional categories for purposes of paragraph (a), clauses (6)
13.2 and (7), must be the general topic headings used by the federal Internal Revenue Service
13.3 for purposes of reporting self-employment income on Schedule C. This paragraph does not
13.4 require an individual to report any specific code number from that schedule. Any additional
13.5 principal business or professional activity category may only be adopted if the category is
13.6 enacted by law.

13.7 (c) For the purpose of calculating the amount of compensation received from any single
13.8 source in a single month, the amount shall include the total amount received from the source
13.9 during the month, whether or not the amount covers compensation for more than one month.

13.10 (d) For the purpose of determining the value of an individual's interest in real property,
13.11 the value of the property is the market value shown on the property tax statement.

13.12 (e) For the purpose of this section, "date of appointment" means the effective date of
13.13 appointment to a position.

160.8 (f) For the purpose of this section, "accepting employment as a public official" means
160.9 the effective date of the appointment to the position, as stated in the appointing authority's
160.10 notice to the board.

160.11 (g) The listings required in paragraph (a), clauses (3) to (9), must not identify whether
160.12 the individual or the individual's spouse is associated with or owns the listed item.

160.13 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.09, is amended by adding a subdivision to
160.14 read:

160.15 Subd. 5b. **Form; exceptions for certain officials.** (a) This subdivision applies to the
160.16 following individuals:

160.17 (1) a supervisor of a soil and water conservation district;
160.18 (2) a manager of a watershed district; and
160.19 (3) a member of a watershed management organization as defined under section
160.20 103B.205, subdivision 13.

160.21 (b) Notwithstanding subdivision 5, paragraph (a), an individual listed in paragraph (a),
160.22 must provide only the information listed below on a statement of economic interest:

160.23 (1) the individual's name, address, occupation, and principal place of business;
160.24 (2) a listing of any association, corporation, partnership, limited liability company,
160.25 limited liability partnership, or other organized legal entity from which the individual
160.26 receives compensation in excess of \$250, except for actual and reasonable expenses, in any
160.27 month during the reporting period as a director, officer, owner, member, partner, employer,
160.28 or employee;

160.29 (3) a listing of all real property within the state, excluding homestead property, in which
160.30 the individual or the individual's spouse holds:

161.1 (i) a fee simple interest, a mortgage, a contract for deed as buyer or seller, or an option
161.2 to buy, whether direct or indirect, if the interest is valued in excess of \$2,500; or

161.3 (ii) an option to buy, if the property has a fair market value of more than \$50,000;

161.4 (4) a listing of all real property within the state in which a partnership of which the
161.5 individual or the individual's spouse is a member holds:

161.6 (i) a fee simple interest, a mortgage, a contract for deed as buyer or seller, or an option
161.7 to buy, whether direct or indirect, if the individual's share of the partnership interest is valued
161.8 in excess of \$2,500; or

161.9 (ii) an option to buy, if the property has a fair market value of more than \$50,000. A
161.10 listing under this clause or clause (3) must indicate the street address and the municipality

13.14 (f) For the purpose of this section, "accepting employment as a public official" means
13.15 the effective date of the appointment to the position, as stated in the appointing authority's
13.16 notice to the board.

13.17 (g) The listings required in paragraph (a), clauses (3) to (9), must not identify whether
13.18 the individual or the individual's spouse is associated with or owns the listed item.

13.19 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.09, is amended by adding a subdivision to
13.20 read:

13.21 Subd. 5b. **Form; exceptions for certain officials.** (a) This subdivision applies to the
13.22 following individuals:

13.23 (1) a supervisor of a soil and water conservation district;
13.24 (2) a manager of a watershed district; and
13.25 (3) a member of a watershed management organization as defined under section
13.26 103B.205, subdivision 13.

13.27 (b) Notwithstanding subdivision 5, paragraph (a), an individual listed in paragraph (a),
13.28 must provide only the information listed below on a statement of economic interest:

13.29 (1) the individual's name, address, occupation, and principal place of business;
13.30 (2) a listing of any association, corporation, partnership, limited liability company,
13.31 limited liability partnership, or other organized legal entity from which the individual
14.1 receives compensation in excess of \$250, except for actual and reasonable expenses, in any
14.2 month during the reporting period as a director, officer, owner, member, partner, employer,
14.3 or employee;

14.4 (3) a listing of all real property within the state, excluding homestead property, in which
14.5 the individual or the individual's spouse holds:

14.6 (i) a fee simple interest, a mortgage, a contract for deed as buyer or seller, or an option
14.7 to buy, whether direct or indirect, if the interest is valued in excess of \$2,500; or

14.8 (ii) an option to buy, if the property has a fair market value of more than \$50,000;

14.9 (4) a listing of all real property within the state in which a partnership of which the
14.10 individual or the individual's spouse is a member holds:

14.11 (i) a fee simple interest, a mortgage, a contract for deed as buyer or seller, or an option
14.12 to buy, whether direct or indirect, if the individual's share of the partnership interest is valued
14.13 in excess of \$2,500; or

14.14 (ii) an option to buy, if the property has a fair market value of more than \$50,000. A
14.15 listing under this clause or clause (3) must indicate the street address and the municipality

161.11 or the section, township, range and approximate acreage, whichever applies, and the county
161.12 in which the property is located; and

161.13 (5) a listing of any contract, professional license, lease, or franchise that meets the
161.14 following criteria:

161.15 (i) it is held by the individual or the individual's spouse or any business in which the
161.16 individual has an ownership interest of 25 percent or more; and

161.17 (ii) it is entered into with, or issued by, the government agency on which the individual
161.18 serves as a public or local official.

161.19 (c) The listings required in paragraph (b), clauses (3) to (5), must not identify whether
161.20 the individual or the individual's spouse is associated with or owns the listed item.

161.21 (d) If an individual listed in paragraph (a) also holds a public official position that is not
161.22 listed in paragraph (a), the individual must file a statement of economic interest that includes
161.23 the information specified in subdivision 5, paragraph (a).

161.24 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.121, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

161.25 Subdivision 1. **Permitted disbursements.** An independent expenditure political
161.26 committee or fund, or a ballot question political committee or fund, may:

161.27 (1) pay costs associated with its fundraising and general operations;

161.28 (2) pay for communications that do not constitute contributions or approved expenditures;

161.29 (3) make contributions to independent expenditure or ballot question political committees
161.30 or funds;

161.31 (4) make independent expenditures;

162.1 (5) make expenditures to promote or defeat ballot questions;

162.2 (6) return a contribution to its source;

162.3 (7) for a political fund, record bookkeeping entries transferring the association's general
162.4 treasury money allocated for political purposes back to the general treasury of the association;
162.5 ~~and~~

162.6 (8) for a political fund, return general treasury money transferred to a separate depository
162.7 to the general depository of the association; and

162.8 (9) make disbursements for electioneering communications.

162.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, and applies to
162.10 expenditures and electioneering communications made on or after that date.

14.16 or the section, township, range and approximate acreage, whichever applies, and the county
14.17 in which the property is located; and

14.18 (5) a listing of any contract, professional license, lease, or franchise that meets the
14.19 following criteria:

14.20 (i) it is held by the individual or the individual's spouse or any business in which the
14.21 individual has an ownership interest of 25 percent or more; and

14.22 (ii) it is entered into with, or issued by, the government agency on which the individual
14.23 serves as a public or local official.

14.24 (c) The listings required in paragraph (b), clauses (3) to (5), must not identify whether
14.25 the individual or the individual's spouse is associated with or owns the listed item.

14.26 (d) If an individual listed in paragraph (a) also holds a public official position that is not
14.27 listed in paragraph (a), the individual must file a statement of economic interest that includes
14.28 the information specified in subdivision 5, paragraph (a).

14.29 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.121, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

14.30 Subdivision 1. **Permitted disbursements.** An independent expenditure political
14.31 committee or fund, or a ballot question political committee or fund, may:

15.1 (1) pay costs associated with its fundraising and general operations;

15.2 (2) pay for communications that do not constitute contributions or approved expenditures;

15.3 (3) make contributions to independent expenditure or ballot question political committees
15.4 or funds;

15.5 (4) make independent expenditures;

15.6 (5) make expenditures to promote or defeat ballot questions;

15.7 (6) return a contribution to its source;

15.8 (7) for a political fund, record bookkeeping entries transferring the association's general
15.9 treasury money allocated for political purposes back to the general treasury of the association;
15.10 ~~and~~

15.11 (8) for a political fund, return general treasury money transferred to a separate depository
15.12 to the general depository of the association; and

15.13 (9) make disbursements for electioneering communications.

