

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

**CONCILIATION**  
**AGREEMENT**

In the matter of the (Becky) Lourey for Senate Committee (#13534);

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. §10A.28, subd. 3, the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board (“the Board”) and Senator Becky Lourey hereby agree as follows:

1. During calendar year 2004, the (Becky) Lourey for Senate Committee accepted a \$200 contribution from Democracy for America-MN, a registered political committee. This contribution facially exceeded by \$100 the \$100 non-election year limit for a political committee contribution as set out in Minn. Stat. §10A.27, subd. 1(a)(4). The amount of the excess contribution was not returned by the committee within 60 days as required by Minn. Stat. §10A.15, subd. 3.
  
2. In a letter received on March 9, 2005, Rosanne Haynes, treasurer, stated, “It never occurred to me that Democracy for America was a PAC...It wasn’t until I was doing my report that I realized I had blundered.” Ms. Haynes provided the Board with a copy of the check returning \$100 to Democracy for America-MN on February 2, 2005.

3. The (Becky) Lourey for Senate Committee registered with the Board on June 7, 1996. This is the second calendar year in which the (Becky) Lourey for Senate Committee reported acceptance of a contribution that exceeded the applicable contribution limit.

4. The parties agree that the (Becky) Lourey for Senate Committee accepted a facially excessive contribution in calendar year 2004, resulting in an inadvertent violation of Minn. Stat. §10A. 27, subd. 1(a)(4).

5. The Board imposes a civil penalty totaling \$300 to be paid to the Board for deposit in the general fund of the state. This civil penalty represents three times the amount by which the contribution exceeded the applicable contribution limit.

6. Senator Lourey hereby agrees to forward to the Board \$300 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 payment of the civil penalty of \$300, and this Conciliation Agreement will be a bar to any civil proceeding under Minn. Stat. §10A.28, subs. 3 and 4.


7. It is further understood and agreed, however, that if the civil penalty of \$300 is not paid within 30 days, as specified in paragraph 6 above, then under Minn. Stat. §§10A.28 and 10A.34, subd. 1, Senator Lourey will be personally liable to pay a civil penalty of \$400, or four times the amount by which the contribution exceeded the statutory limit, if payment is received 31 to 120 days after the date this agreement is signed by the Board Chair.

8. It is further understood that if the civil penalty is not paid as agreed, within the times specified in paragraph 7 above, the Board will proceed to enforce the provisions of Minn. Stat. §10A.28, subd. 4.

9. It is further understood and agreed that this Agreement is confidential until signed by Senator Lourey 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.

  
Senator Becky Lourey  
Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Dated: 5/02/05

By   
Terri Ashmore  
Chair, Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Dated: 5/3/05