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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to elections; authorizing solicitation of certain contributions; amending
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 211B.08.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 211B.08, is amended to read:

1.6 **211B.08 SOLICITATION OF CONTRIBUTIONS PROHIBITED.**

1.7 A religious, charitable, or educational organization may not request a candidate or
1.8 committee to contribute to the organization, to subscribe for the support of a club or
1.9 organization, to buy tickets to entertainment, or to pay for space in a publication. This
1.10 section does not apply to:

1.11 (1) the solicitation of a business advertisement in periodicals in which the candidate
1.12 was a regular contributor, before candidacy;

1.13 (2) ordinary business advertisements;

1.14 (3) regular payments to a religious, charitable, or educational organization, of which
1.15 the candidate was a member, or to which the candidate was a contributor for more than
1.16 six months before candidacy;~~or~~

1.17 (4) ordinary contributions at church services;or

1.18 (5) any other request made when the organization has no knowledge that the
1.19 prospective contributor is a candidate or committee, or the request otherwise has no
1.20 potential to affect voting behavior.

1.21 **Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

1.22 Section 1 is effective the day following final enactment.