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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 5, 2007

By motion, recalled and re-referred to the Committee on Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to elections; providing public financing for certain state candidates;
1.3 appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 10A.31,
1.4 subdivision 4.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 10A.31, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 4. **Appropriation.** (a) The amounts designated by individuals for the state
1.8 elections campaign fund, less three percent, are appropriated from the general fund, must
1.9 be transferred and credited to the appropriate account in the state elections campaign fund,
1.10 and are annually appropriated for distribution as set forth in subdivisions 5, 5a, 6, and 7.
1.11 The remaining three percent must be kept in the general fund for administrative costs.

1.12 (b) In addition to the amounts in paragraph (a), ~~\$1,250,000~~ \$2,000,000 for each
1.13 general election is appropriated from the general fund for transfer to the general account
1.14 of the state elections campaign fund.

1.15 Of this appropriation, \$65,000 each fiscal year must be set aside to pay assessments
1.16 made by the Office of Administrative Hearings under section 211B.37. Amounts
1.17 remaining after all assessments have been paid must be canceled to the general account.