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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

A bill for an act

relating to campaign finance; modifying the qualification requirements for
inclusion of a political party on the income tax form and property tax refund
return; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 10A.31, subdivision 3a.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 10A.31, subdivision 3a, is amended to read:

Subd. 3a. **Qualification of political parties.** (a) A major political party qualifies
for inclusion on the income tax form and property tax refund return as provided in
subdivision 3 if it:

(1) qualifies as a major political party by July 1 of the taxable year; and
(2) holds its state convention of delegates at a time when the legislature is not
meeting in regular session, if the taxable year is also a state general election year.

(b) A minor political party qualifies for inclusion on the income tax form and
property tax refund return as provided in subdivision 3 if it qualifies as a minor party
statewide by July 1 of the taxable year; and

(2) in a taxable year that is also a state general election year in which the party
intends to hold a state convention of its delegates, holds the convention at a time when the
legislature is not meeting in regular session.

(c) The secretary of state shall notify each major and minor political party by the
first Monday in January of each odd-numbered year of the conditions necessary for the
party to participate in income tax form and property tax refund return programs.

(d) The secretary of state shall notify each political party, the commissioner of
revenue, and the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board by July 1 of each
year and following certification of the results of each general election of the political

2.1 parties that qualify for inclusion on the income tax form and property tax refund return as
2.2 provided in subdivision 3.

2.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for political parties qualifying for
2.4 inclusion on income tax forms for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2011, and
2.5 for inclusion on property tax refund returns based on taxes payable in 2013 and thereafter
2.6 and rent paid in 2012 and thereafter.