
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1404 Session of
2015

INTRODUCED BY HARHAI, KOTIK, O'BRIEN, HARKINS, THOMAS, KAVULICH,
MAHONEY, GOODMAN, COHEN, BRIGGS, ROZZI AND McNEILL,
JUNE 28, 2015

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JUNE 28, 2015

AN ACT

1 Amending Titles 15 (Corporations and Unincorporated
2 Associations) and 25 (Elections) of the Pennsylvania
3 Consolidated Statutes, in corporate powers, duties and
4 safeguards, providing for shareholder approval for campaign
5 contributions; and providing for limitations on individual
6 campaign contributions.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Title 15 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
10 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

11 § 1504.1. Shareholder approval for campaign contributions.

12 (a) General rule.--The bylaws of a corporation shall include
13 a provision relating to whether and under what circumstances the
14 corporation may contribute to a campaign finance entity or
15 Federal, State or local election and whether or not approval of
16 the shareholders is required.

17 (b) When contributions prohibited.--A corporation may not
18 contribute to a campaign finance entity or a Federal, State or
19 local election if a majority of the shareholders of the

1 corporation are prohibited by law, contract, corporate bylaw or
2 any other reason from approving the contribution.

3 (c) Exemptions.--The distribution of a news story,
4 commentary, editorial, book or documentary in the ordinary
5 course of business by a corporation incorporated in this
6 Commonwealth shall not be deemed a contribution for the purposes
7 of subsection (a).

8 Section 2. Title 25 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
9 Statutes is amended by adding a part to read:

10 PART VI

11 CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

12 Chapter

13 21. Individuals

14 CHAPTER 21

15 INDIVIDUALS

16 Subchapter

17 A. Preliminary Provisions

18 B. Limitations

19 SUBCHAPTER A

20 PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

21 (Reserved)

22 SUBCHAPTER B

23 LIMITATIONS

24 Sec.

25 2101. Contribution limits.

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27 An individual may not contribute more than:

28 (1) To each candidate or candidate committee, \$2,600 per
29 election.

30 (2) To a national party committee, \$32,400 per calendar

1 year.

2 (3) To a State, district and local party committee,
3 \$10,000 combined per calendar year.

4 (4) To any other political committee, \$5,000 per
5 calendar year.

6 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.