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This bill applies to exclusive representatives with collective bargaining agreements covering 10,000 or more public employees or collective bargaining agreements that are required to be submitted to the legislature under Minnesota Statutes, section 3.855 (generally, state executive branch contracts). Those exclusive representatives may not require political contributions as a condition of membership or participation in the exclusive representative. Also, those exclusive representatives must set up a separate account for any political expenditures, which may not contain any money received as dues. Any money deposited in the separate account for political expenditures must be from voluntary and specifically identified contributions.

In addition, the bill prohibits public employers from allowing payroll deductions of money to be deposited in an account for political expenditures as described above.