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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations, Reform, Technology and Elections

February 19, 2007

Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

To Pass

Read Second Time

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to elections; changing a prohibition on certain expenditures; amending
1.3 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 to any charity annually, except that
1.18 the amount contributed by a principal campaign committee that dissolves within one year
1.19 after the contribution is made is not limited by this clause; and

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

2.1 Sec. 2. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2.2 Section 1 is effective the day following final enactment.