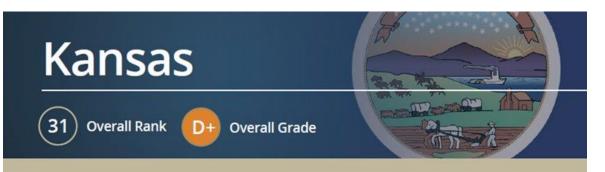
Kansas Candidate Contribution Limits Are Well Below the National Average

- Consider substantial increases in or elimination of candidate contribution limits.
- At a minimum, the Legislature should pass HB 2054 or consider an increase in candidate contribution limits to account for inflation since the last adjustment.



Kansas	Overall Rank	To Governor	To State Senate	To State House	To Parties	To PACs
Individual Giving	31	32	33	39	35	1
		\$2,000/election	\$1,000/election	\$500/election	\$15,000/year	Unlimite
PAC Giving	43	31	35	40	43	
		\$2,000/election	\$1,000/election	\$500/election	\$5,000/year	
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Party Giving	1	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited		
Union Giving	21	18	18	23		
		\$2,000/election	\$1,000/election	\$500/election		
Corporate Giving	18	15	15	20		
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Inflation Adjustment: No

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#### The dollar amounts listed are per election cycle.

If HB 2054 becomes law, Kansas will rank 31st, tying with one other state.

Today, only five states have a lower contribution limit for state senate.

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# HB 2054 does not keep pace with inflation

The last time Kansas adjusted candidate contribution limits for the governor or state legislative races was in **1990**, when the contribution limit for state senate races was delinked from house races and increased to \$1,000.

Kansas Contribution Limits (per election)					
	Governor	State Senate	State House		
Current Limit	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$500		
Inflation Adjustment from 1990	\$4,850	\$2,450	\$1,200		
HB 2054	\$4,000	\$2,000	\$1,000		



## Political Parties Play an Important Role in our Political System

- Political parties help people come together and work towards common goals.
- Historically, political parties have been meliorating institutions that balance a wide variety of views and interests in broad coalitions.
- Treating political parties as inferior to other groups and organizations in society makes politics more atomized, more focused on individual candidates, and less of a team sport.



## Helping Political Parties

- Most states do not limit individual contributions to political parties.
- HB 2054 would put Kansas in that majority.
- It would also allow parties to compete with Super PACs on campaign messaging and would help reduce complexity.

#### Index Fixed Dollar Amounts to Avoid Allowing Inflation to Change the Law

- Indexing keeps a simple law from becoming more complex over time.
- Campaign contributions are now not eroded by inflation in **29** of the 50 states. New Jersey added indexing in 2023.
- Unfortunately, Kansas does not index any fixed dollar amounts in its campaign finance or lobbying laws.

