

1 **CAMPAIGN FINANCE AMENDMENTS**

2 2014 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Brian S. King**

5 Senate Sponsor: _____

7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This bill amends Title 20A, Chapter 11, Campaign and Financial Reporting
10 Requirements, by establishing and enforcing contribution limits.

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

12 This bill:

- 13 ▶ defines terms;
14 ▶ establishes contribution limits;
15 ▶ makes it a class ~~H~~→ [A] B ←~~H~~ misdemeanor to violate the contribution limits described

15a in this

16 bill; and

- 17 ▶ makes technical changes.

18 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

19 None

20 **Other Special Clauses:**

21 None

22 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

23 AMENDS:

24 **20A-11-101**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapters 86, 170, 318, and 420

25 ENACTS:

26 **20A-11-604**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

27 **20A-11-705**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



369 (g) \$50,000 in the aggregate to one or more:

370 (i) registered political parties;

371 (ii) labor organizations; and

372 (iii) political action committees.

373 (2) A political action committee may not make a cash contribution in excess of \$100 in
374 a contribution cycle.

374a **Ĥ→ (3) (a) As used in this Subsection (3), "consumer price index" is as described in Section**
374b **(1)(f)(4), Internal Revenue Code, and defined in Section (1)(f)(5), Internal Revenue Code.**

374c **(b) Beginning on January 1, 2016, the lieutenant governor shall, on an annual basis,**
374d **increase or decrease the dollar amounts described in this section by a percentage equal to the**
374e **percentage difference between the consumer price index for the preceding calendar year and**
374f **the consumer price index for calendar year 2014, rounded to the nearest whole dollar. ←Ĥ**

375 Section 3. Section **20A-11-705** is enacted to read:

376 **20A-11-705. Limits on contributions by corporations.**

377 (1) A corporation may not make contributions totaling more than the following
378 amounts per contribution cycle:

379 (a) \$10,000 to one state office candidate;

380 (b) \$5,000 to one legislative office candidate;

381 (c) \$5,000 to one school board office candidate;

382 (d) \$5,000 to one judge;

383 (e) \$40,000 to one registered political party;

384 (f) \$10,000 to one political action committee; or

385 (g) \$50,000 in the aggregate to one or more:

386 (i) registered political parties;

387 (ii) labor organizations; and

388 (iii) political action committees.

389 (2) A corporation may not make a cash contribution in excess of \$100 in a contribution
390 cycle.

390a **Ĥ→ (3) (a) As used in this Subsection (3), "consumer price index" is as described in Section**
390b **(1)(f)(4), Internal Revenue Code, and defined in Section (1)(f)(5), Internal Revenue Code.**

390c **(b) Beginning on January 1, 2016, the lieutenant governor shall, on an annual basis, increase**
390d **or decrease the dollar amounts described in this section by a percentage equal to the**
390e **percentage difference between the consumer price index for the preceding calendar year and**
390f **the consumer price index for calendar year 2014, rounded to the nearest whole dollar. ←Ĥ**

400 (e) \$40,000 to one registered political party;

401 (f) \$10,000 to one political action committee; or

402 (g) \$50,000 in the aggregate to one or more:

403 (i) registered political parties;

404 (ii) labor organizations; and

405 (iii) political action committees.

406 (3) A labor organization may not make a cash contribution in excess of \$100 in a
407 contribution cycle.

407a **Ĥ→ (4) (a) As used in this Subsection (4), "consumer price index" is as described in Section**
407b **(1)(f)(4), Internal Revenue Code, and defined in Section (1)(f)(5), Internal Revenue Code.**

407c **(b) Beginning on January 1, 2016, the lieutenant governor shall, on an annual basis,**
407d **increase or decrease the dollar amounts described in this section by a percentage equal to the**
407e **percentage difference between the consumer price index for the preceding calendar year and**
407f **the consumer price index for calendar year 2014, rounded to the nearest whole dollar. ←Ĥ**

408 Section 5. Section 20A-11-1701 is enacted to read:

409 **Part 17. Contribution Limits**

410 **20A-11-1701. Title.**

411 This part is known as "Contribution Limits."

412 Section 6. Section 20A-11-1702 is enacted to read:

413 **20A-11-1702. Limits on contributions by an individual.**

414 (1) An individual may not make contributions totaling more than the following
415 amounts per contribution cycle:

416 (a) \$10,000 to one state office candidate;

417 (b) \$5,000 to one legislative office candidate;

418 (c) \$5,000 to one school board office candidate;

419 (d) \$5,000 to one judge;

420 (e) \$40,000 to one registered political party; or

421 (f) \$10,000 to one political action committee.

422 (2) An individual may not make a cash contribution in excess of \$100 in a contribution
423 cycle.

423a **Ĥ→ (3) (a) As used in this Subsection (3), "consumer price index" is as described in Section**
423b **(1)(f)(4), Internal Revenue Code, and defined in Section (1)(f)(5), Internal Revenue Code.**

423c **(b) Beginning on January 1, 2016, the lieutenant governor shall, on an annual basis,**
423d **increase or decrease the dollar amounts described in this section by a percentage equal to**

423e the percentage difference between the consumer price index for the preceding calendar year
423f and the consumer price index for calendar year 2014, rounded to the nearest whole dollar. ←H

424 Section 7. Section **20A-11-1703** is enacted to read:

425 **20A-11-1703. Contribution limit transition.**

426 A person may not make a contribution between May 13, 2014, and December 31, 2014,
427 in excess of one-half of the contribution limits established in Section 20A-11-604,
428 20A-11-705, 20A-11-1504, or 20A-11-1702.

429 Section 8. Section **20A-11-1704** is enacted to read:

430 **20A-11-1704. Penalty for contributions in excess of limit.**

431 (1) A person that makes a contribution in excess of the contribution limits established
432 in Section 20A-11-604, 20A-11-705, 20A-11-1504, 20A-11-1702, or 20A-11-1703 is guilty of
433 a class ~~H~~→ [A] B ←~~H~~ misdemeanor.

434 (2) A person that accepts a contribution in excess of the contribution limits established
435 in Section 20A-11-604, 20A-11-705, 20A-11-1504, 20A-11-1702, or 20A-11-1703 is guilty of
436 a class ~~H~~→ [A] B ←~~H~~ misdemeanor.

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