

## S.F. No. 2845 – Small Donor Contribution Match Program (As amended by the A-3 amendment)

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### Article 1 Small Donor Match Program

**Section 1 [Limits are voluntary]** inserts a reference to the state match program established in section 2.

**Section 2 [Small donor contribution match program]** authorizes a candidate’s principal campaign committee to receive a state match for each contribution received from a Minnesota resident. A contribution made by a person who lives in the candidate’s district must be matched with a state contribution equal to four times the amount of the contribution. A contribution made by a resident of the state but who does not live in the candidate’s district must be matched with a state contribution equal to two times the amount of the contribution.

**Subdivision 2 [Eligibility]** specifies match eligibility requirements. In order to be eligible to receive a state match, the contribution must be made by a resident of the state who is not a lobbyist and the contributor must not contribute more than \$50 to the candidate during the election cycle. An individual may make eligible contributions to multiple candidates, but only the first \$250 in an election cycle are eligible to be matched. If a contributor’s contributes more than \$50 to a candidate and the candidate received a match, the candidate must refund the excess contribution to the contributor, return the match, or transfer the excess contribution to the board.

**Subdivision 3 [Maximum amount of state match]** caps the amount of state matching funds a candidate may receive at 50% of the spending limit for that office.

**Subdivision 4 [Distribution of funds]** provides for the distribution of funds. Establishes the small donor match account. Money in the account is used to provide matching funds. The board must distribute funds on a first-come, first-served basis until all funds are exhausted. If funds remain after all requests for matching funds have been fulfilled, the remaining balance

carries over to the next general election year. The Board may require the committee to submit documentation demonstrating each contribution's eligibility to receive a match.

**Subdivision 5 [Rulemaking]** authorizes the Board to adopt rules using the expedited rulemaking process to implement the match program.

**Section 3 [Agreement by candidate]** inserts a reference to the state match program established in **section 2**.

**Section 4 [Affidavit of contributions]** inserts a reference to the state match program established in **section 2**.

**Section 5 [Transfer]** provides for an unspecified amount of ongoing money for the state match program established in **section 2**.

**Section 6 [Effective date; rulemaking]** provides that this article is effective January 1, 2024, except that the Board may begin rulemaking procedures the day following final enactment.

## **Article 2 Public Subsidy Funding Increase**

**Section 1 [Appropriation]** increases the statutory appropriation to the state elections campaign account by \$5,000,000. Money in this account is use to make payments for the public subsidy program.