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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill proposes an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution related to campaign finance disclosures. The constitutional amendment would require public disclosure of contributions and expenditures for campaign communications that are often referred to as “electioneering communications.” The general categories of communications that would trigger a disclosure requirement, along with exceptions for certain types of contribution and expenditures, are specified in the bill.

To be ratified, a proposed state constitutional amendment must be approved by the majority of voters voting at a state general election. This bill proposes that the question be submitted to the voters at the 2016 state general election.

Section

- 1 Constitutional amendment proposed.** Proposes new text for the Minnesota Constitution, Article VII, section 9, governing campaign finance disclosure requirements.
- 2 Submission to voters.** Provides the question to the voters that must appear on the ballot at the 2016 state general election.
- 3 Disclose Act.** Provides a title for the bill.