

HOUSE BILL No. 2054

By Committee on Elections

Requested by Representative Waggoner

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1 AN ACT concerning elections; relating to campaign contribution limits;
2 increasing the limits on certain campaign contributions; eliminating
3 such limits on contributions to party committees; amending K.S.A. 25-
4 4153 and repealing the existing section.
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6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

7 Section 1. K.S.A. 25-4153 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-
8 4153. (a) The aggregate amount contributed to a candidate and such
9 candidate's candidate committee and to all party committees and political
10 committees and dedicated to such candidate's campaign, by any political
11 committee or any person except a party committee, the candidate or the
12 candidate's spouse, shall not exceed the following:

13 (1) For the pair of offices of governor and lieutenant governor or for
14 other state officers elected from the state as a whole, ~~-\$2,000~~ \$4,000 for
15 each primary election ~~}, or in lieu thereof, a caucus or convention of a~~
16 political party}, and an equal amount for each general election.

17 (2) For the office of member of the house of representatives, district
18 judge, district magistrate judge, district attorney or a candidate for local
19 office, ~~-\$500~~ \$1,000 for each primary election ~~}, or in lieu thereof, a caucus~~
20 or convention of a political party}, and an equal amount for each general
21 election.

22 (3) For the office of state senator or member of the state board of
23 education, ~~-\$1,000~~ \$2,000 for each primary election ~~}, or in lieu thereof, a~~
24 caucus or convention of a political party}, and an equal amount for each
25 general election.

26 (b) For the purposes of this section, the face value of a loan at the end
27 of the period of time allocable to the primary or general election is the
28 amount subject to the limitations of this section. A loan in excess of the
29 limits herein provided may be made during the allocable period if such
30 loan is reduced to the permissible level, when combined with all other
31 contributions from the person making such loan, at the end of such
32 allocable period.

33 (c) For the purposes of this section, all contributions made by
34 unemancipated children under 18 years of age shall be considered to be
35 contributions made by the parent or parents of such children. The total

1 amount of such contribution shall be attributed to a single custodial parent
2 and 50% of such contribution to each of two parents.

3 ~~(d) The aggregate amount contributed to a state party committee by a~~
4 ~~person other than a national party committee or a political committee shall~~
5 ~~not exceed \$15,000 in each calendar year; and the aggregate amount~~
6 ~~contributed to any other party committee by a person other than a national~~
7 ~~party committee or a political committee shall not exceed \$5,000 in each~~
8 ~~calendar year.~~

9 ~~The aggregate amount contributed by a national party committee to a~~
10 ~~state party committee shall not exceed \$25,000 in any calendar year, and~~
11 ~~the aggregate amount contributed to any other party committee by a~~
12 ~~national party committee shall not exceed \$10,000 in any calendar year.~~

13 ~~The aggregate amount contributed to a party committee by a political~~
14 ~~committee shall not exceed \$5,000 in any calendar year.~~

15 ~~(e) Any political funds which that~~ have been collected and were not
16 subject to the reporting requirements of this act shall be deemed a person
17 subject to these contribution limitations.

18 ~~(f)(e)~~ Any political funds ~~which that~~ have been collected and were
19 subject to the reporting requirements of the campaign finance act shall not
20 be used in or for the campaign of a candidate for a federal elective office.

21 ~~(g)(f)~~ The amount contributed by each individual party committee of
22 the same political party other than a national party committee to any
23 candidate for office, for any primary election at which two or more
24 candidates are seeking the nomination of such party shall not exceed the
25 following:

26 (1) For the pair of offices of governor and lieutenant governor and for
27 each of the other state officers elected from the state as a whole, ~~\$2,000~~
28 ~~\$4,000~~ for each primary election ~~or~~, or in lieu thereof, a caucus or
29 convention of a political party).

30 (2) For the office of member of the house of representatives, district
31 judge, district magistrate judge, district attorney or a candidate for local
32 office, ~~\$500~~ ~~\$1,000~~ for each primary election ~~or~~, or in lieu thereof, a caucus
33 or convention of a political party).

34 (3) For the office of state senator or member of the state board of
35 education, ~~\$1,000~~ ~~\$2,000~~ for each primary election ~~or~~, or in lieu thereof, a
36 caucus or convention of a political party).

37 ~~(h)(g)~~ When a candidate for a specific cycle does not run for office,
38 the contribution limitations of this section shall apply as though the
39 individual had sought office.

40 ~~(i)(h)~~ No person shall make any contribution or contributions to any
41 candidate or the candidate committee of any candidate in the form of
42 money or currency of the United States ~~which that~~ in the aggregate
43 exceeds ~~\$100~~ ~~\$200~~ for any one primary or general election, ~~and~~. No

1 candidate or candidate committee of any candidate shall accept any
2 contribution or contributions in the form of money or currency of the
3 United States ~~which~~ *that* in the aggregate exceeds ~~\$100~~ \$200 from any one
4 person for any one primary or general election.

5 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 25-4153 is hereby repealed.

6 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
7 publication in the statute book.