

SENATE BILL No. 156

By Committee on Ethics, Elections and Local Government

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1 AN ACT concerning campaign finance; relating to contribution limits;
2 increasing contribution limits to senators; amending K.S.A. 2012 Supp.
3 25-4153 and repealing the existing section.
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 25-4153 is hereby amended to read as
7 follows: 25-4153. (a) The aggregate amount contributed to a candidate and
8 such candidate's candidate committee and to all party committees and
9 political committees and dedicated to such candidate's campaign, by any
10 political committee or any person except a party committee, the candidate
11 or the candidate's spouse, shall not exceed the following:

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

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

21 (3) For the office of state senator ~~or member of the state board of~~
22 ~~education, \$1,000, \$1,500~~ for each primary election (or in lieu thereof a
23 caucus or convention of a political party) and an equal amount for each
24 general election.

25 (4) *For the office of member of the state board of education, \$1,000*
26 *for each primary election (or in lieu thereof a caucus or convention of a*
27 *political party) and an equal amount for each general election.*

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

35 (c) For the purposes of this section, all contributions made by
36 unemancipated children under 18 years of age shall be considered to be

1 contributions made by the parent or parents of such children. The total
2 amount of such contribution shall be attributed to a single custodial parent
3 and 50% of such contribution to each of two parents.

4 (d) The aggregate amount contributed to a state party committee by a
5 person other than a national party committee or a political committee shall
6 not exceed \$15,000 in each calendar year; and the aggregate amount
7 contributed to any other party committee by a person other than a national
8 party committee or a political committee shall not exceed \$5,000 in each
9 calendar year.

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

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

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

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

22 (g) The amount contributed by each individual party committee of the
23 same political party other than a national party committee to any candidate
24 for office, for any primary election at which two or more candidates are
25 seeking the nomination of such party shall not exceed the 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 for
28 each primary election (or in lieu thereof a caucus or convention of a
29 political party).

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 for each primary election (or in lieu thereof a caucus or
33 convention of a political party).

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

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

40 (i) 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 in the aggregate exceeds
43 \$100 for any one primary or general election, and no candidate or

1 candidate committee of any candidate shall accept any contribution or
2 contributions in the form of money or currency of the United States which
3 in the aggregate exceeds \$100 from any one person for any one primary or
4 general election.

5 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 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.