

## CHAPTER 10A

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#### 10A.01 DEFINITIONS.

*[For text of subs 1 to 5, see M.S.1996]*

**Subd. 6. Board.** "Board" means the state campaign finance and public disclosure board.

*[For text of subs 7 to 17, see M.S.1996]*

**Subd. 18. Public official.** "Public official" means any:

- (a) member of the legislature;
- (b) constitutional officer in the executive branch and the officer's chief administrative deputy;
- (c) member, chief administrative officer or deputy chief administrative officer of a state board or commission which has at least one of the following powers: (i) the power to adopt, amend or repeal rules, or (ii) the power to adjudicate contested cases or appeals;
- (d) commissioner, deputy commissioner, or assistant commissioner of any state department as designated pursuant to section 15.01;
- (e) individual employed in the executive branch who is authorized to adopt, amend or repeal rules or adjudicate contested cases;
- (f) executive director of the state board of investment;
- (g) executive director of the Indian affairs intertribal board;
- (h) commissioner of the iron range resources and rehabilitation board;
- (i) commissioner of mediation services;
- (j) deputy of any official listed in clauses (e) to (i);
- (k) judge of the workers' compensation court of appeals;
- (l) administrative law judge or compensation judge in the state office of administrative hearings or referee in the department of economic security;
- (m) solicitor general or deputy, assistant or special assistant attorney general;
- (n) individual employed by the legislature as secretary of the senate, legislative auditor, chief clerk of the house, revisor of statutes, or researcher, legislative analyst, or attorney in the office of senate counsel and research or house research;
- (o) member, regional administrator, division director, general counsel, or operations manager of the metropolitan council;
- (p) the director of the racing commission, the director of the gambling control board, the director of the state lottery, and the deputy director of the state lottery;
- (q) director of the division of alcohol and gambling enforcement in the department of public safety;
- (r) member or executive director of the higher education facilities authority;
- (s) member of the board of directors or president of the Minnesota world trade center corporation; or
- (t) member or chief administrator of a metropolitan agency.

*[For text of subs 19 to 29, see M.S.1996]*

**History:** 1997 c 129 art 2 s 15; 1997 c 202 art 2 s 63

#### 10A.02 BOARD OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE.

**Subdivision 1.** There is hereby created a state campaign finance and public disclosure board composed of six members. The members shall be appointed by the governor with the

advice and consent of three-fifths of both the senate and the house of representatives acting separately. If either house fails to confirm the appointment of a board member within 45 legislative days after appointment or by adjournment sine die, whichever occurs first, the appointment shall terminate on the day following the 45th legislative day or on adjournment sine die, whichever occurs first. If either house votes not to confirm an appointment, the appointment terminates on the day following the vote not to confirm. One member shall be a former member of the legislature from a major political party different from that of the governor; one member shall be a former member of the legislature from the same political party as the governor; two members shall be persons who have not been public officials, held any political party office other than precinct delegate, or been elected to public office for which party designation is required by statute in the three years preceding the date of their appointment; and the other two members shall not support the same political party. No more than three of the members of the board shall support the same political party. No member of the board may currently serve as a lobbyist.

*[For text of subs 2 to 14, see M.S.1996]*

**History:** 1997 c 202 art 2 s 63

### 10A.09 STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTEREST.

*[For text of subs 1 to 5, see M.S.1996]*

**Subd. 6. Supplementary statement.** Each individual who is required to file a statement of economic interest shall file a supplementary statement on April 15 of each year that the individual remains in office if information on the most recently filed statement has changed. The supplementary statement, if required, shall include the amount of each honorarium in excess of \$50 received since the previous statement, together with the name and address of the source of the honorarium. A statement of economic interest submitted by an officeholder shall be filed with the statement submitted as a candidate.

*[For text of subs 6a to 8, see M.S.1996]*

**History:** 1997 c 202 art 2 s 6

### 10A.20 CAMPAIGN REPORTS.

*[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1996]*

**Subd. 2. Time for filing.** The reports shall be filed with the board on or before January 31 of each year and additional reports shall be filed as required and in accordance with clauses (a) and (b).

(a) In each year in which the name of the candidate is on the ballot, the report of the principal campaign committee shall be filed 15 days before a primary and ten days before a general election, seven days before a special primary and a special election, and ten days after a special election cycle. The report due after a special election may be filed on January 31 following the special election if the special election is held not more than 60 days before that date.

(b) In each general election year political committees and political funds other than principal campaign committees shall file reports ten days before a primary and general election.

If a scheduled filing date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the filing date shall be the next regular business day.

*[For text of subs 3 to 14, see M.S.1996]*

**History:** 1997 c 202 art 2 s 7

**10A.21** [Repealed, 1997 c 202 art 2 s 64]

### 10A.31 DESIGNATION OF INCOME TAX PAYMENTS.

*[For text of subs 1 to 4, see M.S.1996]*

Subd. 5. In each calendar year the money in the general account shall be allocated to candidates as follows:

- (1) 21 percent for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor together;
- (2) 3.6 percent for the office of attorney general;
- (3) 1.8 percent each for the offices of secretary of state, state auditor, and state treasurer;
- (4) In each calendar year during the period in which state senators serve a four-year term, 23-1/3 percent for the office of state senator, and 46-2/3 percent for the office of state representative;
- (5) In each calendar year during the period in which state senators serve a two-year term, 35 percent each for the offices of state senator and state representative.

