

1.1 A Senate resolution  
1.2 amending the Temporary Rules of the Senate.  
1.3 Temporary Senate Rule No. 56 is amended to read:

1.4 **56. STANDARDS OF ETHICAL CONDUCT**

1.5 56.1 Members shall adhere to the highest standard of ethical conduct as embodied in the  
1.6 Minnesota Constitution, state law, and these rules.

1.7 56.2 A member shall not publish or distribute written material if the member knows or has  
1.8 reason to know that the material includes any statement that is false or clearly misleading, concerning  
1.9 a public policy issue or concerning the member's or another member's voting record or position on  
1.10 a public policy issue.

1.11 56.3 Improper conduct includes conduct that violates a rule or administrative policy of the  
1.12 Senate, that violates accepted norms of Senate behavior, that betrays the public trust, or that tends  
1.13 to bring the Senate into dishonor or disrepute.

1.14 56.4 Members of the Senate shall disclose potential conflicts of interest in the discharge of  
1.15 senatorial duties as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.07.

1.16 56.5 It is a conflict of interest for a member to participate in any proceedings on a bill that  
1.17 appropriates money or makes a grant to a for-profit or not-for-profit organization if that member  
1.18 or that member's spouse is an employee of that organization. It is a conflict of interest for a member  
1.19 to participate in any proceedings on a bill that appropriates money or makes a grant to a for-profit  
1.20 or not-for-profit organization if that organization's board of directors includes either: (1) that member;  
1.21 (2) that member's spouse; or (3) an individual who serves on another board of directors with that  
1.22 member or that member's spouse. A conflict of interest as described under this rule exists whether  
1.23 a bill names an organization as the recipient of an appropriation or grant or limits an appropriation  
1.24 or grant in such a manner that the appropriation or grant could only be made to one organization.