

SUMMARY OF SB 177 (INCLUSIVE OF AMENDMENT)

DONATION LIMITS - CANDIDATES

Office	Current Law	SB 177
House:	\$500 per cycle	\$1000 per cycle
Senate/SBOE:	\$1000 per cycle	\$2000 per cycle
Statewide:	\$2000 per cycle	\$4000 per cycle
Local (less than 50K pop.)	\$500 per cycle	\$1000 per cycle
Local (more than 50K pop.)	\$500 per cycle	\$2000 per cycle

Notes:

- *The bill, as drafted, had an automatic CPI increase. The amendment removes that.*
- *Current law has no population threshold for local elections that increases the limit.*
- *Local includes county offices and First Class cities. Other local offices have no limits under current law and are not touched under the bill.*

DONATION LIMITS – PARTY COMMITTEES

In Kansas law, there are several types of party committees – State Party Committees, Congressional District Party Committees, County Central Committees, and Recognized Party Committees.

CURRENT LAW:

- Contributions to County Central Committees, Recognized Party Committees, and District Party Committees are limited to **\$5,000 per calendar year** from any entity (person, candidate, PAC, another party committee), with the exception of the National Party Committee, which can give \$10,000 per calendar year.
- Contributions to State Party Committees are limited to **\$15,000 per calendar year** from any entity (person, candidate, PAC, another party committee) except Political Action Committees, which can give \$5,000 per calendar year, and the National Party Committee, which can give \$25,000 per calendar year.

SB 177 WITH AMENDMENT:

- Contributions to all party committees are limited to \$50,000 per calendar year.
- Exception: Party committees can give other party committees unlimited amounts, with the exception of National Party Committees, which can give up to the \$50,000/calendar year limit.
- *Note: The original bill removes limits entirely. The amendment retains a limit but raises it to \$50,000.*
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OTHER CHANGES

- Under current law, there is a limit on donations from party committees to candidates in primaries, but there no limit in the general. Under SB 177 (as amended), this limit would be completely eliminated at any time, meaning parties would be free to coordinate with candidates at any time.
- Under current law, candidates with campaign accounts but who ARE NOT running for office are subject to donation limits as if they were. SB 177 removes that limit if the candidate is not running.
- Matching federal law, candidates could receive money for the general in the primary as long as its accounted for and not spent until the general.