

Subject Campaign Finance; Data Privacy

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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.

Summary

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| 1 | <p>Data privacy related to electronic reporting system.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> |
| 2 | <p>Information on website.</p> <p>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.</p> |
| 3 | <p>Form; general requirements.</p> <p>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.</p> |

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4	<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>
5	<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>
6	<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>
7	<p>Website compliance.</p> <p>Provides requirements related to the Campaign Finance Board’s compliance with the website updates required by this act. If the board is unable to fully comply within six months of the effective date of those requirements, it must report to the legislature on why compliance was not possible and what issues must be resolved in order for compliance to be achieved.</p>



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