

AN ACT

ENTITLED, An Act to revise certain provisions concerning campaign finance limits.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

Section 1. That § 12-27-7 be amended to read:

12-27-7. A statewide candidate or the candidate's campaign committee may accept contributions during any calendar year as follows:

- (1) Not to exceed four thousand dollars from a person, unless the person is the candidate or a member of the candidate's immediate family, in which case contributions may be made without limit;
- (2) Not to exceed four thousand dollars from an entity;
- (3) Without limit from a political action committee;
- (4) Without limit from a political party; and
- (5) Without limit from a candidate campaign committee.

Any contribution from a ballot question committee is prohibited. A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor. A subsequent offense within a calendar year is a Class 1 misdemeanor.

Section 2. That § 12-27-8 be amended to read:

12-27-8. A legislative or county candidate or the candidate's campaign committee may accept contributions during any calendar year as follows:

- (1) Not to exceed one thousand dollars from a person, unless the person is the candidate or a member of the candidate's immediate family, in which case contributions may be made without limit;
- (2) Not to exceed one thousand dollars from an entity;
- (3) Without limit from a political action committee;
- (4) Without limit from a political party; and

- (5) Without limit from a candidate campaign committee.

Any contribution from a ballot question committee is prohibited. A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor. A subsequent offense within a calendar year is a Class 1 misdemeanor.

Section 3. That § 12-27-9 be amended to read:

12-27-9. A political action committee may accept contributions during any calendar year as follows:

- (1) Not to exceed ten thousand dollars from a person;
- (2) Not to exceed ten thousand dollars from an entity;
- (3) Without limit from a political action committee;
- (4) Without limit from a political party;
- (5) Without limit from a candidate campaign committee; and
- (6) Not to exceed ten thousand dollars from a ballot question committee.

A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor. A subsequent offense within a calendar year is a Class 1 misdemeanor.

Section 4. That § 12-27-10 be amended to read:

12-27-10. A political party may accept contributions during any calendar year as follows:

- (1) Not to exceed ten thousand dollars from a person;
- (2) Not to exceed ten thousand dollars from an entity;
- (3) Without limit from a political action committee;
- (4) Without limit from a political party; and
- (5) Without limit from a candidate campaign committee.

Any contribution from a ballot question committee is prohibited. A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor. A subsequent offense within a calendar year is a Class 1 misdemeanor.

Section 5. That § 12-27-18 be amended to read:

12-27-18. An entity may make independent communication expenditures regarding the placement of a ballot question on the ballot or the adoption or defeat of a ballot question. Any entity making expenditures, equal to or exceeding fifty percent of the entity's annual gross income, for the adoption or defeat of a ballot measure is a ballot question committee. An entity may create a political action committee. A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor. A subsequent offense within a calendar year is a Class 1 misdemeanor.

Section 6. That § 12-27-18.1 be amended to read:

12-27-18.1. A ballot question committee may accept unlimited contributions from a:

- (1) Person;
- (2) Entity that complies with § 12-27-19;
- (3) Political action committee;
- (4) Political party;
- (5) Candidate campaign committee; and
- (6) Ballot question committee.

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I certify that the attached Act
originated in the

SENATE as Bill No. 7

Secretary of the Senate
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President of the Senate

Attest:

Secretary of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Attest:

Chief Clerk

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Chapter No.

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Received at this Executive Office
this ____ day of _____,

20__ at _____ M.

By _____
for the Governor
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The attached Act is hereby
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Governor

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,
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Office of the Secretary of State

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Secretary of State

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Asst. Secretary of State