

1.1 ..... moves to amend H.F. No. 863 as follows:

1.2 Page 5, line 5, delete "211B.04" and insert "211B.01"

1.3 Page 6, delete section 13

1.4 Page 9, delete section 21 and insert:

1.5 "Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 10A.121, is amended to read:

1.6 **10A.121 INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE AND BALLOT QUESTION**  
1.7 **POLITICAL COMMITTEES AND ~~INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE POLITICAL~~**  
1.8 **FUNDS.**

1.9 Subdivision 1. **Permitted disbursements.** An independent expenditure political  
1.10 committee or ~~an independent expenditure political fund~~, or a ballot question political  
1.11 committee or fund, ~~in addition to making independent expenditures~~, may:

1.12 (1) pay costs associated with its fund-raising and general operations;

1.13 (2) pay for communications that do not constitute contributions or approved  
1.14 expenditures; ~~and~~

1.15 (3) make contributions to ~~other independent expenditure~~ or ballot question political  
1.16 committees or ~~independent expenditure political funds~~;

1.17 (4) make independent expenditures;

1.18 (5) make disbursements for electioneering communications;

1.19 (6) make expenditures to promote or defeat ballot questions;

1.20 (7) return a contribution to its source;

1.21 (8) for a political fund, record bookkeeping entries transferring the association's  
1.22 general treasury money allocated for political purposes back to the general treasury of  
1.23 the association; and

1.24 (9) for a political fund, return general treasury money transferred to a separate  
1.25 depository to the general depository of the association.

2.1 Subd. 2. **Penalty.** (a) An independent expenditure political committee or  
2.2 independent expenditure political fund is subject to a civil penalty of up to four times the  
2.3 amount of the contribution or approved expenditure if it does the following:

2.4 (1) makes a contribution to a candidate, party unit, political committee, or political  
2.5 fund other than an independent expenditure political committee or an independent  
2.6 expenditure political fund; or

2.7 (2) makes an approved expenditure.

2.8 (b) No other penalty provided in law may be imposed for conduct that is subject to a  
2.9 civil penalty under this section."

2.10 Page 13, line 4, after the second "or" insert "more than \$500 for"

2.11 Page 17, delete lines 1 to 6

2.12 Page 17, line 7, delete "(c)" and insert "(b)"

2.13 Page 17, line 13, after "members" insert ", donors, or subscribers"

2.14 Page 17, after line 14, insert:

2.15 "(4) a voter guide, which is a pamphlet or similar printed materials, intended to help  
2.16 voters compare candidates' positions on a set of issues, as long as each of the following is  
2.17 true:

2.18 (i) the guide does not focus on a single issue or a narrow range of issues, but  
2.19 includes questions and subjects sufficient to encompass major issues of interest to the  
2.20 entire electorate;

2.21 (ii) the questions and any other description of the issues are clear and unbiased in  
2.22 both their structure and content;

2.23 (iii) the questions posed and provided to the candidates are identical to those  
2.24 included in the guide;

2.25 (iv) each candidate included in the guide is given a reasonable amount of time and  
2.26 the same opportunity as other candidates to respond to the questions;

2.27 (v) if the candidate is given limited choices for an answer to a question, for example:  
2.28 "support," "oppose," "yes," or "no," the candidate is also given an opportunity, subject to  
2.29 reasonable limits, to explain the candidate's position in the candidate's own words; the  
2.30 fact that a candidate provided an explanation is clearly indicated in the guide; and the  
2.31 guide clearly indicates that the explanations will be made available for public inspection,  
2.32 subject to reasonable conditions;

2.33 (vi) answers included in the guide are those provided by the candidates in response  
2.34 to questions, the candidate's answers are unedited, and the answers appear in close  
2.35 proximity to the question to which they respond;

- 3.1 (vii) if the guide includes candidates' positions based on information other than  
 3.2 responses provided directly by the candidate, the positions are based on recorded votes,  
 3.3 reliable media reports, or public statements of the candidates and are presented in an  
 3.4 unedited and unbiased manner; and
- 3.5 (viii) the guide includes all major party candidates for each office listed in the guide;"  
 3.6 Page 17, line 15, delete "(4)" and insert "(5)"  
 3.7 Page 17, line 17, delete "(5)" and insert "(6)"  
 3.8 Page 17, line 20, after "is" insert "or was"  
 3.9 Page 17, line 22, after "session" insert "or within ten days after the last day of a  
 3.10 regular session of the legislature"  
 3.11 Page 17, line 23, delete "(d)" and insert "(c)"  
 3.12 Page 17, after line 26, insert:  
 3.13 "(d) Distributing a voter guide questionnaire, survey, or similar document to  
 3.14 candidates and communications with candidates limited to obtaining their responses,  
 3.15 without more, do not constitute communications that would result in the voter guide being  
 3.16 an approved expenditure on behalf of the candidate."  
 3.17 Page 17, line 27, after "electorate." insert "(a)"  
 3.18 Page 17, after line 33, insert:  
 3.19 "(b) A communication consisting of printed materials, other than signs, billboards,  
 3.20 or advertisements published in the print media, is targeted to the relevant electorate if it  
 3.21 meets the requirements of paragraph (a) and is distributed to voters by means of United  
 3.22 States mail or through direct delivery to a resident's home or business."  
 3.23 Page 18, line 30, after "gave" insert "the association"  
 3.24 Page 19, line 1, delete "\$1,000" and insert "\$5,000"  
 3.25 Page 20, line 24, delete "\$100" and insert "\$50"  
 3.26 Page 20, line 25, delete "\$5,000" and insert "\$1,000"  
 3.27 Page 20, line 30, delete "\$10,000" and insert "\$1,000"  
 3.28 Page 20, line 35, after "and" insert "willfully"  
 3.29 Page 21, line 1, delete "not to exceed \$25,000," and insert "that should have been  
 3.30 included on the statement."  
 3.31 Page 21, delete line 2  
 3.32 Page 23, lines 33 and 34, reinstate the stricken language  
 3.33 Page 24, lines 1 and 2, reinstate the stricken language  
 3.34 Page 24, line 3, reinstate the stricken "(c)" and delete "(b)"  
 3.35 Page 24, line 4, reinstate the stricken "(d)" and delete "(c)"  
 3.36 Page 24, lines 23 and 24, reinstate the stricken language

- 4.1 Page 25, line 2, strike "50" and insert "25"
- 4.2 Page 26, line 3, strike "ten" and insert "five"
- 4.3 Page 27, line 30, strike "\$1,000" and insert "\$5,000"
- 4.4 Page 30, delete sections 51 and 52
- 4.5 Page 30, line 26, delete "10A.241;"
- 4.6 Page 30, after line 27, insert:
- 4.7 "**Sec. 52. EFFECTIVE DATE.**
- 4.8 This act is effective the day following final enactment."
- 4.9 Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references
- 4.10 Amend the title accordingly