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Introduction and first reading
Referred to State Government Finance and Policy and Elections

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to campaign finance; amending public subsidy disbursements for certain
- 1.3 candidates; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 10A.31, subdivision 7.
- 1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 10A.31, subdivision 7, is amended to read:
- 1.6 Subd. 7. **Distribution of general account.** (a) As soon as the board has obtained the
- 1.7 results of the primary election from the secretary of state, but no later than one week after
- 1.8 certification of the primary results by the State Canvassing Board, the board must distribute
- 1.9 the available money in the general account, as certified by the commissioner of revenue
- 1.10 one week before the state primary and according to allocations set forth in subdivision 5,
- 1.11 in equal amounts to all candidates of a major political party whose names are to appear on
- 1.12 the ballot in the general election and who:
- 1.13 (1) have signed a spending limit agreement under section 10A.322;
- 1.14 (2) have filed the affidavit of contributions required by section 10A.323; and
- 1.15 (3) were opposed in either the primary election or the general election.
- 1.16 (b) If one or more candidates for an office are not eligible for the public subsidy, and
- 1.17 one or more candidates for the same office are eligible for the public subsidy, then the
- 1.18 amount of public subsidy that would have otherwise been paid to the ineligible candidate
- 1.19 or candidates must be equally distributed to the eligible candidate or candidates.
- 1.20 ~~(b)~~ (c) The public subsidy under this subdivision may not be paid in an amount that
- 1.21 would cause the sum of the public subsidy paid from the party account plus the public
- 1.22 subsidy paid from the general account to exceed 50 percent of the expenditure limit for the

- 2.1 candidate or 50 percent of the expenditure limit that would have applied to the candidate if
- 2.2 the candidate had not been freed from expenditure limits under section 10A.25, subdivision
- 2.3 10. Money from the general account not paid to a candidate because of the 50 percent limit
- 2.4 must be distributed equally among all other qualifying candidates for the same office until
- 2.5 all have reached the 50 percent limit or the balance in the general account is exhausted.