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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

March 23, 2007

Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

To Pass as Amended

Read Second Time

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to elections; campaign finance; providing contribution limits for certain
1.3 candidates; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 10A.27, subdivision 1.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 10A.27, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.6 Subdivision 1. **Contribution limits.** (a) Except as provided in subdivision 2,
1.7 a candidate must not permit the candidate's principal campaign committee to accept
1.8 aggregate contributions made or delivered by any individual, political committee, or
1.9 political fund in excess of the following:

1.10 (1) to candidates for governor and lieutenant governor running together, \$2,000 in
1.11 an election year for the office sought and \$500 in other years;

1.12 (2) to a candidate for attorney general, \$1,000 in an election year for the office
1.13 sought and \$200 in other years;

1.14 (3) to a candidate for the office of secretary of state or state auditor, \$500 in an
1.15 election year for the office sought and \$100 in other years;

1.16 (4) to a candidate for state senator, \$500 in an election year for the office sought and
1.17 \$100 in other years; ~~and~~

1.18 (5) to a candidate for state representative, \$500 in an election year for the office
1.19 sought and \$100 in the other year; and

1.20 (6) to a candidate for judicial office, \$2,000 in an election year for the office sought
1.21 and \$500 in other years.

1.22 (b) The following deliveries are not subject to the bundling limitation in this
1.23 subdivision:

2.1 (1) delivery of contributions collected by a member of the candidate's principal
2.2 campaign committee, such as a block worker or a volunteer who hosts a fund-raising
2.3 event, to the committee's treasurer; and

2.4 (2) a delivery made by an individual on behalf of the individual's spouse.

2.5 (c) A lobbyist, political committee, political party unit, or political fund must not
2.6 make a contribution a candidate is prohibited from accepting.

2.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.