

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 750

BY REPRESENTATIVE TUCKER

CAMPAIGN FINANCE: Provides relative to contributions from political committees

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1505.2(H)(7), relative to campaign finance; to provide for  
3 certain limits on contributions from certain political committees; and to provide for  
4 related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 18:1505.2(H)(7) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §1505.2. Contributions; expenditures; certain prohibitions and limitations

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9 H.

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11 (7)(a) The total amount of combined contributions for both the primary and  
12 general elections, from political committees, which may be accepted by a candidate  
13 and his principal and subsidiary campaign committees, shall not exceed the  
14 following aggregate amounts:

- 15 (i) Major office candidates - ~~eighty one hundred sixty~~ one hundred sixty thousand dollars.
- 16 (ii) District office candidates - ~~sixty one hundred twenty~~ one hundred twenty thousand dollars.
- 17 (iii) Other office candidates - ~~twenty forty~~ forty thousand dollars.

1 (b) The provisions of this Paragraph shall not apply to contributions made  
2 by a recognized political party or any committee thereof or to contributions made by  
3 the principal or subsidiary campaign committee of a candidate.

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5 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
6 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
7 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
8 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
9 effective on the day following such approval.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Sets the aggregate PAC limits at \$160,000 for major office candidates, \$120,000 for district office candidates, and \$40,000 for other office candidates.

Present law sets the limits on the combined contributions for both the primary and the general elections that candidates and their campaign committees can accept from political committees, not including recognized political parties. Sets the aggregate PAC limits at \$80,000 for major office candidates, \$60,000 for district office candidates, and \$20,000 for other office candidates

Proposed law increases the aggregate PAC limit to \$160,000 for major office candidates, \$120,000 for district office candidates, and \$40,000 for other office candidates. Proposed law further clarifies that the aggregate PAC limit does not apply to contributions made by a principal or subsidiary campaign committee of a candidate.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 18:1505.2(H)(7))