



## **Laws 2026, Chapter 101 – Campaign Finance Provisions (H.F. No. 4239)**

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**Section 1 [Minn. Stat. 10A.01, subd. 1a; Address]** provides a definition of “address” for purposes of chapter 10A. This replaces the rule that is being repealed in section 32. “Address” means a complete mailing address. An individual may use either the individual’s business address or home address. An association’s address is the address from which the association conducts its business.

**Section 2 [Minn. Stat. 10A.01, subd. 26; Noncampaign disbursement]** amends the definition of “noncampaign disbursement.” Current law allows noncampaign disbursements of up to \$3000 for detection-related security monitoring expenses. Chapter 101 expands the use of noncampaign disbursements for security purposes by increasing the cap to \$10,000 and also allows for expenses for structural security devices and security services.

**Section 3 [Minn. Stat. 10A.01, subd. 35d; Security services]** provides a definition of “security services” for purposes of chapter 10A. Security services are threat assessments, security guards, or guest screening services needed to address specific security concerns that result from the individual’s position as a public official or state or local candidate. Security services must be provided by a state or local law enforcement agency or an insured vendor licensed by the Board of Private Detective and Protective Agent Services. Certain services are excluded. A security service’s duties must be limited to addressing security concerns only. Devices and personnel providing security services must not display campaign material or engage in campaign activity.

**Section 4 [Minn. Stat. 10A.01, subd. 36a; Street address]** provides a definition of “street address” for purposes of chapter 10A. “Street address” is the name or number of the building, the name of the street on which the building is located, and any unit number.

**Section 5 [Minn. Stat. 10A.02, subd. 11b; Data privacy related to electronic reporting system]** allows individuals other than treasurers to enter and store data in the Board’s electronic reporting system. Provides that data may not be accessed or used by the Board without consent from the filer or the subject of the data, instead of permission of the

treasurer. Provides that data from the system that has been submitted to the board as a statement is government data under chapter 13.

**Section 6 [Minn. Stat. 10A.02, subd. 11c; Street address data]** classifies street address data for purposes chapter 10A. Except for real property included on a statement of economic interest, street addresses contained on reports and statements filed with the Board are classified as nonpublic data or private data on individuals. In addition to the subject of the data, the data are accessible to the filer of the report or statement containing that data. The Board, a county attorney, or a local government may use street addresses disclosed on reports and statements to ensure compliance with chapter 10A.

In addition, the street address of a candidate contained on a report filed with the board by the candidate's principal campaign committee is accessible to the leader of each major political party caucus within the house of representatives and the senate. Conditions and limitations on the use of the data are provided.

**Section 7 [Minn. Stat. 10A.022, subd. 3; Investigation authority; complaint process]** allows the Board chair to immediately dismiss a written complaint if the chair determines that the complaint is frivolous, was filed for the purpose of harassment, or is duplicative of facts and allegations that were previously submitted to and resolved by the Board.

**Section 8 [Minn. Stat. 10A.027; Information on website]** prohibits the Board from posting on its website a street address disclosed on a report or statement filed with the Board. Reports and statements filed and available on the Board's website prior to the effective date of this subdivision may be modified or republished by the board to exclude or redact street addresses. Formatting changes are made.

**Section 9 [Minn. Stat. 10A.04, subd. 4; Content]** amends the requirements relating to a lobbyist reporting a gift given to an official. Instead of including the official's address, the list must include the official's title and the government jurisdiction for which the official serves.

**Section 10 [Minn. Stat. 10A.04, subd. 6; Principal reports]** amends the requirements for principal reports. The total amount must now include the portion of expenditures for finance professionals and must exclude expenditures for staff costs for the purpose of urging members of the public to contact public or local officials to influence official action. Strikes the requirement that the principal report disbursements made and obligations incurred that exceed \$2000 for paid advertising use for the purpose of urging members of the public to contact public or local officials to influence official actions during the reporting period.

**Section 11 [Minn. Stat. 10A.067; Disclaimer for lobbying material]** requires a disclaimer on a paid advertisement that urges members of the public to contact public or local officials to influence a legislative or administrative action or the official action of a political subdivision. Limitations and exceptions are provided. The board may impose a civil penalty of up to \$3000 for failure to provide the required disclaimer.

**Section 12 [Minn. Stat. 10A.09, subd. 5; Form; general requirements]** amends requirements for the statement of economic interest. For real property (excluding homestead

property) required to be listed in the statement of economic interest, the street address at which an individual or the individual's immediate family lives on a permanent or temporary basis is private data if the individual certifies for each address that the individual would have a reasonable fear for the individual's or the individual's immediate family's safety if the address were public data.

**Section 13 [Minn. Stat. 10A.09, subd. 5b; Form; exceptions for certain officials]** makes the same changes as were made in section 12 for statements of economic interest filed by soil and water conservation district supervisors, watershed district managers, and watershed management organization members.

**Section 14 [Minn. Stat. 10A.20, subd. 3; Contents of report]** amends the content of the campaign report. Replaces the requirement to include an address for a political committee, political fund, principal campaign committee, local candidate, or party unit, and instead requires the use of the city, state, and zip code.

**Section 15 [Minn. Stat. 10A.27, subd. 2; Political party and dissolving principal campaign committee limit]** modifies the law that provides that a candidate must not permit their principal campaign committee to accept contributions from any political party units or dissolving principal campaign committees in aggregate in excess of ten times the amount that may be contributed to candidates. The act provides that this limitation does not apply to an in-kind contribution for security services from any political party units, which are subject to the limit for noncampaign disbursements in section 2.

