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HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

Bill: House File 222
Committee: State Government
Date: March 16, 2011
Staff: Kristi Kielhorn (2-5290)
Members: Representative Cownie

Prohibition on Campaign Calls Late at Night

House File 222 prohibits campaign phone calls late between 10pm and 8am.

Summary of Action

Passed House State Government 18-3-2
Deferred on House Floor

Section by Section Analysis

Section 1—Restrictions on telephone calls made for campaign purposes

The bill prohibits campaign telephone calls between the hours of 10 p.m. and 8 a.m. A **willful** violation (Code Section 68A.701) of this section, like any provision of the campaign finance chapter, is a serious misdemeanor punishable by confinement for up to one year and a fine of at least \$315, but not more than \$1,875. Civil remedies are also available in Code section 68B.32D for a violation of Code chapter 68A or rules of the ethics and campaign disclosure board, ranging from a reprimand to a civil penalty of not more than \$2,000.