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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to political telephone communication limitations,  
2 and providing a civil penalty.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 56.14A POLITICAL TELEPHONE  
2 COMMUNICATION LIMITATIONS.

3 1. A person shall not make an unsolicited phone call  
4 relating to the nomination or election of a candidate for  
5 public office in Iowa, or to the passage or defeat of a ballot  
6 issue in Iowa, that is made for purposes of conducting a poll,  
7 conducting research, or sharing information, unless the person  
8 making the phone call discloses all of the following  
9 information at the commencement of the call:

10 a. The person's name.

11 b. The purpose of the phone call.

12 c. The name of any individual, business, or organization  
13 on whose behalf the call is being made.

14 d. The identity of any person or group who has directly or  
15 indirectly paid for the making of the phone call.

16 e. The location from which the phone call is being made.

17 2. Notwithstanding section 56.16, a person who violates  
18 the requirements of this section shall pay, in the manner  
19 prescribed by the board, a civil penalty of five hundred  
20 dollars for each phone call made in violation of this section.  
21 Moneys from civil penalties collected under this section shall  
22 be disposed of in the same manner as other civil penalties  
23 collected under section 68B.32D.

24 3. The board shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A  
25 establishing procedures to administer this section.

26 EXPLANATION

27 This bill requires persons conducting, via unsolicited  
28 telephone calls, political research or polls, or sharing  
29 information relating to candidates or constitutional or public  
30 measures, to disclose certain information. The information  
31 which must be disclosed includes the person's name, the  
32 purpose of the phone call, the name of any individual or  
33 business on whose behalf the call is being made, the identity  
34 of any person or group who has directly or indirectly paid for  
35 the making of the phone call, and the location from which the

1 phone call is being made. Failure to abide by the  
2 requirements of the section will subject the person to a \$500  
3 civil penalty for each phone call made. The new requirements  
4 are to be enforced by the ethics and campaign disclosure board  
5 and any moneys collected are to be disposed of in the same  
6 manner as other civil penalties collected by that board. The  
7 board is directed to adopt rules to implement the new  
8 requirements.

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