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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations, Reform, Technology and Elections

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to elections; requiring preelection reports of certain contributions to  
1.3 political committees, political funds, and party units; changing preelection  
1.4 reporting requirements for contributions to candidates; increasing contribution  
1.5 limits for candidates for secretary of state or state auditor; amending Minnesota  
1.6 Statutes 2006, sections 10A.20, subdivision 5; 10A.27, subdivision 1.

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

1.8 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 10A.20, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

1.9 Subd. 5. **Preelection reports.** Any loan, contribution, or contributions to a political  
1.10 committee, political fund, or party unit from any one source totaling \$1,000 or more, or  
1.11 in a statewide election any loan, contribution, or contributions to a candidate from any  
1.12 one source totaling \$2,000 \$800 or more, or to a candidate in any judicial district or  
1.13 legislative election totaling more than \$400, received between the last day covered in the  
1.14 last report before an election and the election must be reported to the board in one of  
1.15 the following ways:

1.16 (1) in person within ~~48~~ 24 hours after its receipt;  
1.17 ~~(2) by telegram or mailgram within 48 hours after its receipt;~~  
1.18 ~~(3) by certified mail sent within 48 hours after its receipt; or~~  
1.19 ~~(4)~~ (2) by electronic means sent within ~~48~~ 24 hours after its receipt.

1.20 These loans and contributions must also be reported in the next required report.

1.21 The ~~48-hour~~ 24-hour notice requirement does not apply with respect to a primary in  
1.22 which the statewide or legislative candidate is unopposed.

1.23 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 10A.27, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

2.1 Subdivision 1. **Contribution limits.** (a) Except as provided in subdivision 2,  
2.2 a candidate must not permit the candidate's principal campaign committee to accept  
2.3 aggregate contributions made or delivered by any individual, political committee, or  
2.4 political fund in excess of the following:

2.5 (1) to candidates for governor and lieutenant governor running together, \$2,000 in  
2.6 an election year for the office sought and \$500 in other years;

2.7 (2) to a candidate for attorney general, secretary of state, or state auditor, \$1,000 in  
2.8 an election year for the office sought and \$200 in other years;

2.9 ~~(3) to a candidate for the office of secretary of state or state auditor, \$500 in an~~  
2.10 ~~election year for the office sought and \$100 in other years;~~

2.11 ~~(4)~~ to a candidate for state senator, \$500 in an election year for the office sought and  
2.12 \$100 in other years; and

2.13 ~~(5)~~ (4) to a candidate for state representative, \$500 in an election year for the office  
2.14 sought and \$100 in the other year.

2.15 (b) The following deliveries are not subject to the bundling limitation in this  
2.16 subdivision:

2.17 (1) delivery of contributions collected by a member of the candidate's principal  
2.18 campaign committee, such as a block worker or a volunteer who hosts a fund-raising  
2.19 event, to the committee's treasurer; and

2.20 (2) a delivery made by an individual on behalf of the individual's spouse.

2.21 (c) A lobbyist, political committee, political party unit, or political fund must not  
2.22 make a contribution a candidate is prohibited from accepting.

2.23 **Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2.24 This act is effective for contributions made on or after July 1, 2007.