15.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, and applies to
15.15 expenditures and electioneering communications made on or after that date.

162.11 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.121, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

162.12 Subd. 2. **Penalty.** (a) An independent expenditure political committee ~~or~~, independent
162.13 expenditure political fund, ballot question political committee, or ballot question political
162.14 fund is subject to a civil penalty of up to four times the amount of the contribution or
162.15 approved expenditure if it does the following:

162.16 (1) makes a contribution to a candidate, local candidate, party unit, political committee,
162.17 or political fund other than an independent expenditure political committee ~~or~~, an independent
162.18 expenditure political fund, ballot question political committee, or ballot question political
162.19 fund; or

162.20 (2) makes an approved expenditure.

162.21 (b) No other penalty provided in law may be imposed for conduct that is subject to a
162.22 civil penalty under this section.

162.23 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.15, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

162.24 Subd. 5. **Registration number on checks.** A contribution made to a candidate or local
162.25 candidate by a lobbyist, political committee, political fund, or party unit must show the
162.26 name of the lobbyist, political committee, political fund, or party unit and the number under
162.27 which it is registered with the board.

15.16 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.121, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

15.17 Subd. 2. **Penalty.** (a) An independent expenditure political committee ~~or~~, independent
15.18 expenditure political fund, ballot question political committee, or ballot question political
15.19 fund is subject to a civil penalty of up to four times the amount of the contribution or
15.20 approved expenditure if it does the following:

15.21 (1) makes a contribution to a candidate, local candidate, party unit, political committee,
15.22 or political fund other than an independent expenditure political committee ~~or~~, an independent
15.23 expenditure political fund, ballot question political committee, or ballot question political
15.24 fund; or

15.25 (2) makes an approved expenditure.

15.26 (b) No other penalty provided in law may be imposed for conduct that is subject to a
15.27 civil penalty under this section.

15.28 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.15, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

15.29 Subd. 3. **Deposit.** All contributions received by or on behalf of a candidate, principal
15.30 campaign committee, political committee, political fund, or party unit must be deposited in
16.1 an placed in a depository account designated "Campaign Fund of (name of candidate,
16.2 committee, fund, or party unit)." All contributions must be deposited promptly upon receipt
16.3 and, except for contributions received during the last three days of a reporting period as
16.4 described in section 10A.20, must be deposited during the reporting period in which they
16.5 were received. A contribution received during the last three days of a reporting period must
16.6 be deposited within 72 hours after receipt and must be reported as received during the
16.7 reporting period whether or not deposited within that period. A contribution must not be
16.8 deposited in any other account prior to being deposited within a depository of the principal
16.9 campaign committee, political committee, political fund, or party unit. However, a
16.10 contribution may temporarily be held within a digital wallet or other account immediately
16.11 after receipt if the recipient principal campaign committee, political committee, political
16.12 fund, or party unit has sole ownership of that account. A candidate, principal campaign
16.13 committee, political committee, political fund, or party unit may refuse to accept a
16.14 contribution. A deposited contribution may be returned to the contributor within 90 days
16.15 after deposit. A contribution deposited and not returned within 90 days after that deposit
16.16 must be reported as accepted.

16.17 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.15, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

16.18 Subd. 5. **Registration number on checks.** A contribution made to a candidate or local
16.19 candidate by a lobbyist, political committee, political fund, or party unit must show the
16.20 name of the lobbyist, political committee, political fund, or party unit and the number under
16.21 which it is registered with the board.

163.1 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.15, is amended by adding a subdivision to
163.2 read:

163.3 Subd. 8. **Virtual currency contributions.** (a) A principal campaign committee, political
163.4 committee, political fund, or party unit may accept a donation in kind in the form of virtual
163.5 currency. The value of donated virtual currency is its fair market value at the time it is
163.6 donated. The recipient of a virtual currency contribution must sell the virtual currency in
163.7 exchange for United States currency within five business days after receipt.

163.8 (b) Any increase in the value of donated virtual currency after its donation, but before
163.9 its conversion to United States currency, must be reported as a receipt that is not a
163.10 contribution pursuant to section 10A.20, subdivision 3. Any decrease in the value of donated
163.11 virtual currency after its donation, but before its conversion to United States currency, must
163.12 be reported as an expenditure pursuant to section 10A.20, subdivision 3.

163.13 (c) A principal campaign committee, political committee, political fund, or party unit
163.14 may not purchase goods or services with virtual currency.

16.22 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.15, is amended by adding a subdivision to
16.23 read:

16.24 Subd. 8. **Virtual currency contributions.** (a) A principal campaign committee, political
16.25 committee, political fund, or party unit may accept a donation in kind in the form of virtual
16.26 currency. Any virtual currency contribution must be made and received through a virtual
16.27 currency payment processor based in the United States that is registered with the United
16.28 States Department of Treasury and which utilizes protocols to verify the identity of the
16.29 contributor for all contributions. The value of donated virtual currency is its fair market
16.30 value at the time it is donated. The recipient of a virtual currency contribution must sell the
16.31 virtual currency in exchange for United States currency within five business days after
16.32 receipt.

17.1 (b) Any increase in the value of donated virtual currency after its donation, but before
17.2 its conversion to United States currency, must be reported as a receipt that is not a
17.3 contribution pursuant to section 10A.20, subdivision 3. Any decrease in the value of donated
17.4 virtual currency after its donation, but before its conversion to United States currency, must
17.5 be reported as an expenditure pursuant to section 10A.20, subdivision 3.

17.6 (c) A principal campaign committee, political committee, political fund, or party unit
17.7 may not purchase goods or services with virtual currency.

17.8 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.15, is amended by adding a subdivision to
17.9 read:

17.10 Subd. 9. **Mobile payments.** (a) A principal campaign committee, political committee,
17.11 political fund, or party unit may accept a contribution of money made using a mobile payment
17.12 service or platform, a service that is dependent upon direct carrier billing, or a website.

17.13 (b) A principal campaign committee, political committee, political fund, or party unit
17.14 may not solicit or accept a contribution made using a mobile payment service or platform
17.15 that, to a potential contributor, displays only the name of an individual as the recipient or
17.16 displays a name for the recipient that is not substantially similar to the name under which
17.17 the recipient is registered with the board.

17.18 (c) A mobile payment contribution must be deposited pursuant to subdivision 3 before
17.19 the funds received may be used to make an expenditure or disbursement other than payment
17.20 of any processing fee charged for using the mobile payment service or platform.

17.21 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.17, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

17.22 Subd. 5. **Penalty.** A person who violates subdivision 2 or 6 is subject to a civil penalty
17.23 imposed by the board of up to \$1,000. A person who knowingly violates subdivision 3a or
17.24 4 or falsely claims that an expenditure was an independent expenditure is guilty of a gross
17.25 misdemeanor and subject to a civil penalty imposed by the board of up to \$3,000.

163.15 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.20, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

163.16 Subd. 2a. **Local election reports.** (a) This subdivision applies to a political committee,

163.17 political fund, or political party unit that during a non-general election year:

163.18 (1) spends in aggregate more than \$200 to influence the nomination or election of local

163.19 candidates;

163.20 (2) spends in aggregate more than \$200 to make independent expenditures on behalf of

163.21 local candidates; or

163.22 (3) spends in aggregate more than \$200 to promote or defeat ballot questions defined

163.23 in section 10A.01, subdivision 7, clause (2), (3), or (4).

163.24 (b) In addition to the reports required by subdivision 2, the entities listed in paragraph

163.25 (a) must file the following reports in each non-general election year:

163.26 (1) a first-quarter report covering the calendar year through March 31, which is due

163.27 April 14;

163.28 (2) a report covering the calendar year through May 31, which is due June 14;

163.29 (3) a pre-primary-election report due 15 days before the local primary election date

163.30 specified in section 205.065;

163.31 (4) a pre-general-election report due 42 days before the local general election; and

164.1 (5) a pre-general-election report due ten days before a local general election.

