

As Amended by House Committee

{As Amended by House Committee of the Whole}

Session of 2025

HOUSE BILL No. 2054

By Committee on Elections

Requested by Representative Waggoner

1-22

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~~, 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~~, 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~~, 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

1 unemancipated children under 18 years of age shall be considered to be  
2 contributions made by the parent or parents of such children. The total  
3 amount of such contribution shall be attributed to a single custodial parent  
4 and 50% of such contribution to each of two parents.

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

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

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

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

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

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

28 ~~(1) For the pair of offices of governor and lieutenant governor and for~~  
29 ~~each of the other state officers elected from the state as a whole, \$2,000~~  
30 ~~\$4,000 for each primary election (, or in lieu thereof, a caucus or~~  
31 ~~convention of a political party){, or general election}.~~

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

36 ~~(3) For the office of state senator or member of the state board of~~  
37 ~~education, \$1,000 \$2,000 for each primary election (, or in lieu thereof, a~~  
38 ~~caucus or convention of a political party){, or general election}~~  
39 **For the purposes of this section, only the payment or other transfer of moneys**  
40 **by a party committee directly to a candidate or a candidate's**  
41 **candidate committee shall constitute a contribution. No other**  
42 **expenditures directly made by a party committee in support of a**  
43 **candidate, with or without such candidate's cooperation or consent,**

1 shall constitute a contribution for purposes of the contribution limits  
2 set forth in subsection (a).

3 (g) (1) If a candidate or a candidate's candidate committee  
4 receives contributions prior to the date of the primary election and  
5 such contributions are designated for use in connection with the  
6 general election, such candidate or such committee shall use an  
7 acceptable accounting method to distinguish between contributions  
8 received for the primary election and contributions received for the  
9 general election. Acceptable accounting methods include, but are not  
10 limited to:

11 (A) The designation of separate accounts for each election; or

12 (B) the establishment of separate books and records for each  
13 election.

14 (2) Under any acceptable accounting method, the authorized  
15 records of a candidate or candidate committee shall demonstrate that,  
16 prior to the primary election, the recorded amount of cash on hand  
17 was at all times equal to or in excess of an amount equal to the sum of  
18 the contributions received and designated for use in connection with  
19 the general election less the sum of disbursements made for the  
20 general election.

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

24 ~~(i)~~(h)(i) No person shall make any contribution or contributions to  
25 any candidate or the candidate committee of any candidate in the form of  
26 money or currency of the United States—~~which~~ that in the aggregate  
27 exceeds—~~\$100~~ \$200 for any one primary or general election,—~~and~~. No  
28 candidate or candidate committee of any candidate shall accept any  
29 contribution or contributions in the form of money or currency of the  
30 United States—~~which~~ that in the aggregate exceeds—~~\$100~~ \$200 from any one  
31 person for any one primary or general election.

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

33 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
34 publication in the ~~statute book~~ **Kansas register**.