

STATE OF MINNESOTA
CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

CONCILIATION

AGREEMENT

In the matter of the Leon Lillie for House Committee (#16132);

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. §10A.28, subd. 3, the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board and Leon Lillie hereby agree as follows:

1. During 2004, the Leon Lillie for House Committee (“the Committee”) inadvertently accepted \$5,750 in contributions from special sources. The total amount of these contributions exceeded by \$50 the applicable limit on aggregate contributions from special sources, which for this candidate was \$5,700. Specifically, the Committee accepted \$4,400 from political committees and political funds; \$350 from lobbyists; and two individuals contributed \$500.

2. The Committee also received a \$200 contribution from a terminating principal campaign committee and \$5,000 from a party unit. The total amount of these contributions exceeded by \$200 the applicable limit on aggregate contributions from party units, which was \$5,000. The Committee did not return the contributions within the 60-day period provided in Minn. Stat. §10A.15, subd. 3

3. In a letter received November 17, 2005, Donald Jensen, treasurer, acknowledged that the Committee accepted contributions in excess of the limit. Mr. Jensen stated, "Leon Lillie for House campaign did not knowingly accept contributions over the limit in the course of the campaign. ... These mistakes were innocently made and we have gained quite a bit of knowledge for our first state campaign." Mr. Jensen provided copies of the checks, returning \$50 to a special source contributor and \$200 to a political party unit.

4. Board records show that this is the first calendar year in which the Committee reported acceptance of contributions that exceeded the applicable special source or party unit aggregate contribution limit. The Committee registered with the Board on June 14, 2004.

5. The parties agree that the Committee accepted excessive contributions in calendar year 2004 from special sources resulting in an inadvertent violation of Minn. Stat. §10A.27, subd. 11. The parties also agree that the Committee accepted excessive contributions in calendar year 2004 from political party units and dissolving principal campaign committees, resulting in an inadvertent violation of Minn. Stat. §10A.27, subd. 2.

6. The Board imposes a civil penalty of \$250, one times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the applicable limits, to be paid to the Board for deposit in the general fund of the state.

7. Leon Lillie hereby agrees to forward to the Board \$250 by check or money order payable to the STATE OF MINNESOTA within 30 days after the date this Agreement is

signed by the Board chair. It is agreed by the parties that the copies of the checks returning the contributions, payment of the civil penalty of \$250, and this Conciliation Agreement will be a bar to any civil proceeding under Minn. Stat. §10A.28, subds. 3 and 4.

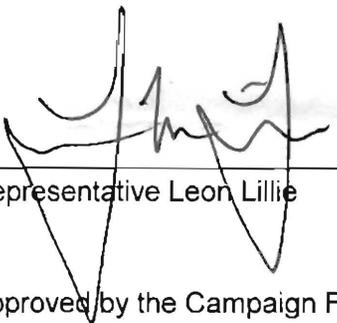
8. It is further understood and agreed, however, that if the civil penalty of \$250 is not paid within the time specified in paragraph 7 above, then Mr. Lillie will be personally liable to pay a civil penalty, under Minn. Stat. §§10A.28 and 10A.34, subd. 1, in an amount calculated as follows:

(a) \$500 or two times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the statutory limit, if payment is received 31 to 60 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board Chair;

(b) \$750 or three times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the statutory limit, if payment is received 61 to 90 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board Chair;

(c) \$1,000 or four times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the statutory limit, if payment is received 91 to 120 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board Chair.

9. It is further understood and agreed that this Agreement is confidential until signed by Representative Lillie and the Board Chair; the signed Agreement then shall become a matter of public record, and the statutory requirement of confidentiality shall no longer apply. Minn. Stat. §§10A.02, subd. 11 and 10A.28, subd. 3.



Representative Leon Lillie Dated: 12-15-05

Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

By 

Terri Ashmore, Chair Dated: 12-15-05
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board