164.2 The reporting obligations in this paragraph begin with the first report due after the

164.3 reporting period in which the entity reaches the spending threshold specified in paragraph

164.4 (a). The pre-primary report required under clause (3) is required for all entities required to

164.5 report under paragraph (a), regardless of whether the candidate or issue is on the primary

164.6 ballot.

164.7 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.20, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

164.8 Subd. 5. **Pre-election reports.** (a) Any loan, contribution, or contributions:

164.9 (1) to a political committee or political fund from any one source totaling more than

164.10 \$1,000;

164.11 (2) to the principal campaign committee of a candidate for an appellate court judicial

164.12 office totaling more than \$2,000;

17.26 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.17, is amended by adding a subdivision to

17.27 read:

17.28 Subd. 6. **Use of depository.** A political committee, political fund, principal campaign

17.29 committee, or party unit may not expend money unless the expenditure or other disbursement

17.30 is made using petty cash or a depository of that committee, fund, or party unit.

18.1 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.20, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

18.2 Subd. 2a. **Local election reports.** (a) This subdivision applies to a political committee,

18.3 political fund, or political party unit that during a non-general election year:

18.4 (1) spends in aggregate more than \$200 to influence the nomination or election of local

18.5 candidates;

18.6 (2) spends in aggregate more than \$200 to make independent expenditures on behalf of

18.7 local candidates; or

18.8 (3) spends in aggregate more than \$200 to promote or defeat ballot questions defined

18.9 in section 10A.01, subdivision 7, clause (2), (3), or (4).

18.10 (b) In addition to the reports required by subdivision 2, the entities listed in paragraph

18.11 (a) must file the following reports in each non-general election year:

18.12 (1) a first-quarter report covering the calendar year through March 31, which is due

18.13 April 14;

18.14 (2) a report covering the calendar year through May 31, which is due June 14;

18.15 (3) a pre-primary-election report due 15 days before the local primary election date

18.16 specified in section 205.065;

18.17 (4) a pre-general-election report due 42 days before the local general election; and

18.18 (5) a pre-general-election report due ten days before a local general election.

18.19 The reporting obligations in this paragraph begin with the first report due after the

18.20 reporting period in which the entity reaches the spending threshold specified in paragraph

18.21 (a). The pre-primary report required under clause (3) is required for all entities required to

18.22 report under paragraph (a), regardless of whether the candidate or issue is on the primary

18.23 ballot.

18.24 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.20, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

18.25 Subd. 5. **Pre-election reports.** (a) Any loan, contribution, or contributions:

18.26 (1) to a political committee or political fund from any one source totaling more than

18.27 \$1,000;

18.28 (2) to the principal campaign committee of a candidate for an appellate court judicial

18.29 office totaling more than \$2,000;

164.13 (3) to the principal campaign committee of a candidate for district court judge totaling
 164.14 more than \$400; or

164.15 (4) to the principal campaign committee of a candidate for constitutional office or for
 164.16 the legislature totaling more than 50 percent of the election segment contribution limit for
 164.17 the office,

164.18 received between the last day covered in the last report before an election and the election
 164.19 must be reported to the board in the manner provided in paragraph (b).

164.20 (b) A loan, contribution, or contributions required to be reported to the board under
 164.21 paragraph (a) must be reported to the board either:

164.22 (1) in person by the end of the next business day after its receipt; or

164.23 (2) by electronic means sent within 24 hours after its receipt by the end of the next
 164.24 business day after its receipt.

164.25 (c) These loans and contributions must also be reported in the next required report.

164.26 (d) This notice requirement does not apply in a primary election to a candidate who is
 164.27 unopposed in the primary, in a primary election to a ballot question political committee or
 164.28 fund, or in a general election to a candidate whose name is not on the general election ballot.
 164.29 The board must post the report on its website by the end of the next business day after it is
 164.30 received.

165.1 (e) This subdivision does not apply to a ballot question or independent expenditure
 165.2 political committee or fund that has not met the registration threshold of section 10A.14,
 165.3 subdivision 1a. However, if a contribution that would be subject to this section triggers the
 165.4 registration requirement in section 10A.14, subdivision 1a, then both registration under that
 165.5 section and reporting under this section are required.

165.6 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.20, subdivision 12, is amended to read:

165.7 Subd. 12. **Failure to file; late fees; penalty.** (a) If an individual or association fails to
 165.8 file a report required by this section or section 10A.202, the board may impose a late filing
 165.9 fee as provided in this subdivision.

165.10 (b) If an individual or association fails to file a report required by this section that is due
 165.11 January 31, the board may impose a late filing fee of \$25 per day, not to exceed \$1,000,
 165.12 commencing the day after the report was due.

165.13 (c) If an individual or association fails to file a report required by this section that is due
 165.14 before a primary or general election, subdivision 2, 2a, or 5, or by section 10A.202, the
 165.15 board may impose a late filing fee of \$50 per day, not to exceed \$1,000, commencing on
 165.16 the day after the date the statement was due, provided that if the total receipts received

19.1 (3) to the principal campaign committee of a candidate for district court judge totaling
 19.2 more than \$400; or

19.3 (4) to the principal campaign committee of a candidate for constitutional office or for
 19.4 the legislature totaling more than 50 percent of the election segment contribution limit for
 19.5 the office,

19.6 received between the last day covered in the last report before an election and the election
 19.7 must be reported to the board in the manner provided in paragraph (b).

19.8 (b) A loan, contribution, or contributions required to be reported to the board under
 19.9 paragraph (a) must be reported to the board either:

19.10 (1) in person by the end of the next business day after its receipt; or

19.11 (2) by electronic means sent within 24 hours after its receipt by the end of the next
 19.12 business day after its receipt.

19.13 (c) These loans and contributions must also be reported in the next required report.

19.14 (d) This notice requirement does not apply in a primary election to a candidate who is
 19.15 unopposed in the primary, in a primary election to a ballot question political committee or
 19.16 fund, or in a general election to a candidate whose name is not on the general election ballot.
 19.17 The board must post the report on its website by the end of the next business day after it is
 19.18 received.

19.19 (e) This subdivision does not apply to a ballot question or independent expenditure
 19.20 political committee or fund that has not met the registration threshold of section 10A.14,
 19.21 subdivision 1a. However, if a contribution that would be subject to this section triggers the
 19.22 registration requirement in section 10A.14, subdivision 1a, then both registration under that
 19.23 section and reporting under this section are required.

19.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, and applies to
 19.25 expenditures and electioneering communications made on or after that date.

165.17 during the reporting period or total expenditure reportable under section 10A.202 exceeds
165.18 \$25,000, then the board may impose a late filing fee of up to two percent of the amount that
165.19 should have been reported, per day, commencing on the day after the report was due, not
165.20 to exceed 100 percent of the amount that should have been reported.

165.21 (d) If an individual or association has been assessed a late filing fee under this subdivision
165.22 during the prior four years, the board may impose a late filing fee of up to twice the amount
165.23 otherwise authorized by this subdivision.

165.24 (e) Within ten business days after the report was due or receipt by the board of
165.25 information disclosing the potential failure to file a report required by this section, the board
165.26 must send notice by certified mail to an individual who fails to file a report within ten
165.27 business days after the report was due that the individual or association may be subject to
165.28 a civil penalty for failure to file the report. An individual who fails to file the report within
165.29 seven days after the certified mail notice was sent by the board is subject to a civil penalty
165.30 imposed by the board of up to \$1,000 in addition to the late filing fees imposed by this
165.31 subdivision.

166.1 Sec. 30. [10A.201] ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICATIONS; DEFINITIONS.

166.2 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** The terms defined in this section apply to this section and
166.3 to section 10A.202.

166.4 Subd. 2. **Broadcast, cable, or satellite communication.** "Broadcast, cable, or satellite
166.5 communication" means a communication that is publicly distributed by a television station,
166.6 radio station, cable television system, or satellite system.

