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MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee on Elections
From: Mike Heim, Revisor of Statutes Office
Date: Jan. 30, 2025
Subject: HB 2054—Summary

HB 2054 doubles the campaign contribution limits for various candidates for the general election and the primary election. In addition, the bill eliminates any contribution limitations that apply to a state party committee and the amount contributed by a national party committee to a state party committee.

HB 2054 would increase the contribution limit to a candidate or their committees by any political committee for the Office of the Governor and the Office of the Lieutenant Governor from \$2,000 to \$4,000 for each primary and general election. The bill would also increase such contribution limits for a candidate for the House of Representatives, district judge, district magistrate judge, district attorney or a candidate for local office from \$500 to \$1,000 for each primary and general election. For candidates for State Senator or the State Board of Education, the bill would increase such contribution limit from \$1,000 to \$2,000 for each primary and general election.

The bill would remove a limitation on the aggregate amount contributed to a state party committee by a person other than a national party committee or a political committee to \$15,000 each calendar year and \$5,000 each calendar year for any other party. The bill also removes language limiting the aggregate amount contributed by a national party committee to a state party committee to \$25,000 in each calendar year and \$10,000 each calendar year for any other party. Further, the bill removes language limiting the aggregate amount contributed to a party committee by a political committee to \$5,000 each calendar year.

For contributions by each individual party committee of the same political party other than a national party committee to any candidate for office, for a primary election in which two or more candidates are seeking the nomination, the bill would increase the limit for the Office of the Governor and the Office of Lieutenant Governor from \$2,000 to \$4,000.

The bill would also increase such contribution limits for a candidate for the House of Representatives, district judge, district magistrate judge, district attorney or a candidate for local office from \$500 to \$1,000 for each primary and general election. For candidates for State Senator or the State Board of Education, the bill would increase such contribution limit from \$1,000 to \$2,000 for each primary and general election. The bill would increase the contribution limit for a person to any candidate or committee in the form of money or currency from \$100 to \$200 for any one primary or general election.