

**SENATE**  
**STATE OF MINNESOTA**  
**NINETY-FOURTH SESSION**

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448 Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Elections

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act  
 1.2 relating to campaign finance; defining what constitutes major decisions of  
 1.3 nonelected local officials; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,  
 1.4 chapter 10A.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. **[10A.52] MAJOR DECISION OF NONELECTED LOCAL OFFICIALS.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. Major decision regarding the expenditure of public money. (a)  
 1.8 Attempting to influence a nonelected local official is lobbying if the nonelected local official  
 1.9 may make, recommend, or vote on, as a member of the political subdivision's governing  
 1.10 body, a major decision regarding an expenditure or investment of public money.

1.11 (b) The mere act of submitting an application for a grant or responding to a request for  
 1.12 proposals is not lobbying. Communications of a purely administrative or technical nature  
 1.13 regarding the submission of a grant application or response to requests for proposals are  
 1.14 not lobbying.

1.15 Subd. 2. Actions that are a major decision regarding public funds. A major decision  
 1.16 regarding the expenditure or investment of public money includes but is not limited to a  
 1.17 decision on:

1.18 (1) the development and ratification of operating and capital budgets of a political  
 1.19 subdivision, including development of the budget request for an office or department within  
 1.20 the political subdivision;

1.21 (2) whether to apply for or accept state, federal, or private grant funding;

1.22 (3) selecting recipients for government grants from the political subdivision; or

2.1 (4) tax abatement, tax increment financing, or expenditures on public infrastructure used  
2.2 to support private housing or business developments.

2.3 Subd. 3. **Actions that are not a major decision.** A major decision regarding the  
2.4 expenditure of public money does not include:

2.5 (1) the purchase of goods or services with public funds in the operating or capital budget  
2.6 of a political subdivision;

2.7 (2) collective bargaining of a labor contract on behalf of a political subdivision; or

2.8 (3) participating in discussions with a party or a party's representative regarding litigation  
2.9 between the party and the political subdivision of the local official.