166.7 Subd. 3. **Can be received by 10,000 or more individuals.** (a) "Can be received by
166.8 10,000 or more individuals" means:

166.9 (1) in the case of a communication transmitted by an FM radio broadcast station or
166.10 network, where the district lies entirely within the station's or network's protected or primary
166.11 service contour, that the population of the district is 10,000 or more;

166.12 (2) in the case of a communication transmitted by an FM radio broadcast station or
166.13 network, where a portion of the district lies outside of the protected or primary service
166.14 contour, that the population of the part of the district lying within the station's or network's
166.15 protected or primary service contour is 10,000 or more;

166.16 (3) in the case of a communication transmitted by an AM radio broadcast station or
166.17 network, where the district lies entirely within the station's or network's most outward service
166.18 area, that the population of the district is 10,000 or more;

166.19 (4) in the case of a communication transmitted by an AM radio broadcast station or
166.20 network, where a portion of the district lies outside of the station's or network's most outward
166.21 service area, that the population of the part of the district lying within the station's or
166.22 network's most outward service area is 10,000 or more;

19.26 Sec. 28. [10A.201] ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICATIONS; DEFINITIONS.

19.27 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** The terms defined in this section apply to this section and
19.28 to section 10A.202.

19.29 Subd. 2. **Broadcast, cable, or satellite communication.** "Broadcast, cable, or satellite
19.30 communication" means a communication that is publicly distributed by a television station,
19.31 radio station, cable television system, or satellite system.

20.1 Subd. 3. **Can be received by 10,000 or more individuals.** (a) "Can be received by
20.2 10,000 or more individuals" means:

20.3 (1) in the case of a communication transmitted by an FM radio broadcast station or
20.4 network, where the district lies entirely within the station's or network's protected or primary
20.5 service contour, that the population of the district is 10,000 or more;

20.6 (2) in the case of a communication transmitted by an FM radio broadcast station or
20.7 network, where a portion of the district lies outside of the protected or primary service
20.8 contour, that the population of the part of the district lying within the station's or network's
20.9 protected or primary service contour is 10,000 or more;

20.10 (3) in the case of a communication transmitted by an AM radio broadcast station or
20.11 network, where the district lies entirely within the station's or network's most outward service
20.12 area, that the population of the district is 10,000 or more;

20.13 (4) in the case of a communication transmitted by an AM radio broadcast station or
20.14 network, where a portion of the district lies outside of the station's or network's most outward
20.15 service area, that the population of the part of the district lying within the station's or
20.16 network's most outward service area is 10,000 or more;

166.23 (5) in the case of a communication appearing on a television broadcast station or network,
 166.24 where the district lies entirely within the station's or network's Grade B broadcast contour,
 166.25 that the population of the district is 10,000 or more;

166.26 (6) in the case of a communication appearing on a television broadcast station or network,
 166.27 where a portion of the district lies outside of the Grade B broadcast contour:

166.28 (i) that the population of the part of the district lying within the station's or network's
 166.29 Grade B broadcast contour is 10,000 or more; or

166.30 (ii) that the population of the part of the district lying within the station's or network's
 166.31 broadcast contour, when combined with the viewership of that television station or network
 167.1 by cable and satellite subscribers within the district lying outside the broadcast contour, is
 167.2 10,000 or more;

167.3 (7) in the case of a communication appearing exclusively on a cable or satellite television
 167.4 system, but not on a broadcast station or network, that the viewership of the cable system
 167.5 or satellite system lying within a district is 10,000 or more; or

167.6 (8) in the case of a communication appearing on a cable television network, that the
 167.7 total cable and satellite viewership within a district is 10,000 or more.

167.8 (b) Cable or satellite television viewership is determined by multiplying the number of
 167.9 subscribers within a district, or a part thereof, as appropriate, by the current national average
 167.10 household size, as determined by the Bureau of the Census.

167.11 (c) A determination that a communication can be received by 10,000 or more individuals
 167.12 based on the application of the formula in this section shall create a rebuttable presumption
 167.13 that may be overcome by demonstrating that:

167.14 (1) one or more cable or satellite systems did not carry the network on which the
 167.15 communication was publicly distributed at the time the communication was publicly
 167.16 distributed; and

167.17 (2) applying the formula to the remaining cable and satellite systems results in a
 167.18 determination that the cable network or systems upon which the communication was publicly
 167.19 distributed could not be received by 10,000 individuals or more.

167.20 Subd. 4. **Direct costs of producing or airing electioneering communications.** "Direct
 167.21 costs of producing or airing electioneering communications" means:

167.22 (1) costs charged by a vendor, including studio rental time, staff salaries, costs of video
 167.23 or audio recording media, and talent; and

167.24 (2) the cost of airtime on broadcast, cable, or satellite radio and television stations, studio
 167.25 time, material costs, and the charges for a broker to purchase the airtime.

167.26 Subd. 5. **Disclosure date.** "Disclosure date" means:

20.17 (5) in the case of a communication appearing on a television broadcast station or network,
 20.18 where the district lies entirely within the station's or network's Grade B broadcast contour,
 20.19 that the population of the district is 10,000 or more;

20.20 (6) in the case of a communication appearing on a television broadcast station or network,
 20.21 where a portion of the district lies outside of the Grade B broadcast contour:

20.22 (i) that the population of the part of the district lying within the station's or network's
 20.23 Grade B broadcast contour is 10,000 or more; or

20.24 (ii) that the population of the part of the district lying within the station's or network's
 20.25 broadcast contour, when combined with the viewership of that television station or network
 20.26 by cable and satellite subscribers within the district lying outside the broadcast contour, is
 20.27 10,000 or more;

20.28 (7) in the case of a communication appearing exclusively on a cable or satellite television
 20.29 system, but not on a broadcast station or network, that the viewership of the cable system
 20.30 or satellite system lying within a district is 10,000 or more; or

20.31 (8) in the case of a communication appearing on a cable television network, that the
 20.32 total cable and satellite viewership within a district is 10,000 or more.

21.1 (b) Cable or satellite television viewership is determined by multiplying the number of
 21.2 subscribers within a district, or a part thereof, as appropriate, by the current average
 21.3 household size for Minnesota, as determined by the Bureau of the Census.

21.4 (c) A determination that a communication can be received by 10,000 or more individuals
 21.5 based on the application of the formula in this section shall create a rebuttable presumption
 21.6 that may be overcome by demonstrating that:

21.7 (1) one or more cable or satellite systems did not carry the network on which the
 21.8 communication was publicly distributed at the time the communication was publicly
 21.9 distributed; and

21.10 (2) applying the formula to the remaining cable and satellite systems results in a
 21.11 determination that the cable network or systems upon which the communication was publicly
 21.12 distributed could not be received by 10,000 individuals or more.

21.13 Subd. 4. **Direct costs of producing or airing electioneering communications.** "Direct
 21.14 costs of producing or airing electioneering communications" means:

21.15 (1) costs charged by a vendor, including studio rental time, staff salaries, costs of video
 21.16 or audio recording media, and talent; and

21.17 (2) the cost of airtime on broadcast, cable, or satellite radio and television stations, studio
 21.18 time, material costs, and the charges for a broker to purchase the airtime.

21.19 Subd. 5. **Disclosure date.** "Disclosure date" means:

167.27 (1) the first date on which an electioneering communication is publicly distributed,
167.28 provided that the person making the electioneering communication has made one or more
167.29 disbursements, or has executed one or more contracts to make disbursements, for the direct
167.30 costs of producing or airing one or more electioneering communications aggregating in
167.31 excess of \$10,000; or

168.1 (2) any other date during the same calendar year on which an electioneering
168.2 communication is publicly distributed, provided that the person making the electioneering
168.3 communication has made one or more disbursements, or has executed one or more contracts
168.4 to make disbursements, for the direct costs of producing or airing one or more electioneering
168.5 communications aggregating in excess of \$10,000 since the most recent disclosure date
168.6 during that calendar year.

168.7 Subd. 6. **Electioneering communication.** (a) "Electioneering communication" means
168.8 any broadcast, cable, or satellite communication that:

168.9 (1) refers to a clearly identified candidate for state office;

168.10 (2) is publicly distributed within 60 days before a general election for the office sought
168.11 by the candidate; or within 30 days before a primary election, or a convention or caucus of
168.12 a political party that has authority to nominate a candidate, for the office sought by the
168.13 candidate, and the candidate referenced is seeking the nomination of that political party;
168.14 and

168.15 (3) is targeted to the relevant electorate, in the case of a candidate for senate, house of
168.16 representatives, or other office elected by district.