In each calendar year the money in each party account shall be allocated as follows:

- (1) 14 percent for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor together;
- (2) 2.4 percent for the office of attorney general;
- (3) 1.2 percent each for the offices of secretary of state, state auditor, and state treasurer;
- (4) In each calendar year during the period in which state senators serve a four-year term, 23-1/3 percent for the office of state senator, and 46-2/3 percent for the office of state representative;
- (5) In each calendar year during the period in which state senators serve a two-year term, 35 percent each for the offices of state senator and state representative;

(6) Ten percent for the state committee of a political party; money allocated to each state committee under this clause must be deposited in a separate account and must be spent for only those items enumerated in section 10A.275; money allocated to a state committee under this clause must be paid to the committee by the state treasurer as notified by the state campaign finance and public disclosure board as it is received in the account on a monthly basis, with payment on the 15th day of the calendar month following the month in which the returns were processed by the department of revenue, provided that these distributions would be equal to 90 percent of the amount of money indicated in the department of revenue's weekly unedited reports of income tax returns and property tax refund returns processed in the month, as notified by the department of revenue to the state campaign finance and public disclosure board. The amounts paid to each state committee are subject to biennial adjustment and settlement at the time of each certification required of the commissioner of revenue under subdivisions 7 and 10. If the total amount of payments received by a state committee for the period reflected on a certification by the department of revenue is different from the amount that should have been received during the period according to the certification, each subsequent monthly payment must be increased or decreased to the fullest extent possible until the amount of the overpayment is recovered or the underpayment is distributed.

To assure that moneys will be returned to the counties from which they were collected, and to assure that the distribution of those moneys rationally relates to the support for particular parties or for particular candidates within legislative districts, money from the party accounts for legislative candidates shall be distributed as follows:

Each candidate for the state senate and state house of representatives whose name is to appear on the ballot in the general election shall receive money from the candidate's party account set aside for candidates of the state senate or state house of representatives, whichever applies, according to the following formula;

For each county within the candidate's district the candidate's share of the dollars allocated in that county to the candidate's party account and set aside for that office shall be:

(a) The sum of the votes cast in the last general election in that part of the county in the candidate's district for all candidates of that candidate's party (i) whose names appeared on the ballot in each voting precinct of the state and (ii) for the state senate and state house of representatives, divided by

(b) The sum of the votes cast in that county in the last general election for all candidates of that candidate's party (i) whose names appeared on the ballot in each voting precinct in the state and (ii) for the state senate and state house of representatives, multiplied by

(c) The amount in the candidate's party account allocated in that county and set aside for the candidates for the office for which the candidate is running.

The sum of all the county shares calculated in the formula above is the candidate's share of the candidate's party account.

In a year in which an election for the state senate occurs, with respect to votes for candidates for the state senate only, "last general election" means the last general election in which an election for the state senate occurred.

For any party under whose name no candidate's name appeared on the ballot in each voting precinct in the state in the last general election, amounts in the party's account shall be allocated based on (a) the number of people voting in the last general election in that part of the county in the candidate's district, divided by (b) the number of the people voting in that county in the last general election, multiplied by (c) the amount in the candidate's party account allocated in that county and set aside for the candidates for the office for which the candidate is running.

In a year in which the first election after a legislative reapportionment is held, "the candidate's district" means the newly drawn district, and voting data from the last general election will be applied to the area encompassing the newly drawn district notwithstanding that the area was in a different district in the last general election.

If in a district there was no candidate of a party for the state senate or state house of representatives in the last general election, or if a candidate for the state senate or state house of representatives was unopposed, the vote for that office for that party shall be the average vote of all the remaining candidates of that party in each county of that district whose votes are included in the sums in clauses (a) and (b). The average vote shall be added to the sums in clauses (a) and (b) before the calculation is made for all districts in the county.

Money from a party account not distributed to candidates for state senator and representative in any election year shall be returned to the general fund of the state. Money from a party account not distributed to candidates for other offices in an election year shall be returned to the party account for reallocation to candidates as provided in clauses (1) to (6) in the following year. Money from the general account refused by any candidate shall be distributed to all other qualifying candidates in proportion to their shares as provided in this subdivision.

*[For text of subds 6 to 12, see M.S.1996]*

**History:** 1997 c 202 art 2 s 63

#### **10A.49 CERTIFICATION AND DISTRIBUTION.**

Subdivision 1. **Certification of eligible candidates.** Within one week after certification by the state canvassing board of the results of the primary, the campaign finance and public disclosure board shall certify to the state treasurer the name of each major political party or minor political party congressional candidate who is eligible to receive a financial incentive.

*[For text of subds 2 to 4, see M.S.1996]*

**History:** 1997 c 202 art 2 s 63