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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to campaign finance; prohibiting deceptive or misleading contribution
1.3 solicitations; imposing a penalty; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota
1.4 Statutes, chapter 10A.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[10A.165] DECEPTIVE SOLICITATIONS PROHIBITED; PENALTY.**

1.7 (a) An individual, political committee, political fund, principal campaign committee,
1.8 or party unit may not solicit a contribution in a manner that deceptively or falsely states or
1.9 implies the intended use of the contribution to support a candidate for office or to support
1.10 or oppose a ballot question. For purposes of this section, a deceptive solicitation includes
1.11 an offer to sell goods or services that fails to disclose prior to the sale that the proceeds will
1.12 be considered a contribution and used in whole or in part to support a political campaign.

1.13 (b) An individual, political committee, political fund, principal campaign committee,
1.14 or party unit that knowingly violates this section is guilty of a gross misdemeanor and
1.15 subject to a civil penalty imposed by the board of up to \$3,000.