

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.

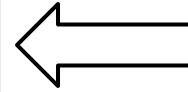


Kansas	Overall Rank	To Governor	To State Senate	To State House	To Parties	To PACs
Individual Giving	31	32 \$2,000/election	33 \$1,000/election	39 \$500/election	35 \$15,000/year	1 Unlimited
PAC Giving	43	31 \$2,000/election	35 \$1,000/election	40 \$500/election	43 \$5,000/year	
Party Giving	1	1 Unlimited	1 Unlimited	1 Unlimited		
Union Giving	21	18 \$2,000/election	18 \$1,000/election	23 \$500/election		
Corporate Giving	18	15 \$2,000/election	15 \$1,000/election	20 \$500/election		

Inflation Adjustment: No

Governor					
<i>Rank</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Cycle-Adjusted Limit</i>			
1	Alabama	Unlimited	26	Michigan	\$8,325
2	Alaska	Unlimited	27	Connecticut	\$7,000
3	Indiana	Unlimited	28	South Carolina	\$7,000
4	Iowa	Unlimited	29	Illinois	\$6,900
5	Mississippi	Unlimited	30	Oklahoma	\$6,600
6	Nebraska	Unlimited	31	Florida	\$6,000
7	North Dakota	Unlimited	32	Hawaii	\$6,000
8	Oregon	Unlimited	33	Maryland	\$6,000
9	Pennsylvania	Unlimited	34	Minnesota	\$6,000
10	Texas	Unlimited	35	Arkansas	\$5,800
11	Utah	Unlimited	36	Missouri	\$5,650
12	Virginia	Unlimited	37	West Virginia	\$5,600
13	California	\$72,800	38	Arizona	\$5,400
14	Ohio	\$30,999	39	Wyoming	\$5,000
15	New Mexico	\$22,000	40	New Jersey	\$4,900
16	Wisconsin	\$20,000	41	Washington	\$4,800
17	New York	\$18,000	42	Vermont	\$4,480
18	Georgia	\$16,800	43	Kentucky	\$4,200
19	South Dakota	\$16,000	44	Kansas	\$4,000
20	North Carolina	\$12,800	45	Massachusetts	\$4,000
21	Idaho	\$10,000	46	Rhode Island	\$4,000
22	Louisiana	\$10,000	47	Maine	\$3,900
23	Nevada	\$10,000	48	Montana	\$2,000
24	New Hampshire	\$10,000	49	Colorado	\$1,450
25	Tennessee	\$9,800	50	Delaware	\$1,200

The dollar amounts listed are per election cycle.

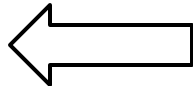


If HB 2054 becomes law, Kansas will rank 27th.

Today, only four states have a lower contribution limit for governor.

State Senate					
Rank	State	Cycle-Adjusted Limit			
1	Alabama	Unlimited	26	Arizona	\$5,400
2	Alaska	Unlimited	27	New Jersey	\$5,200
3	Indiana	Unlimited	28	Louisiana	\$5,000
4	Iowa	Unlimited	29	Missouri	\$4,800
5	Mississippi	Unlimited	30	Kentucky	\$4,200
6	Nebraska	Unlimited	31	Hawaii	\$4,000
7	North Dakota	Unlimited	32	Tennessee	\$3,600
8	Oregon	Unlimited	33	Wyoming	\$3,000
9	Pennsylvania	Unlimited	34	Michigan	\$2,450
10	Texas	Unlimited	35	Washington	\$2,400
11	Utah	Unlimited	36	Connecticut	\$2,000
12	Virginia	Unlimited	37	Florida	\$2,000
13	Ohio	\$30,999	38	Idaho	\$2,000
14	North Carolina	\$12,800	39	Kansas	\$2,000
15	California	\$11,000	40	Massachusetts	\$2,000
16	New Mexico	\$11,000	41	Minnesota	\$2,000
17	Nevada	\$10,000	42	Rhode Island	\$2,000
18	New Hampshire	\$10,000	43	South Carolina	\$2,000
19	New York	\$10,000	44	South Dakota	\$2,000
20	Illinois	\$6,900	45	Wisconsin	\$2,000
21	Georgia	\$6,600	46	Vermont	\$1,680
22	Oklahoma	\$6,600	47	Maine	\$950
23	Maryland	\$6,000	48	Montana	\$900
24	Arkansas	\$5,800	49	Delaware	\$600
25	West Virginia	\$5,600	50	Colorado	\$450

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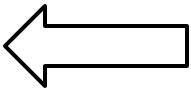


If HB 2054 becomes law, Kansas will rank 31st, tying with one other state.

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

State House					
Rank	State	Cycle-Adjusted Limit			
1	Alabama	Unlimited	26	Arizona	\$5,400
2	Alaska	Unlimited	27	New Jersey	\$5,200
3	Indiana	Unlimited	28	Louisiana	\$5,000
4	Iowa	Unlimited	29	Kentucky	\$4,200
5	Mississippi	Unlimited	30	Missouri	\$4,000
6	Nebraska	Unlimited	31	Tennessee	\$3,600
7	North Dakota	Unlimited	32	Wyoming	\$3,000
8	Oregon	Unlimited	33	Washington	\$2,400
9	Pennsylvania	Unlimited	34	Florida	\$2,000
10	Texas	Unlimited	35	Hawaii	\$2,000
11	Utah	Unlimited	36	Idaho	\$2,000
12	Virginia	Unlimited	37	Massachusetts	\$2,000
13	Ohio	\$30,999	38	Rhode Island	\$2,000
14	North Carolina	\$12,800	39	South Carolina	\$2,000
15	California	\$11,000	40	South Dakota	\$2,000
16	New Mexico	\$11,000	41	Michigan	\$1,225
17	Nevada	\$10,000	42	Vermont	\$1,120
18	New Hampshire	\$10,000	43	Kansas	\$1,000
19	Illinois	\$6,900	44	Minnesota	\$1,000
20	Georgia	\$6,600	45	Wisconsin	\$1,000
21	Oklahoma	\$6,600	46	Maine	\$950
22	Maryland	\$6,000	47	Montana	\$800
23	New York	\$6,000	48	Delaware	\$600
24	Arkansas	\$5,800	49	Connecticut	\$500
25	West Virginia	\$5,600	50	Colorado	\$450

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If HB 2054 becomes law, Kansas will rank 34th, tying with seven other states.

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

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.

