

S.F. No. 1812 – Prohibition on Election-Related Bribery (As Amended by the A-2 DE Amendment)

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Section 1 [211B.13; Bribery, treating, and solicitation] amends the law on bribery, treating, and solicitation as it relates to voters and voting-related activity.

Subdivision 1 [Bribery, advancing money, and treating prohibited] expands the list of felonies for voting and election-related activities. Under current law, it is a felony for a person to pay, give, promise, lend, or promise things of value to induce a voter to refrain from voting or to vote in a particular way. The bill additionally prohibits providing a chance to win something of value to induce the specified activities. The bill also adds two additional types of activities: inducing an individual to register to vote and inducing a registered or eligible voter to sign a petition that is materially related to an election.

Subdivision 2 [Certain solicitation prohibited] prohibits a person from knowingly soliciting, receiving, or accepting an opportunity to win something of value that is a disbursement prohibited by this section or is a corporate political contribution.

Subdivision 3 [Civil enforcement] provides that the attorney general or county attorney may enforce this section.

This section is effective August 1, 2025, and applies to crimes committed on or after that date.



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