168.17 (b) A communication is not an electioneering communication if it:

168.18 (1) is publicly disseminated through a means of communication other than a broadcast,
168.19 cable, or satellite television or radio station;

168.20 (2) appears in a news story, commentary, or editorial distributed through the facilities
168.21 of any broadcast, cable, or satellite television or radio station, unless such facilities are
168.22 owned or controlled by any political party, political committee, or candidate, provided that
168.23 a news story distributed through a broadcast, cable, or satellite television or radio station
168.24 owned or controlled by any political party, political committee, or candidate is not an
168.25 electioneering communication if the news story meets the requirements described in Code
168.26 of Federal Regulations, title 11, section 100.132(a) and (b);

168.27 (3) constitutes an expenditure or independent expenditure, provided that the expenditure
168.28 or independent expenditure is required to be reported under this chapter;

168.29 (4) constitutes a candidate debate or forum, or that solely promotes such a debate or
168.30 forum and is made by or on behalf of the person sponsoring the debate or forum; or

168.31 (5) is paid for by a candidate.

21.20 (1) the first date on which an electioneering communication is publicly distributed,
21.21 provided that the person making the electioneering communication has made one or more
21.22 disbursements, or has executed one or more contracts to make disbursements, for the direct
21.23 costs of producing or airing one or more electioneering communications aggregating in
21.24 excess of \$10,000; or

21.25 (2) any other date during the same calendar year on which an electioneering
21.26 communication is publicly distributed, provided that the person making the electioneering
21.27 communication has made one or more disbursements, or has executed one or more contracts
21.28 to make disbursements, for the direct costs of producing or airing one or more electioneering
21.29 communications aggregating in excess of \$10,000 since the most recent disclosure date
21.30 during that calendar year.

21.31 Subd. 6. **Electioneering communication.** (a) "Electioneering communication" means
21.32 any broadcast, cable, or satellite communication that:

22.1 (1) refers to a clearly identified candidate for state office;

22.2 (2) is publicly distributed within 60 days before a general election for the office sought
22.3 by the candidate; or within 30 days before a primary election, presidential nomination
22.4 primary, or a convention or caucus of a political party that has authority to nominate a
22.5 candidate, for the office sought by the candidate, and the candidate referenced is seeking
22.6 the nomination of that political party; and

22.7 (3) is targeted to the relevant electorate.

22.8 (b) A communication is not an electioneering communication if it:

22.9 (1) is publicly disseminated through a means of communication other than a broadcast,
22.10 cable, or satellite television or radio station;

22.11 (2) appears in a news story, commentary, or editorial distributed through the facilities
22.12 of any broadcast, cable, or satellite television or radio station, unless such facilities are
22.13 owned or controlled by any political party, political committee, or candidate, provided that
22.14 a news story distributed through a broadcast, cable, or satellite television or radio station
22.15 owned or controlled by any political party, political committee, or candidate is not an
22.16 electioneering communication if the news story meets the requirements described in Code
22.17 of Federal Regulations, title 11, section 100.132(a) and (b);

22.18 (3) constitutes an expenditure or independent expenditure, provided that the expenditure
22.19 or independent expenditure is required to be reported under this chapter;

22.20 (4) constitutes a candidate debate or forum, or that solely promotes such a debate or
22.21 forum and is made by or on behalf of the person sponsoring the debate or forum; or

22.22 (5) is paid for by a candidate.

169.1 Subd. 7. **Identification.** "Identification" means, in the case of an individual, the
169.2 individual's full name; including first name, middle name or initial, if available, and last
169.3 name; mailing address; occupation; and the name of the individual's employer; and, in the
169.4 case of a person who is not an individual, the person's name and principal place of business.

169.5 Subd. 8. **Individuals sharing or exercising direction or control.** "Individuals sharing
169.6 or exercising direction or control" means officers, directors, executive directors or the
169.7 equivalent, partners, and in the case of unincorporated organizations, owners, of the entity
169.8 or person making the disbursement for the electioneering communication.

169.9 Subd. 9. **Publicly distributed.** "Publicly distributed" means aired, broadcast, cablecast,
169.10 or otherwise disseminated through the facilities of a television station, radio station, cable
169.11 television system, or satellite system.

169.12 Subd. 10. **Refers to a clearly identified candidate.** "Refers to a clearly identified
169.13 candidate" means that the candidate's name, nickname, photograph, or drawing appears, or
169.14 the identity of the candidate is otherwise apparent through an unambiguous reference such
169.15 as "the governor," "your legislator," or "the incumbent," or through an unambiguous reference
169.16 to the candidate's status as a candidate such as "the [political party] gubernatorial nominee"
169.17 or "the [political party] candidate for senate."

169.18 Subd. 11. **Targeted to the relevant electorate.** "Targeted to the relevant electorate"
169.19 means the communication can be received by 10,000 or more individuals:

169.20 (1) in the district the candidate seeks to represent, in the case of a candidate for
169.21 representative, senator, or other office represented by district; or

169.22 (2) in the entire state, if the candidate seeks a statewide office.

169.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, and applies to
169.24 expenditures and electioneering communications made on or after that date.

169.25 Sec. 31. **[10A.202] ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICATION; REPORTING**
169.26 **REQUIREMENTS.**

169.27 Subdivision 1. **Reports required.** Any person who has made an electioneering
169.28 communication, as defined in section 10A.201, aggregating in excess of \$10,000 during
169.29 any calendar year shall file a statement with the board no later than 11:59 p.m. on the day
169.30 following the disclosure date. The statement shall be filed under penalty of perjury, and
169.31 must contain the information set forth in subdivision 2. Political committees that make a
169.32 communication described in section 10A.201 must report the communication as a campaign
170.1 expenditure or independent expenditure as otherwise provided by this chapter and are not
170.2 required to file a report under this section.

170.3 Subd. 2. **Content of report.** A statement of electioneering communications required by
170.4 this section shall disclose the following information:

22.23 Subd. 7. **Identification.** "Identification" means, in the case of an individual, the
22.24 individual's full name including first name, middle name or initial if available, and last
22.25 name; mailing address; occupation; and name of the individual's employer and, in the case
22.26 of a person who is not an individual, the person's name and principal place of business.

22.27 Subd. 8. **Individuals sharing or exercising direction or control.** "Individuals sharing
22.28 or exercising direction or control" means officers, directors, executive directors or the
22.29 equivalent, partners, and in the case of unincorporated organizations, owners, of the entity
22.30 or person making the disbursement for the electioneering communication.

23.1 Subd. 9. **Publicly distributed.** "Publicly distributed" means aired, broadcast, cablecast,
23.2 or otherwise disseminated through the facilities of a television station, radio station, cable
23.3 television system, or satellite system.

23.4 Subd. 10. **Refers to a clearly identified candidate.** "Refers to a clearly identified
23.5 candidate" means that the candidate's name, nickname, photograph, or drawing appears, or
23.6 the identity of the candidate is otherwise apparent through an unambiguous reference such
23.7 as "the governor," "your legislator," or "the incumbent," or through an unambiguous reference
23.8 to the candidate's status as a candidate such as "the [political party] gubernatorial nominee"
23.9 or "the [political party] candidate for senate."

23.10 Subd. 11. **Targeted to the relevant electorate.** "Targeted to the relevant electorate"
23.11 means the communication can be received by 10,000 or more individuals:

23.12 (1) in the district the candidate seeks to represent, in the case of a candidate for
23.13 representative, senator, or other office represented by district; or

23.14 (2) in the entire state, if the candidate seeks a statewide office.

23.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, and applies to
23.16 expenditures and electioneering communications made on or after that date.

23.17 Sec. 29. **[10A.202] ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICATION; REPORTING**
23.18 **REQUIREMENTS.**

23.19 Subdivision 1. **Reports required.** Any person who has made an electioneering
23.20 communication, as defined in section 10A.201, aggregating in excess of \$10,000 during
23.21 any calendar year shall file a statement with the board no later than 11:59 p.m. on the day
23.22 following the disclosure date. The statement shall be filed under penalty of perjury, and
23.23 must contain the information set forth in subdivision 2. Political committees that make a
23.24 communication described in section 10A.201 must report the communication as a campaign
23.25 expenditure or independent expenditure as otherwise provided by this chapter and are not
23.26 required to file a report under this section.

