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Overview

This bill restricts the Campaign Finance Board's rulemaking authority to only those rules where no interpretation of law is required, or where the amendments do not change the substance of a rule. The bill also codifies several existing rules into statute.

Section

- 1 **Depository.** Codifies an existing administrative rule that is repealed later in this bill, related to the types of financial accounts a political committee or fund might hold.
- 2 **Election cycle.** Updates the definition of a special election cycle to provide that the cycle ends 15 days after the special election is held. Under current law, a special election cycle ends 60 days after a special election is held.
- 3 **Rules.** Restricts the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board's rulemaking authority to only those rules that incorporate specific changes set in statute where no interpretation of law is required, or to make non-substantive technical amendments to rules. This change would apply beginning June 1, 2017, with an allowance for rules already in progress.
- 4 **Electronic filing.** Codifies portions of an existing administrative rule that is repealed later in this bill related to the electronic filing of reports.

This section also restricts the board's rulemaking authority related to electronic filing procedure.

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- 5 Reporting by multiple lobbyists representing the same entity.** Codifies portions of an existing administrative rule that is repealed later in this bill, related to entities that employ multiple lobbyists.
- 6 Definitions.** Codifies an existing administrative rule that is repealed later in this bill, related to the gift law.
- 7 Form.** Codifies existing administrative rules that are repealed later in this bill, related to statements of economic interest.
- 8 Annual statement.** Codifies existing administrative rules that are repealed later in this bill, related to statements of economic interest.
- 9 Contributions from Hennepin County registered associations.** Codifies an existing administrative rule that is repealed later in this bill, related to notifications allowed by certain associations that are also registered with Hennepin County for purposes of campaign finance reporting.
- Compared to the existing administrative rule, the threshold in this section for notification is increased from \$100 to \$500.
- 10 Value of contributions of automobile use.** Codifies a portion of an existing administrative rule that is repealed later in this bill, related to automobile use.
- The following portion of the existing administrative rule is not included in the codification in this section: “The use of an automobile that exceeds \$20 in value a day is either an expenditure that must be reimbursed or a donation in kind from the individual who provided the use of the automobile.”
- 11 Contents of report.** Codifies an existing administrative rule that is repealed later in this bill, related to itemization of certain contributions, expenditures, and noncampaign disbursements.
- Compared to the existing administrative rule, the thresholds for itemization are increased.
- 12 Amounts.** Codifies an existing administrative rule that is repealed later in this bill, related to expenditure limits for first-time candidates who sign a public subsidy agreement. The codification includes technical changes.
- 13 Return of contributions after merger of governor and lieutenant governor funds.** Codifies an existing administrative rule that is repealed later in this bill, related to return of certain contributions by joint committees supporting candidates for governor and lieutenant governor.
- Compared to the existing rule, the timeline for return of a contribution is extended from 60 to 90 days.
- 14 Special election contribution limits.** Codifies an existing administrative rule that is repealed later in this bill, related to election segment contribution limits in a special election cycle.
- 15 Contribution limits apply independently.** Codifies an existing administrative rule that is repealed later in this bill, related to contribution limits across multiple election cycles.

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- 16** **Failure to repay.** Codifies an existing administrative rule that is repealed later in this bill, related to failure of a candidate to repay certain public subsidy amounts that must be returned under the terms of a public subsidy agreement.
- 17** **Affidavit of contributions.** Requires the board to allow candidates to file affidavits of contributions electronically.
- 18** **Repealer.** Repeals a number of campaign finance-related administrative rules, many of which are re-codified into statute earlier in this bill.