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This bill repeals the political contribution refund (or PCR) program.

Under the PCR, individuals contributing to a Minnesota political party, a candidate for state office, or candidates for the Minnesota legislature qualify 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 qualify for the refund.

Effective for contributions made after June 30, 2017 and refund claims filed after June 30, 2017.

Background

Laws 2015, Chapter 77, suspended the PCR for contributions made after June 30, 2015 and refund claims filed after June 30, 2015. Under current law the program would resume on July 1, 2017.