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S.F. No. 1812

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	1114	Author added Marty
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A bill for an act

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relating to fair campaign practices; expanding election-related bribery and

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solicitation prohibitions; providing penalties; authorizing civil enforcement;

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amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 211B.13.

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

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 211B.13, is amended to read:

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211B.13 BRIBERY, TREATING, AND SOLICITATION.

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Subdivision 1. **Bribery, advancing money, and treating prohibited.** (a) A person ~~who~~

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is guilty of a felony if the person willfully, directly or indirectly, advances, pays, gives,

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promises, provides a chance to win, or lends any money, food, liquor, clothing, entertainment,

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or other thing of monetary value, or who offers, promises, or endeavors to obtain any money,

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position, appointment, employment, or other valuable consideration, to or for a person, in

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order to induce:

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(1) a voter to refrain from voting, or to vote in a particular way, at an election, ~~is guilty~~

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~~of a felony;~~

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(2) an individual to register to vote; or

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(3) a registered or eligible voter to sign a petition that is directly related to an election

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during the period beginning on the first day of the absentee voting period for that election

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and ending on election day.

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(b) This section does not prevent a candidate from stating publicly preference for or

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support of another candidate to be voted for at the same primary or election. Refreshments

2.1 of food or nonalcoholic beverages having a value up to \$5 consumed on the premises at a
2.2 private gathering or public meeting are not prohibited under this section.

2.3 Subd. 2. **Certain solicitations prohibited.** A person may not knowingly solicit, receive,
2.4 or accept any money, property, or other thing of monetary value, or a promise ~~or~~ pledge,
2.5 or opportunity to win any of these that is a disbursement prohibited by this section or section
2.6 211B.15.

2.7 Subd. 3. **Civil enforcement.** In addition to other remedies, the attorney general or county
2.8 attorney may enforce this section pursuant to section 8.31.

2.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2025, and applies to crimes
2.10 committed on or after that date.