23.27 Subd. 2. **Content of report.** A statement of electioneering communications required by
23.28 this section shall disclose the following information:

170.5 (1) the identification of the person who made the disbursement or who executed a contract
170.6 to make a disbursement and, if the person is not an individual, the person's principal place
170.7 of business;

170.8 (2) the identification of any individual sharing or exercising direction or control over
170.9 the activities of the person who made the disbursement or who executed a contract to make
170.10 a disbursement;

170.11 (3) the identification of the custodian of the books and accounts from which the
170.12 disbursements were made;

170.13 (4) the amount of each disbursement, or amount obligated, of more than \$200 during
170.14 the period covered by the statement, the date the disbursement was made or the contract
170.15 was executed, and the identification of the person to whom that disbursement was made;

170.16 (5) all clearly identified candidates referred to in the electioneering communication and
170.17 the elections in which they are candidates;

170.18 (6) the disclosure date;

170.19 (7) if the disbursements were paid exclusively from a segregated bank account consisting
170.20 of funds provided solely by persons other than national banks, corporations organized by
170.21 federal law or the laws of this state, or foreign nationals, the name and address of each donor
170.22 who donated an amount aggregating \$1,000 or more to the segregated bank account,
170.23 aggregating since the first day of the preceding calendar year;

170.24 (8) if the disbursements were not paid exclusively from a segregated bank account
170.25 consisting of funds provided solely by persons other than national banks, corporations
170.26 organized by federal law or the laws of this state, or foreign nationals, and were not made
170.27 by a corporation or labor organization, the name and address of each donor who donated
170.28 an amount aggregating \$1,000 or more to the person making the disbursement, aggregating
170.29 since the first day of the preceding calendar year; and

170.30 (9) if the disbursements were made by a corporation or labor organization and were not
170.31 paid exclusively from a segregated bank account consisting of funds provided solely by
170.32 persons other than national banks, corporations organized by federal law or the laws of this
170.33 state, or foreign nationals, the name and address of each person who made a donation
171.1 aggregating \$1,000 or more to the corporation or labor organization, aggregating since the
171.2 first day of the preceding calendar year, which was made for the purpose of furthering
171.3 electioneering communications.

171.4 Subd. 3. **Recordkeeping.** All persons who make electioneering communications or who
171.5 accept donations for the purpose of making electioneering communications must maintain
171.6 records as necessary to comply with the requirements of this section.

23.29 (1) the identification of the person who made the disbursement or who executed a contract
23.30 to make a disbursement and, if the person is not an individual, the person's principal place
23.31 of business;

24.1 (2) the identification of any individual sharing or exercising direction or control over
24.2 the activities of the person who made the disbursement or who executed a contract to make
24.3 a disbursement;

24.4 (3) the identification of the custodian of the books and accounts from which the
24.5 disbursements were made;

24.6 (4) the amount of each disbursement, or amount obligated, of more than \$200 during
24.7 the period covered by the statement, the date the disbursement was made or the contract
24.8 was executed, and the identification of the person to whom that disbursement was made;

24.9 (5) all clearly identified candidates referred to in the electioneering communication and
24.10 the elections in which they are candidates;

24.11 (6) the disclosure date;

24.12 (7) if the disbursements were paid exclusively from a segregated bank account consisting
24.13 of funds provided solely by persons other than national banks, corporations organized by
24.14 federal law or the laws of this state, or foreign nationals, the name and address of each donor
24.15 who donated an amount aggregating \$1,000 or more to the segregated bank account,
24.16 aggregating since the first day of the preceding calendar year;

24.17 (8) if the disbursements were not paid exclusively from a segregated bank account
24.18 consisting of funds provided solely by persons other than national banks, corporations
24.19 organized by federal law or the laws of this state, or foreign nationals, and were not made
24.20 by a corporation or labor organization, the name and address of each donor who donated
24.21 an amount aggregating \$1,000 or more to the person making the disbursement, aggregating
24.22 since the first day of the preceding calendar year; and

24.23 (9) if the disbursements were made by a corporation or labor organization and were not
24.24 paid exclusively from a segregated bank account consisting of funds provided solely by
24.25 persons other than national banks, corporations organized by federal law or the laws of this
24.26 state, or foreign nationals, the name and address of each person who made a donation
24.27 aggregating \$1,000 or more to the corporation or labor organization, aggregating since the
24.28 first day of the preceding calendar year, which was made for the purpose of furthering
24.29 electioneering communications.

24.30 Subd. 3. **Recordkeeping.** All persons who make electioneering communications or who
24.31 accept donations for the purpose of making electioneering communications must maintain
24.32 records as necessary to comply with the requirements of this section.

171.7 Subd. 4. **Disclaimer required.** An electioneering communication must include a
171.8 disclaimer in the same manner as required for campaign material under section 211B.04,
171.9 subdivision 1, paragraph (c).

171.10 Subd. 5. **Late fees; failure to file; penalties.** A person who fails to file a report required
171.11 by this section is subject to the late fees and penalties provided in section 10A.20, subdivision
171.12 12.

171.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, and applies to
171.14 expenditures and electioneering communications made on or after that date.

171.15 Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.244, is amended to read:

171.16 **10A.244 VOLUNTARY INACTIVE STATUS; POLITICAL FUNDS.**

171.17 Subdivision 1. **Election of voluntary inactive status.** An association that has a political
171.18 fund registered under this chapter may elect to have the fund placed on voluntary inactive
171.19 status if the following conditions are met:

171.20 (1) the association makes a written request for inactive status;

171.21 (2) the association has filed all periodic reports required by this chapter and has received
171.22 no contributions into its political fund and made no expenditures or disbursements, including
171.23 disbursements for electioneering communications, through its political fund since the last
171.24 date included on the association's most recent report; and

171.25 (3) the association has satisfied all obligations to the state for late filing fees and civil
171.26 penalties imposed by the board or the board has waived this requirement.

171.27 Subd. 2. **Effect of voluntary inactive status.** After an association has complied with
171.28 the requirements of subdivision 1:

171.29 (1) the board must notify the association that its political fund has been placed in
171.30 voluntary inactive status and of the terms of this section;

172.1 (2) the board must stop sending the association reports, forms, and notices of report due
172.2 dates that are periodically sent to entities registered with the board;

172.3 (3) the association is not required to file periodic disclosure reports for its political fund
172.4 as otherwise required under this chapter;

172.5 (4) the association may not accept contributions into its political fund and may not make
172.6 expenditures, contributions, or disbursements, including disbursements for electioneering
172.7 communications, through its political fund; and

172.8 (5) if the association maintains a separate depository account for its political fund, it
172.9 may continue to pay bank service charges and receive interest paid on that account while
172.10 its political fund is in inactive status.

25.1 Subd. 4. **Disclaimer required.** An electioneering communication must include a
25.2 disclaimer in the same manner as required for campaign material under section 211B.04,
25.3 subdivision 1, paragraph (c).

25.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, and applies to
25.5 expenditures and electioneering communications made on or after that date.

25.6 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.244, is amended to read:

25.7 **10A.244 VOLUNTARY INACTIVE STATUS; POLITICAL FUNDS.**

25.8 Subdivision 1. **Election of voluntary inactive status.** An association that has a political
25.9 fund registered under this chapter may elect to have the fund placed on voluntary inactive
25.10 status if the following conditions are met:

25.11 (1) the association makes a written request for inactive status;

25.12 (2) the association has filed all periodic reports required by this chapter and has received
25.13 no contributions into its political fund and made no expenditures or disbursements, including
25.14 disbursements for electioneering communications, through its political fund since the last
25.15 date included on the association's most recent report; and

25.16 (3) the association has satisfied all obligations to the state for late filing fees and civil
25.17 penalties imposed by the board or the board has waived this requirement.

