

Subject Campaign Finance; Address Privacy and Security Expenses

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Overview

This bill modifies certain standards related to address privacy on campaign finance-related reports and statements, and on campaign material disclaimers, applicable to both candidates and campaigns under the jurisdiction of the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board as well as to candidates and campaigns under the jurisdiction of a local filing officer. The bill also provides allowances for certain types of structural security devices and security services to be reported as noncampaign disbursements.

Summary

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| 1 | <p>Address.</p> <p>Defines the term “address,” to mean a complete mailing address including zip code. This definition is used in relation to the content requirements for reports and statements filed with the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board.</p> |
| 2 | <p>Noncampaign disbursement.</p> <p>Increases the maximum noncampaign disbursement allowance from \$3,000 to \$5,000 for certain types of security expenses, and also expands the allowance to include structural security devices. In addition, payments of up to \$25,000 for security services are a permissible noncampaign disbursement during a period starting January 1 and ending on December 31 of the year of a general election.</p> |
| 3 | <p>Security services.</p> <p>Defines the term “security services,” used for purposes of the new noncampaign disbursement allowance for expenses to support these services on behalf of a candidate during a general election year.</p> |
| 4 | <p>Street address.</p> <p>Defines the term “street address” to mean the name or number of the building, the name of the street on which the building is located, and any unit number. This</p> |

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	definition is used in relation to the content requirements for reports and statements filed with the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board.
5	Data privacy related to electronic reporting system. Expands the authority of individuals to enter and store data in the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board’s reporting system so that any individual, not just a treasurer, may use the system for that purpose. This section further provides that data may not be accessed or used by the board without consent from the filer or the subject of the data, rather than requiring the permission of a treasurer. Data from the system that has been submitted to the board is government data subject to Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13 (the Government Data Practices Act). Street addresses of individuals are classified as either nonpublic or private data, with certain exceptions and permissible uses.
6	Information on website. Prohibits the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board from posting on its website the street address of an individual disclosed on a report or statement filed with the board. Reports and statements filed and available on the board’s website prior to the effective date of this section may be modified or republished to exclude or redact individual street addresses.
7	Content. Modifies requirements related to a lobbyist’s report of gifts to an official, to require only the official’s name, title, and government jurisdiction rather than the official’s name and address.
8	Form; general requirements. Eliminates a requirement in the law governing economic interest statements that currently provides for the inclusion of a street address for certain real property held by the filer.
9	Form; exceptions for certain officials. Provides that address data contained on a statement of economic interest filed by certain local officials is private data, if it identifies the street address of real property that the individual or individual’s family resides, if the individual filer certifies a reasonable fear for the individual’s or individual’s family’s safety if the address were public.

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10	Contents of report. Modifies requirements for content on a campaign report to exclude the exact street address for certain types of campaign expenditures and contributions made by the filer.
11	Political party and dissolving principal campaign committee limit. Exempts in-kind contributions for security services from the limit on contributions from political party units.
12	Limited personal contributions. Exempts contributions for security monitoring expenses, structural security devices, and security services from the limit on a candidate's personal contributions to their own campaign, which applies when the candidate has signed a spending limit agreement.
13	Exceptions. Adds an explicit reference to contracts with third parties for security services, when the services are provided to at least three candidates, to the exception in law allowing certain types of party unit expenditures to be made without the expenditures counting as a contribution or expenditure on behalf of an individual candidate.
14	Address, electronic mail address, and telephone number. Eliminates an existing requirement that a candidate certify a reasonable fear in regard to the safety of the candidate or the candidate's family, as a condition of having the candidate's address of residence be classified as private data on the affidavit of candidacy. Instead, any candidate would be permitted to make this request.
15	Form of petition. On a candidate nominating petition, eliminates a requirement that the candidate's residence address be listed, and instead requires the candidate to list the campaign website, if any; and the candidate or campaign's email address (or a statement that the candidate does not possess an email address).
16	Address. Defines the term "address," to mean a complete mailing address including zip code. This definition is used in relation to the content requirements for reports and statements filed by local candidates with a local filing official.

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17	<p>Street address.</p> <p>Defines the term “street address” to mean the name or number of the building, the name of the street on which the building is located, and any unit number. This definition is used in relation to the content requirements for reports and statements filed by local candidates with a local filing official.</p>
18	<p>Addresses; data classification.</p> <p>Provides a private or nonpublic data classification for street addresses of individuals contained on campaign reports and statements that are required to be filed with a local filing official in relation to local campaigns. The data may be used by certain officials to ensure compliance with the law.</p>
19	<p>Information required.</p> <p>In the law governing campaign finance reports filed by local candidates, eliminates a requirement that a specific address be listed. The address requirement is eliminated for the person responsible for filing the report, and certain contribution and disbursement information would only require a city, state, and zip code, rather than a complete address.</p>
20	<p>Campaign material.</p> <p>Modifies requirements related to the disclaimer that must be printed on campaign material so that the required address reflects the entity’s mailing address, an actively monitored email address, or a reference to the entity’s website. Other conforming changes are provided.</p>
21	<p>Independent expenditures.</p> <p>Modifies requirements related to the printing of a disclaimer on independent expenditure campaign material, including a misdemeanor penalty for noncompliance. Requirements related to the address that must be included in the disclaimer are amended so that the address reflects the entity’s mailing address, an actively monitored email address, or a reference to the entity’s website. Other conforming changes are provided.</p>
22	<p>Redacting street addresses; local government reports and statements.</p> <p>Provides a timeline for local government filing officers to remove and report reports and statements that contain an address that is newly classified by law, and for those reports and statements to be properly redacted before reporting. All reports and statements must be reported within six months of the effective date of this section.</p>
23	<p>Redacting street addresses; reports and statements on the board’s website.</p> <p>Provides a timeline for local government filing officers to remove and report reports and statements that contain an address that is newly classified by law, and for those</p>

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reports and statements to be properly redacted before reporting. A priority order for working through each category of reports and statements is provided. All reports and statements must be reported within six months of the effective date of this section.

24	Repealer.
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Repeals a subdivision of law and an administrative rule related to address information to conform to changes made elsewhere in this bill.



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