

**SENATE BILL No. 17**

By Committee on Education

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1 AN ACT concerning elections; relating to campaign finance; amending  
2 K.S.A. 25-4153 and repealing the existing section.

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4 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

5 Section 1. K.S.A. 25-4153 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-  
6 4153. (a) The aggregate amount contributed to a candidate and such  
7 candidate's candidate committee and to all party committees and political  
8 committees and dedicated to such candidate's campaign, by any political  
9 committee or any person except a party committee, the candidate or the  
10 candidate's spouse, shall not exceed the following:

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

15 (2) For the office of member of the house of representatives, district  
16 judge, district magistrate judge, district attorney, ~~member of the state~~  
17 ~~board of education~~ or a candidate for local office, \$500 for each primary  
18 election (or in lieu thereof a caucus or convention of a political party) and  
19 an equal amount for each general election.

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

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

31 (c) For the purposes of this section, all contributions made by  
32 unemancipated children under 18 years of age shall be considered to be  
33 contributions made by the parent or parents of such children. The total  
34 amount of such contribution shall be attributed to a single custodial  
35 parent and 50% of such contribution to each of two parents.

36 (d) The aggregate amount contributed to a state party committee by

1 a person other than a national party committee or a political committee  
2 shall not exceed \$15,000 in each calendar year; and the aggregate amount  
3 contributed to any other party committee by a person other than a national  
4 party committee or a political committee shall not exceed \$5,000 in each  
5 calendar year.

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

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

12 (e) Any political funds which have been collected and were not  
13 subject to the reporting requirements of this act shall be deemed a person  
14 subject to these contribution limitations.

15 (f) Any political funds which have been collected and were subject  
16 to the reporting requirements of the campaign finance act shall not be  
17 used in or for the campaign of a candidate for a federal elective office.

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

23 (1) For the pair of offices of governor and lieutenant governor and  
24 for each of the other state officers elected from the state as a whole,  
25 \$2,000 for each primary election (or in lieu thereof a caucus or  
26 convention of a political party);

27 (2) For the office of member of the house of representatives, district  
28 judge, district magistrate judge, district attorney, ~~member of the state~~  
29 ~~board of education~~ or a candidate for local office, \$500 for each primary  
30 election (or in lieu thereof a caucus or convention of a political party).

31 (3) For the office of state senator *or member of the state board of*  
32 *education*, \$1,000 for each primary election (or in lieu thereof a caucus or  
33 convention of a political party).

34 (h) When a candidate for a specific cycle does not run for office, the  
35 contribution limitations of this section shall apply as though the  
36 individual had sought office.

37 (i) No person shall make any contribution or contributions to any  
38 candidate or the candidate committee of any candidate in the form of  
39 money or currency of the United States which in the aggregate exceeds  
40 \$100 for any one primary or general election, and no candidate or  
41 candidate committee of any candidate shall accept any contribution or  
42 contributions in the form of money or currency of the United States  
43 which in the aggregate exceeds \$100 from any one person for any one

1 primary or general election.

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

3 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its

4 publication in the statute book.