

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD**

**CONCILIATION
AGREEMENT**

In the Matter of Leon Lillie for House (Registration No. 16132);

1. The Leon Lillie for House committee is the principal campaign committee of State Representative Leon Lillie. On its amended 2014 Year-end Report of Receipts and Expenditures, the committee reported accepting \$9,625 in contributions from lobbyists, political committees and funds, and associations not registered with the Board. When this \$9,625 is added to the \$3,875 that the committee accepted from these sources in 2013, the committee exceeded the \$12,500 aggregate special source limit for a state representative candidate during the 2013-2014 election segment by \$1,000.
2. The candidate stated that he simply made a mistake in accepting too much money from special source contributors. The committee returned the excess \$1,000 to special source contributors but did not do so within 90 days of any returned contribution's receipt. Because the committee did not return the excess contributions within 90 days of receipt, the contributions are deemed by statute to have been accepted.
3. The parties agree that the Leon Lillie for House committee accepted excessive special source contributions in violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 11, during the 2013-2014 election segment.
4. To resolve this matter informally, and to avoid these violations in the future, the committee agrees that:
 - a. beginning with the 2015 Year-end Report of Receipts and Expenditures, the Campaign Finance Reporter software will be used for the filing of required campaign finance reports;
 - b. the committee treasurer will review and enter contributions into the Campaign Finance Reporter software within 60 days of receipt;
 - c. after contributions have been entered into the software, a batch compliance report will be run and the committee will take steps to remedy any contribution violations within the 90-day statutory period during which a contribution may be returned to cure a violation; and
 - d. the Campaign Finance Reporter software will be updated whenever the software notifies the committee that an update is available.

5. The candidate agrees that the Board's acceptance of this agreement constitutes the imposition of a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,000 against the candidate for accepting contributions in excess of the limit imposed by Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 11. \$250 of the penalty is due within 30 days of the date the agreement is signed by both parties and the remaining \$750 of the penalty is, by the terms of this agreement, stayed until January 1, 2017. If the committee violates the aggregate special source limit again before January 1, 2017, the stayed portion of the civil penalty is due immediately. If the committee does not violate the aggregate special source limit again before January 1, 2017, the stayed portion of the civil penalty is waived.

6. If the candidate and the Leon Lillie for House committee do not comply with the provisions of this agreement, this matter may be reopened by the Board and the Board may take such actions as it deems appropriate.

/s/ Leon Lillie Dated: 11-15-2015
Representative Leon Lillie
Leon Lillie for House

/s/ Gary Goldsmith Dated: 11-3-2015
Gary Goldsmith, Executive Director
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Agreement approved by Board at meeting of 11-3, 2015

/s/ George A. Beck
George A. Beck, Chair
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board