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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Chairperson Thompson  
Members of the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

From: The Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: March 11, 2025

Subject: HB 2054 – Increasing the limits on certain campaign contributions under the campaign finance act and eliminating such limits on contributions to party committees.

House Bill No. 2054 (HB 2054) amends K.S.A. 25-4153 regarding campaign contribution limits. Current law sets annual limits on the contributions that may be made to candidates and party committees.

HB 2054 doubles the contribution limits for contributions made to candidates or candidate committees for primary and general elections. The bill also applies these limits to all individuals and entities other than the candidate or their spouse. The current exemption for party committees is stricken. Under HB 2054 the candidate contribution limits for primary and general elections would be as follows:

- For the Governor/Lt. Governor and each statewide elected office the limit increases from \$2,000 to \$4,000.
- For members of the House of Representatives, district judges, magistrate judges, district attorneys, and candidates for local office the limit increases from \$500 to \$1,000.
- For members of the Senate or the State Board of Education the limit increases from \$1,000 to \$2,000.

HB 2054 also removes the following contribution restrictions from current law:

- Contribution limits on contributions made to party committees.
- Contribution limits on to candidates of the same political party running in a primary election.

The House Committee on Elections amended HB 2054 to remove in-kind contributions by party committees from the contribution limits. Only the payment of moneys to a candidate would be included in the contribution limits for contributions by a party committee to a candidate. Also, a provision was added to the bill to allow for the receipt of contributions for the general election prior to a primary election, provided, the candidate uses an acceptable accounting method to keep primary and general election contributions separate.

HB 2054 passed the House of Representatives on a final action vote of 77-46.

If enacted, HB 2054 would become effective on publication in the Kansas Register.