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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 captioning for deaf and hard-of-hearing viewers
1.3 on certain campaign communications; proposing coding for new law in
1.4 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 10A.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[10A.3235] CAPTIONING FOR DEAF AND HARD-OF-HEARING**
1.7 **VIEWERS.**

1.8 In addition to the requirements of sections 10A.322 and 10A.323, to be eligible to
1.9 receive a public subsidy under this chapter, a candidate or political party must agree that
1.10 the following kinds of campaign communications will include captioning for deaf and
1.11 hard-of-hearing viewers:

1.12 (1) television time or online video time purchased by the candidate or political party;

1.13 (2) free time on community television or a community-based Web site that is
1.14 allocated under rules determined by the administrator for the division of public utilities;

1.15 and

1.16 (3) free time on any public broadcasting station or Web site operating under the
1.17 jurisdiction of the Minnesota public telecommunications authority under rules determined
1.18 by the authority.

1.19 Communications under clauses (2) and (3) must be personally presented by the
1.20 candidate or a representative of the political party.