25.18 Subd. 2. **Effect of voluntary inactive status.** After an association has complied with
25.19 the requirements of subdivision 1:

25.20 (1) the board must notify the association that its political fund has been placed in
25.21 voluntary inactive status and of the terms of this section;

25.22 (2) the board must stop sending the association reports, forms, and notices of report due
25.23 dates that are periodically sent to entities registered with the board;

25.24 (3) the association is not required to file periodic disclosure reports for its political fund
25.25 as otherwise required under this chapter;

25.26 (4) the association may not accept contributions into its political fund and may not make
25.27 expenditures, contributions, or disbursements, including disbursements for electioneering
25.28 communications, through its political fund; and

25.29 (5) if the association maintains a separate depository account for its political fund, it
25.30 may continue to pay bank service charges and receive interest paid on that account while
25.31 its political fund is in inactive status.

172.11 Subd. 3. **Resumption of active status or termination.** (a) An association that has placed
 172.12 its political fund in voluntary inactive status may resume active status upon written notice
 172.13 to the board.

172.14 (b) A political fund placed in voluntary inactive status must resume active status within
 172.15 14 days of the date that it has accepted contributions or made expenditures, contributions,
 172.16 or disbursements, including disbursements for electioneering communications, that aggregate
 172.17 more than \$750 since the political fund was placed on inactive status. If, after meeting this
 172.18 threshold, the association does not notify the board that its fund has resumed active status,
 172.19 the board may place the association's political fund in active status and notify the association
 172.20 of the change in status.

172.21 (c) An association that has placed its political fund in voluntary inactive status may
 172.22 terminate the registration of the fund without returning it to active status.

172.23 Subd. 4. **Penalty for financial activity while in voluntary inactive status.** If an
 172.24 association fails to notify the board of its political fund's resumption of active status under
 172.25 subdivision 3, the board may impose a civil penalty of \$50 per day, not to exceed \$1,000
 172.26 commencing on the 15th calendar day after the fund resumed active status.

172.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, and applies to
 172.28 expenditures and electioneering communications made on or after that date.

172.29 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.25, subdivision 3a, is amended to read:

172.30 Subd. 3a. **Independent expenditures and electioneering communications.** The principal
 172.31 campaign committee of a candidate must not make independent expenditures or
 172.32 disbursements for electioneering communications. If the principal campaign committee of
 173.1 a candidate makes a contribution to an independent expenditure committee or independent
 173.2 expenditure fund on or after January 1 of the year the candidate's office will appear on the
 173.3 ballot, the independent expenditure committee or independent expenditure fund must not
 173.4 make an independent expenditure for that candidate.

173.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, and applies to
 173.6 expenditures and electioneering communications made on or after that date.

173.7 Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.271, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

173.8 Subdivision 1. **Notice to contributors.** A political committee, political fund, political
 173.9 party unit, or principal campaign committee that raises funds through the sale of goods or
 173.10 services must disclose to potential customers that the proceeds from the purchase are a
 173.11 political contribution and to whom the contribution is made. If goods or services are sold
 173.12 in person, the notice ~~may~~ must be provided verbally at the time of purchase, or through the
 173.13 prominent display of a sign providing the notice ~~in immediate proximity to~~ within three feet
 173.14 of, and facing, the point of sale at the location where the goods or services are sold. If goods
 173.15 or services are sold using a website or other electronic means, the notice must be prominently

26.1 Subd. 3. **Resumption of active status or termination.** (a) An association that has placed
 26.2 its political fund in voluntary inactive status may resume active status upon written notice
 26.3 to the board.

26.4 (b) A political fund placed in voluntary inactive status must resume active status within
 26.5 14 days of the date that it has accepted contributions or made expenditures, contributions,
 26.6 or disbursements, including disbursements for electioneering communications, that aggregate
 26.7 more than \$750 since the political fund was placed on inactive status. If, after meeting this
 26.8 threshold, the association does not notify the board that its fund has resumed active status,
 26.9 the board may place the association's political fund in active status and notify the association
 26.10 of the change in status.

26.11 (c) An association that has placed its political fund in voluntary inactive status may
 26.12 terminate the registration of the fund without returning it to active status.

26.13 Subd. 4. **Penalty for financial activity while in voluntary inactive status.** If an
 26.14 association fails to notify the board of its political fund's resumption of active status under
 26.15 subdivision 3, the board may impose a civil penalty of \$50 per day, not to exceed \$1,000
 26.16 commencing on the 15th calendar day after the fund resumed active status.

26.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, and applies to
 26.18 expenditures and electioneering communications made on or after that date.

26.19 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.25, subdivision 3a, is amended to read:

26.20 Subd. 3a. **Independent expenditures and electioneering communications.** The principal
 26.21 campaign committee of a candidate must not make independent expenditures or
 26.22 disbursements for electioneering communications. If the principal campaign committee of
 26.23 a candidate makes a contribution to an independent expenditure committee or independent
 26.24 expenditure fund on or after January 1 of the year the candidate's office will appear on the
 26.25 ballot, the independent expenditure committee or independent expenditure fund must not
 26.26 make an independent expenditure for that candidate.

26.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, and applies to
 26.28 expenditures and electioneering communications made on or after that date.

26.29 Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.271, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

26.30 Subdivision 1. **Notice to contributors.** A political committee, political fund, political
 26.31 party unit, or principal campaign committee that raises funds through the sale of goods or
 26.32 services must disclose to potential customers that the proceeds from the purchase are a
 27.1 political contribution and to whom the contribution is made. If goods or services are sold
 27.2 in person, the notice ~~may~~ must be provided verbally at the time of purchase, or through the
 27.3 prominent display of a sign providing the notice ~~in immediate proximity to~~ within three feet
 27.4 of, and facing, the point of sale at the location where the goods or services are sold. If goods
 27.5 or services are sold using a website or other electronic means, the notice must be prominently

173.16 displayed on the page used by potential customers to make a purchase or enter payment
 173.17 information.

173.18 Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.273, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

173.19 Subdivision 1. **Contributions during legislative session.** (a) A candidate for the
 173.20 legislature or for constitutional office, the candidate's principal campaign committee, or a
 173.21 political committee or party unit established by all or a part of the party organization within
 173.22 a house of the legislature, must not solicit or accept a contribution from a registered lobbyist,
 173.23 political committee, political fund, or an association not registered with the board during a
 173.24 regular session of the legislature.

173.25 (b) During a regular session of the legislature, a candidate for the legislature or for
 173.26 constitutional office, or the candidate's principal campaign committee, must not solicit
 173.27 contributions for or directly assist in the solicitation of contributions for a political party or
 173.28 party unit from a registered lobbyist, political committee, political fund, or an association
 173.29 not registered with the board.

173.30 ~~(b)~~ (c) A registered lobbyist, political committee, political fund, or an association not
 173.31 registered with the board must not make a contribution to a candidate for the legislature or
 173.32 for constitutional office, the candidate's principal campaign committee, or a political
 174.1 committee or party unit established by all or a part of the party organization within a house
 174.2 of the legislature during a regular session of the legislature.

174.3 (d) Regardless of when made, a contribution made by a lobbyist, political committee,
 174.4 or political fund in order to attend an event that occurs during a regular session of the
 174.5 legislature and that is held by the principal campaign committee of a candidate for the
 174.6 legislature or constitutional office, or by a political party organization within a body of the
 174.7 legislature, is a violation of this section.

174.8 (e) Regardless of when made, a contribution from a lobbyist, political committee, or
 174.9 political fund for membership or access to a facility operated during the regular session of
 174.10 the legislature by the principal campaign committee of a candidate for the legislature or
 174.11 constitutional office, or by a political party organization within a body of the legislature, is
 174.12 a violation of this section.

174.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

27.6 displayed on the page used by potential customers to make a purchase or enter payment
 27.7 information.

27.8 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.273, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

27.9 Subdivision 1. **Contributions during legislative session.** (a) A candidate for the
 27.10 legislature or for constitutional office, the candidate's principal campaign committee, or a
 27.11 political committee or party unit established by all or a part of the party organization within
 27.12 a house of the legislature, must not solicit or accept a contribution from a registered lobbyist,
 27.13 political committee, political fund, or an association not registered with the board during a
 27.14 regular session of the legislature.

