

{As Amended by House Committee of the Whole}

Session of 2025

HOUSE BILL No. 2054

By Committee on Elections

Requested by Representative Waggoner

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AN ACT concerning elections; relating to campaign contribution limits; increasing the limits on certain campaign contributions; eliminating such limits on contributions to party committees; amending K.S.A. 25-4153 and repealing the existing section.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(c) For the purposes of this section, all contributions made by unemancipated children under 18 years of age shall be considered to be 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, in lieu thereof, a caucus or~~
29 ~~convention of a political party}~~, **or general election**.

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, in lieu thereof, a caucus~~
33 ~~or convention of a political party}~~, **or general election**.

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, in lieu thereof, a~~
36 ~~caucus or convention of a political party}~~, **or general election**.

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.