

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to elections; changing certain permitted expenditures of money collected  
1.3 for political purposes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 211B.12.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 211B.12, is amended to read:

1.6 **211B.12 LEGAL EXPENDITURES.**

1.7 Use of money collected for political purposes is prohibited unless the use is  
1.8 reasonably related to the conduct of election campaigns, or is a noncampaign disbursement  
1.9 as defined in section 10A.01, subdivision 26. The following are permitted expenditures  
1.10 when made for political purposes:

1.11 (1) salaries, wages, and fees;

1.12 (2) communications, mailing, transportation, and travel;

1.13 (3) campaign advertising;

1.14 (4) printing;

1.15 (5) office and other space and necessary equipment, furnishings, and incidental  
1.16 supplies;

1.17 (6) charitable contributions of not more than ~~\$50~~ \$100 per year to any ~~charity~~  
1.18 annually recognized charitable purpose; and

1.19 (7) other expenses, not included in clauses (1) to (6), that are reasonably related to  
1.20 the conduct of election campaigns. In addition, expenditures made for the purpose of  
1.21 providing information to constituents, whether or not related to the conduct of an election,  
1.22 are permitted expenses. Money collected for political purposes and assets of a political  
1.23 committee or political fund may not be converted to personal use.