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## SENATE STATE OF MINNESOTA NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

S.F. No. 1854

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Referred to Elections

03/06/2025 644 Comm report: To pass and re-referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

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1.1 A bill for an act

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relating to political activity; prohibiting reprisals for refusing to communicate with public or local officials; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 10A.36.

- BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 10A.36, is amended to read:
  - 10A.36 REPRISALS PROHIBITED; PENALTY.
- (a) An individual or association must not engage in economic reprisals or threaten loss
  of employment or physical coercion against an individual or association because of that
  individual's or association's:
- (1) political contributions or political activity; or
- 1.11 (2) refusal to communicate with public or local officials about a legislative or administrative action or the official action of a political subdivision.
- (b) This subdivision section does not apply to compensation for employment or loss of
  employment if the political affiliation or viewpoint of the employee is a bona fide
  occupational qualification of the employment.
- 1.16 (c) An individual or association that violates this section is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

Section 1.