

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 254

BY REPRESENTATIVE GREEN

CAMPAIGN FINANCE: Increases campaign contribution limit for certain contributions.

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1505.2(H)(1)(a) and (2)(a) and (b) and to repeal R.S.  
3 18:1505.2(H)(2)(c), relative to campaign finance; to provide relative to campaign  
4 contribution limits; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 18:1505.2(H)(1)(a) and (2)(a) and (b) is hereby amended and  
7 reenacted to read as follows:

8 §1505.2. Contributions; expenditures; certain prohibitions and limitations

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10 H.(1)(a) The contribution limit ~~The following contribution limits are~~  
11 ~~established~~ for contributions made to candidates or the principal campaign  
12 committee and any subsidiary committee of a candidate for any office is five  
13 thousand dollars. ~~the following offices:~~

14 (i) ~~Major office - five thousand dollars.~~

15 (ii) ~~District office - two thousand five hundred dollars.~~

16 (iii) ~~Other office - one thousand dollars.~~

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18 (2)(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection,  
19 the contribution limit ~~following contribution limits are established~~ for contributions

1 by political committees supporting or opposing a candidate for any office is five  
2 thousand dollars. ~~the following offices:~~

3 (i) ~~Major office - five thousand dollars.~~

4 (ii) ~~District office - two thousand five hundred dollars.~~

5 (iii) ~~Other office - one thousand dollars.~~

6 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (1) and Subparagraph (2)(a)  
7 of this Subsection, the contribution limit ~~following campaign contribution limits are~~  
8 ~~established~~ for contributions by political committees supporting or opposing a  
9 candidate for any office ~~the following offices~~, if the membership of ~~which~~ the  
10 political committee exceeds two hundred and fifty members as of ~~the~~ December  
11 thirty-first of the preceding calendar year; and ~~additionally provided that~~ at least two  
12 hundred and fifty of the members have each contributed at least fifty dollars to the  
13 political committee during the preceding one-year period, is ten thousand dollars.:

14 (i) ~~Major office - ten thousand dollars.~~

15 (ii) ~~District office - five thousand dollars.~~

16 (iii) ~~Other office - two thousand dollars.~~

17 No contribution in excess of the limits contained in Subparagraph (2)(a) of  
18 this Subsection shall be made by any political committee until such membership  
19 certification is made on the statement of organization form required by this Chapter  
20 and timely submitted to the supervisory committee by the applicable due date. Any  
21 political committee certified under this ~~Paragraph~~ Subparagraph shall notify the  
22 supported candidate in writing at the time any contribution is made under this  
23 ~~Paragraph~~ Subparagraph.

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25 Section 2. R.S. 18:1505.2(H)(2)(c) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

26 Section 3. The provisions of this Act shall be prospective in nature only and shall  
27 apply to contributions made to candidates in elections occurring after January 1, 2023. Any  
28 contribution to a candidate made for an election occurring prior to January 1, 2023, shall be  
29 subject to the contribution limits established in R.S. 18:1505.2(H) as of May 17, 2022.

30 Section 4. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2023.

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**DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Removes differences in campaign contribution limits based on the office sought by the candidate after Jan. 1, 2023.

Present law, applicable to contributions made by persons or political committees other than large political committees, provides that the contribution limit for contributions to candidates or the principal campaign committee and any subsidiary committee of a candidate are as follows:

- (1) Major office - \$5,000.
- (2) District office - \$2,000.
- (3) Other office - \$1,000.

Proposed law changes this contribution limit to \$5,000 regardless of the office sought by the candidate.

Present law, applicable to political committees which have more than 250 members and to which more than 250 members have contributed at least \$50, provides that the contribution limits are as follows:

- (1) Major office - \$10,000.
- (2) District office - \$5,000.
- (3) Other office - \$2,000.

Proposed law changes this contribution limit to \$10,000 regardless of the office sought by the candidate.

Further provides that the change to the contribution limits in proposed law shall prospective only and apply to contributions made to candidates in elections occurring after Jan. 1, 2023. Specify that any contribution to a candidate made for an election occurring prior to Jan. 1, 2023, shall be subject to the contribution limits in present law.

Effective Jan. 1, 2023.

(Amends R.S. 18:1505.2(H)(1)(a) and (2)(a) and (b); Repeals R.S. 18:1505.2(H)(2)(c))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the original bill:

1. Change the effective date from signature of governor to Jan. 1, 2023.

2. Make proposed law prospective and applicable to contributions made to candidates in elections occurring after Jan. 1, 2023, and provide that the limits applicable on May 17, 2022, apply to contributions to candidates in elections occurring prior to Jan. 1, 2023.