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S.F. No. 2980 – Campaign Finance Reporting Threshold (As amended by the A-2 amendment)

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S.F. 2980 amends several laws in **chapter 10A** (campaign finance) and **211A** (campaign financial reports) by lowering various reporting thresholds from \$750 to \$200. **Chapter 10A** generally applies to candidates seeking nomination or election as a state constitutional officer, legislator, or judge. Some portions also apply to certain local candidates, such as Hennepin County Officers or city officials in Minneapolis. **Chapter 211A** applies to candidates seeking nomination or election to a county, municipal, school district, or other political subdivision office. Some provisions of **chapter 211A** also apply to candidates for United States Senate or House of Representatives.

Section 1 [§10A.01; Candidate] amends the definition of “candidate” to refer to a person who, among other requirements, has received contributions or made expenditures in excess of \$200.

Section 2 [§10A.105; Single committee] prohibits a candidate from accepting contributions from a source in aggregate of more than \$200 unless the candidate has a principal campaign committee.

Section 3 [§10A.12; When required for contributions and approved expenditures] prohibits an association other than a political committee or party unit from contributing more than \$200 in aggregate in a calendar year to candidates, political committees, or party units. Further the association cannot make expenditures of more than \$200 in aggregate in any calendar year unless the expenditure is made through a political fund.

Section 4 [§10A.14; First registration] amends one of the requirements for the first registration of a political committee, political fund, campaign committee, or party unit so that the registration must be filed no later than 14 days after making expenditures in excess of \$200.

Section 5 [§10A.20; Report when no committee] requires a candidate without a campaign committee who makes campaign expenditures in excess of \$200 in a year to file a report with the board.

Section 6 [§10A.244; **Resumption of active status or termination**] requires a political fund on voluntary inactive status to resume active status within 14 days of accepting contributions or making expenditures that aggregate more than \$200.

Section 7 [§10A.25; **Amounts**] states that spending limits are increased for certain candidates if that candidate has not raised or spent more than \$200 in a run for certain offices.

Section 8 [§211A.02] requires a committee or candidate who receives contributions or makes disbursements of more than \$200 in a calendar year to submit an initial report within 14 days after receiving the contribution or making the disbursement.

Section 9 [§211A.05] requires candidates or ballot question committees must certify to the filing officer that all required reports have been submitted or that the candidate or committee has not received contributions or made disbursements in excess of \$200.