

2021 State Government Finance Omnibus: HF 1952
Comparison of Senate and House: Campaign Finance Article

		House – HF 1952, 3rd Engrossment		SAME OR SIMILAR	Senate – HF 1952, the 1st Unofficial Engrossment (from SF 1831)	
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Rx		Article 4			Article 3	
R1-R3, R5, R6, R10-R16, R21, R22	Hennepin County Elections	1-9, 11, 12, 19-26, 34, 35, subd. 2	Transfers oversight of certain campaign finance reporting requirements for candidates and committees associated with certain elected offices and ballot questions in (1) Hennepin County, (2) any city located wholly within Hennepin County that has a population of 75,000 or more, and (3) the Minneapolis school district. Under current law, the Hennepin County elections administrator receives campaign finance-related reports. This bill instead places those responsibilities under the jurisdiction of the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board.	House only		
R3	“Expressly advocating”	6	Expands the definition of “expressly advocating” to include certain types of communications that are susceptible of no reasonable interpretation except as a campaign-related communication, even if the communication doesn’t use the “magic words” of a campaign, such as a “vote for” or “vote against...” Conforming changes to the Hennepin County elections change described above are also included.	House only		
R3	Noncampaign Disbursement for Security Expenses	10	Authorizes a campaign to make an expenditure for specified security-related expenses for a candidate and any immediate family members of the candidate who live in	Similar	1	The Senate includes a \$3,000 cap for expenses, and the types of expenses that qualify are detailed in a different way (for example, “home security hardware” vs. “home security cameras”). The Senate does not include

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			the same household and report it as a “noncampaign disbursement,” with certain limitations. A \$2,000 cap is included.			authority for the expenses to be used for the expenses of an immediate family member of a candidate. The Senate includes an effective date that applies this authorization to payments made on or after January 1, 2021.
R6	Public Official Definition; Minnesota State	13	Adds the Chancellor and members of the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities to the definition of “public official” under chapter 10A.	Same	2	Adds the Chancellor and members of the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities to the definition of “public official” under chapter 10A.
R7-R10	Statements of Economic Interest	14-18	Modifies and reorganizes requirements related to the filing of Statements of Economic Interest	Same	3-7	Modifies and reorganizes requirements related to the filing of Statements of Economic Interest.
R12	Alternate Contact Information			Senate only	8	Authorizes a candidate; a treasurer of a political committee, political fund, principal campaign committee, or party unit; or chair of a political committee, principal campaign committee, or party unit to provide alternate contact information that may be used for contacting the entity about chapter 10A filing issues.
R16, R17, R18, R22	Miscellaneous changes to filing requirements	27-29, 30, 35, subd. 1	Provides miscellaneous changes and updates to laws governing the filing of campaign reports, including standards for certain disclosures by unregistered associations, and when certain types of messages are not considered contributions to a candidate, when coordinated by a party unit.	Same	9-11, 13, 14	Provides miscellaneous changes and updates to laws governing the filing of campaign reports, including standards for certain disclosures by unregistered associations, and when certain types of messages are not considered contributions to a candidate, when coordinated by a party unit.

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R18	Distribution of public subsidy			Senate only	12	Requires re-distribution of public subsidy amounts that would have been paid to candidate for an office who are not eligible for the subsidy to other candidates for the same office who are eligible to receive it.
R19, R20	Independent Expenditure Disclosures	31, 32	Requires the disclaimer on independent expenditures to list the top three contributors responsible for funding the expenditure.	House only		
R20	Disclaimer on Electronic Communications	33	Eliminates the disclaimer requirement on certain online banner ads and electronic advertisements, and instead directs the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board to adopt rules specifying the form and content of the required disclaimer for all types of small electronic communications on which a full disclaimer cannot be conveniently printed.	House only		
R23	Effective Date	36	The House article is effective January 1, 2022.	House only		