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Overview

This bill permanently repeals the political contribution refund (or PCR) program. The PCR was suspended by 2010 legislation and is not in effect for the fiscal 2010-2011 biennium, but is scheduled to be reinstated on July 1, 2011.

Under the PCR, individuals contributing to a Minnesota political party, a candidate for state office, or candidates for the Minnesota legislature qualified for a state-paid refund of their contributions up to \$50/year (\$100 for a married couple). Only contributions to candidates who signed an agreement with the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board to observe state campaign spending limits qualified for the refund.

Section

- 1 Political contribution refund.** Strikes a reference to the PCR, which is repealed in section 4.
- 2 Political contribution refund; conforming changes.** Eliminates a reference to the PCR, which is repealed in section 4.
- 3 Political contribution refund; conforming changes.** Strikes a definition of the term “taxpayer” that is used in determining the PCR, which is repealed in section 4.
- 4 Repealer.** Repeals the PCR, the section of the data practices law relating to political contribution refunds, and the section of law providing for refund receipts. Effective for contributions made after June 30, 2011.