27.15 (b) During a regular session of the legislature, a candidate for the legislature or for
 27.16 constitutional office, or the candidate's principal campaign committee, must not solicit
 27.17 contributions for or take an action directly related to the solicitation or acceptance of
 27.18 contributions for a political party or party unit from a registered lobbyist, political committee,
 27.19 political fund, or an association not registered with the board.

27.20 (c) A registered lobbyist, political committee, political fund, or an association not
 27.21 registered with the board must not make a contribution to a candidate for the legislature or
 27.22 for constitutional office, the candidate's principal campaign committee, or a political
 27.23 committee or party unit established by all or a part of the party organization within a house
 27.24 of the legislature during a regular session of the legislature.

27.25 (d) Regardless of when made, a contribution made by a lobbyist, political committee,
 27.26 or political fund in order to attend an event that occurs during a regular session of the
 27.27 legislature and that is held by the principal campaign committee of a candidate for the
 27.28 legislature or constitutional office, or by a political party organization within a body of the
 27.29 legislature, is a violation of this section.

27.30 (e) Regardless of when made, a contribution from a lobbyist, political committee, or
 27.31 political fund for membership or access to a facility operated during the regular session of
 27.32 the legislature by the principal campaign committee of a candidate for the legislature or
 27.33 constitutional office, or by a political party organization within a body of the legislature, is
 27.34 a violation of this section.

28.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

28.2 Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.273, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

28.3 Subd. 2. **Party and party unit solicitations.** (a) At an event hosted by a candidate, a
 28.4 political party or party unit must not solicit or receive at an event hosted by a candidate for
 28.5 the legislature or by a candidate for constitutional office a contribution from a lobbyist,
 28.6 political committee, political fund, or party unit during a regular session of the legislature.

28.7 (b) A political party or party unit must not use the image of a candidate or promote the
 28.8 attendance of a candidate at an event to solicit contributions during the legislative session.

174.14 Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.275, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

174.15 Subdivision 1. **Exceptions.** Notwithstanding other provisions of this chapter, the
174.16 following expenditures by a party unit, or two or more party units acting together, ~~with at~~
174.17 ~~least one party unit being either the state committee or the party organization within a~~
174.18 ~~congressional district, county, or legislative district,~~ are not considered contributions to or
174.19 expenditures on behalf of a candidate for the purposes of section 10A.25 or 10A.27 and
174.20 must not be allocated to candidates under section 10A.20, subdivision 3, paragraph (h):

174.21 (1) expenditures on behalf of candidates of that party generally without referring to any
174.22 of them specifically in a published, posted, or broadcast advertisement;

174.23 (2) expenditures for the preparation, display, mailing, or other distribution of an official
174.24 party sample ballot listing the names of three or more individuals whose names are to appear
174.25 on the ballot;

174.26 (3) expenditures for a telephone call, voice mail, text message, multimedia message,
174.27 internet chat message, or email when the communication includes the names of three or
174.28 more individuals whose names are to appear on the ballot;

174.29 (4) expenditures for a booth at a community event, county fair, or state fair that benefits
174.30 three or more individuals whose names are to appear on the ballot;

174.31 ~~(4)~~ (5) expenditures for a political party fundraising effort on behalf of three or more
174.32 candidates; or

175.1 ~~(5)~~ (6) expenditures for party committee staff services that benefit three or more
175.2 candidates.

175.3 Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.38, is amended to read:

175.4 **10A.38 CAPTIONING OF CAMPAIGN ADVERTISEMENTS.**

175.5 (a) This section applies to a campaign advertisement by a candidate who is governed
175.6 by an agreement under section 10A.322.

175.7 (b) "Campaign advertisement" means a professionally produced visual or audio recording
175.8 of two minutes or less produced by the candidate for the purpose of influencing the
175.9 nomination or election of a candidate.

175.10 (c) A campaign advertisement that is disseminated as an advertisement by broadcast or
175.11 cable television must include closed captioning for deaf and hard-of-hearing viewers, unless
175.12 the candidate has filed with the board before the advertisement is disseminated a statement
175.13 setting forth the reasons for not doing so. A campaign advertisement that is disseminated

28.9 (c) For purposes of this subdivision, "candidate" means a candidate for the legislature
28.10 or for constitutional office.

28.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

28.12 Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.275, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

28.13 Subdivision 1. **Exceptions.** Notwithstanding other provisions of this chapter, the
28.14 following expenditures by a party unit, or two or more party units acting together, ~~with at~~
28.15 ~~least one party unit being either the state committee or the party organization within a~~
28.16 ~~congressional district, county, or legislative district,~~ are not considered contributions to or
28.17 expenditures on behalf of a candidate for the purposes of section 10A.25 or 10A.27 and
28.18 must not be allocated to candidates under section 10A.20, subdivision 3, paragraph (h):

28.19 (1) expenditures on behalf of candidates of that party generally without referring to any
28.20 of them specifically in a published, posted, or broadcast advertisement;

28.21 (2) expenditures for the preparation, display, mailing, or other distribution of an official
28.22 party sample ballot listing the names of three or more individuals whose names are to appear
28.23 on the ballot;

28.24 (3) expenditures for a telephone call, voice mail, text message, multimedia message,
28.25 internet chat message, or email when the communication includes the names of three or
28.26 more individuals whose names are to appear on the ballot;

28.27 (4) expenditures for a booth at a community event, county fair, or state fair that benefits
28.28 three or more individuals whose names are to appear on the ballot;

28.29 ~~(4)~~ (5) expenditures for a political party fundraising effort on behalf of three or more
28.30 candidates; or

29.1 ~~(5)~~ (6) expenditures for party committee staff services that benefit three or more
29.2 candidates.

29.3 Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 10A.38, is amended to read:

29.4 **10A.38 CAPTIONING OF CAMPAIGN ADVERTISEMENTS.**

29.5 (a) This section applies to a campaign advertisement by a candidate who is governed
29.6 by an agreement under section 10A.322.

29.7 (b) "Campaign advertisement" means a professionally produced visual or audio recording
29.8 of two minutes or less produced by the candidate for the purpose of influencing the
29.9 nomination or election of a candidate.

29.10 (c) A campaign advertisement that is disseminated as an advertisement by broadcast or
29.11 cable television must include closed captioning for deaf and hard-of-hearing viewers, unless
29.12 the candidate has filed with the board before the advertisement is disseminated a statement
29.13 setting forth the reasons for not doing so. A campaign advertisement that is disseminated

175.14 as an advertisement to the public on the candidate's website must include closed captioning
175.15 for deaf and hard-of-hearing viewers, unless the candidate has posted on the website a
175.16 transcript of the spoken content of the advertisement or the candidate has filed with the
175.17 board before the advertisement is disseminated a statement setting forth the reasons for not
175.18 doing so. A campaign advertisement must not be disseminated as an advertisement by radio
175.19 unless the candidate has posted on the candidate's website a transcript of the spoken content
175.20 of the advertisement or the candidate has filed with the board before the advertisement is
175.21 disseminated a statement setting forth the reasons for not doing so.

175.22 (d) A candidate who fails to comply with the requirements of paragraph (c) is subject
175.23 to a civil penalty imposed by the board of up to \$1,000.

175.24 Sec. 38. **REPEALER.**

175.25 Minnesota Rules, part 4511.0600, subpart 5, is repealed.

29.14 as an advertisement to the public on the candidate's website must include closed captioning
29.15 for deaf and hard-of-hearing viewers, unless the candidate has posted on the website a
29.16 transcript of the spoken content of the advertisement or the candidate has filed with the
29.17 board before the advertisement is disseminated a statement setting forth the reasons for not
29.18 doing so. A campaign advertisement must not be disseminated as an advertisement by radio
29.19 unless the candidate has posted on the candidate's website a transcript of the spoken content
29.20 of the advertisement or the candidate has filed with the board before the advertisement is
29.21 disseminated a statement setting forth the reasons for not doing so.

29.22 (d) A candidate who fails to comply with the requirements of paragraph (c) is subject
29.23 to a civil penalty imposed by the board of up to \$1,000.

29.24 Sec. 37. **REPEALER.**

29.25 Minnesota Rules, parts 4511.0100, subpart 1a; and 4511.0600, subpart 5, are repealed.