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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

Current law regulates campaign finance issues in the following elections in Hennepin County: Minneapolis, Bloomington, Minneapolis school district, and countywide ballot issues and county offices. This bill makes technical amendments to that law.

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- 1** **Political committee.** Amends this definition to specify the elections that are covered by the Hennepin county campaign finance law.
- 2** **Political fund.** Amends this definition to specify the elections that are covered by the Hennepin county campaign finance law.
- 3** **Principal campaign committee.** Amends this definition to specify the elections that are covered by the Hennepin county campaign finance law.
- 4** **Registration.** Technical.
- 5** **Accounts which must be kept.** Strikes current provision that exempts donations in kind under \$20 from being accounted for. Strikes current provision that exempts campaigns from accounting for expenditures of \$100 or less.
- 6** **Campaign reports.** Changes the deadline for filing a principal campaign committee, political committee, or political fund report from ten days to one week before a regular or special primary or election. Inserts parallel references to political committee and political fund in reporting provisions where they are not currently included. Other technical changes.

Specifies that a political committee or political fund created to support or oppose candidates

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or ballot questions beyond the scope of those covered by the Hennepin County law may terminate their registration with Hennepin County. Doing so does not require terminating the committee or fund or settling debts and disposing of assets.

- 7 **Expenditures by individuals.** Inserts parallel references to political committee and political fund in reporting provisions where they are not currently included.
- 8 **Additional information to be disclosed.** Inserts parallel references to principal campaign committee where that term does not currently appear.
- 9 **Officials required to file; deadlines.** Strikes obsolete language.