**Section 16 [Minn. Stat. 10A.27, subd. 10; Limited personal contributions]** amends the law on personal contributions to a campaign. Current law prohibits a candidate who signs a spending limit agreement from contributing to their own campaign during a segment of an election more than five times the candidate's contribution limit. The act provides that this limitation does not apply to payments made by the candidate for the following expenses that would otherwise be considered campaign contributions to the candidate's own campaign: detection-related security monitoring expenses; purchase, installation, and maintenance of structural security devices; and security services. Payments made by a candidate as provided in this subdivision are not reported by the principal campaign committee as a campaign expenditure or as a noncampaign disbursement.

**Section 17 [Minn. Stat. 10A.275, subd. 1; Exceptions]** specifies that expenditures by a party unit or two or more party units acting together for party committee staff services that benefit three or more candidates or local candidates, including contracts with third parties for security services if the services are provided to at least three candidates or local candidates, are not considered contributions to or expenditures on behalf of a candidate.

**Section 18 [Minn. Stat. 204B.06, subd. 1b; Address, electronic mail address, and telephone number]** allows a candidate to use the candidate's mailing address on the affidavit of candidacy and to request that the candidate's address of residence on the affidavit of candidacy be classified as private data without needing to certify that a police report has been submitted, an order for protection has been issued, the candidate has a

reasonable fear in regard to safety of the candidate or the candidate's family, or the candidate's address is otherwise private pursuant to Minnesota law.

**Section 19 [Minn. Stat.204B.065; Classification of certain data]** classifies street address data on affidavits of candidacy or nominating petitions submitted prior to May 1, 2026, as nonpublic or private data on individuals. This section is effective seven days following final enactment.

**Section 20 [Minn. Stat.204B.07, subd. 1; Form of petition]** amends the nominating petition to remove the requirement that the candidate include a residential address and instead requires a campaign website, if any, and the candidate's or campaign's nongovernment-issued email address or a statement that the candidate and the candidate's campaign do not possess an email address.

**Section 21 [Minn. Stat.211A.01, subd. 1a; Address]** provides a definition of "address" for purposes of chapter 211A. "Address" means a complete mailing address. An individual may use either the individual's business address or home address. An association's address is the address from which the association conducts its business.

**Section 22 [Minn. Stat.211A.01, subd. 9. Street address]** provides a definition of "street address" for purposes of chapter 211A. "Street address" is the name or number of the building, the name of the street on which the building is located, and any unit number.

**Section 23 [Minn. Stat.211A.015. Addresses; data classification]** classifies street addresses contained on reports and statements filed with a local government or school district as nonpublic data or private data on individuals. In addition to the subject of the data, the data are accessible to the filer of the report or statement containing the data. The local government or school district may use street addresses disclosed on reports and statements to ensure compliance with chapter 211A.

**Section 24 [Minn. Stat.211A.02, subd. 2; Information required]** amends the law on local financial reports. Under current law, the report must include the name and address of individuals who make one or more contributions that exceed \$100. The act strikes a requirement that the filing officer restrict public access to these addresses if the individual has filed a statement with the filing officer that withholding the individual's address from the report is required for the safety of the individual or the individual's family.

**Section 25 [Minn. Stat. 211B.04, subd. 1; Campaign material]** amends the disclaimer requirements for campaign material. Specifies the law applies to individuals and committees. Modifies the required text of the disclaimer. Allows the entity preparing or disseminating the campaign material to provide a mailing address, an actively monitored email address, or website that includes the mailing address or email address.

**Section 26 [Minn. Stat. 211B.04, subd. 2; Independent expenditures]** amends the disclaimer requirements for independent expenditures. Modifies the text of the disclaimer. Allows the use of a website in place of a mailing address if the website includes an email address. Makes additional clarifying changes.

**Section 27 [Minn. Stat. 211B.04, subd. 3; Material that does not need a disclaimer]** strikes a reference to a statute that was repealed in 2025.

**Section 28 [Minn. Stat. 211B.04, subd. 5; Size, duration, and location]** specifies size, duration, and location requirements for written communication, signs, audiovisual and audio advertisements.

**Section 29 [Redacting street addresses; local government reports and statements]** provides that within seven calendar days of the effective date of this section, any local government that posts campaign finance reports or statements on the local government’s website must remove the reports or statements if they include private or nonpublic data, like street addresses. Prior to reposting any statement or report, the local government must redact or omit all private or nonpublic data. The filing officer must have all reports reposted within six months.

**Section 30 [Redacting street addresses; reports and statements on Board’s website]** provides that within seven calendar days of the effective date of this section, the Board must remove from the Board’s website reports and statements that were filed in accordance with specified sections. The board must redact or omit private or nonpublic data from each statement or report before re-posting on the board’s website. Provides direction to the Board on how to prioritize this work. The board must re-post all reports from the last four years within six months of the effective date of this section. If the board is unable to comply with this timeline, the board must report to the legislature on why compliance is not possible, what issues must be resolved, and when the board anticipates it will be able to comply. The rest of the report and statements must be reposted by January 1, 2028.

**Section 31 [Transition to new affidavits of candidacy; nominating petitions not deficient]** provides for a transition to new affidavits of candidacy and nominating petitions while the requirements of this act are implemented.

**Section 32 [Repealer]** repeals Minn. Stat. §10A.09, subd. 9, which allows the board to waive the requirement that an official disclose the address of real property that is a secondary residence. Also repeals Rule, part 4501.0100, subp. 2, which provides a definition of “address.”

**Section 33 [Effective date]** provides that this act is effective the day following final enactment unless otherwise specified.



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