

## **S.F. No. 1851 – Misrepresentation of Campaign Authority**

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**Section 1 [Minn. Stat. 211B.065; Misrepresentation of campaign authority]** prohibits a person from misrepresenting the person or committee or organization as speaking or acting on behalf of any real, potential, or nonexistent candidate, party, committee, fund, or organization with intent to defraud or when soliciting money with the intent to defraud. A person must not willfully and knowingly participate in or conspire to participate or plan to do any of these things. A person who violates this law is guilty of a gross misdemeanor. The attorney general, a county attorney, or an individual injured by a violation of the law may bring a civil action to recover damages and receive equitable relief. This section is effective August 1, 2025, and applies to crimes committed on or after that date and causes of actions accruing on or after that date.

**Section 2 [Minn. Stat. 211B32, subd. 1; Administrative remedy; exhaustion]** provides that section 1 is enforced as provided in that section instead of by the administrative process through the Office of Administrative Hearings, which is the generally applicable process for chapter 211B.

