

2024 First Extraordinary Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 11

BY REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON

CAMPAIGN FINANCE: Provides that contribution limits are applicable per calendar year rather than per election (Item #8)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1505.2(H)(1)(a)(introductory paragraph) and (c) and  
3 (2)(a)(introductory paragraph), (b)(introductory paragraph), (e), and (f), relative to  
4 campaign contribution limits; to provide for the application of campaign contribution  
5 limits per calendar year; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 18:1505.2(H)(1)(a)(introductory paragraph) and (c) and  
8 (2)(a)(introductory paragraph), (b)(introductory paragraph), (e), and (f) are hereby amended  
9 and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §1505.2. Contributions; expenditures; certain prohibitions and limitations

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12 H.(1)(a) The following contribution limits, which apply per calendar year,  
13 are established for contributions made to candidates or the principal campaign  
14 committee and any subsidiary committee of a candidate for the following offices:

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16 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph,  
17 the contribution limit for contributions made to an unsuccessful major office  
18 candidate, or the principal campaign committee and any subsidiary committee of  
19 such unsuccessful candidate, who does not participate in the general election and for

1 the time period for which such candidate has a deficit for expenditures made through  
2 the day of the primary election, shall be ten thousand dollars per calendar year.

3 (2)(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (1), the following  
4 contribution limits, which apply per calendar year, are established for contributions  
5 by political committees supporting or opposing a candidate for the following offices:

6 \* \* \*

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

16 \* \* \*

17 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection and  
18 Subparagraph ~~(2)(a)~~ (a) of this ~~Subsection~~, Paragraph, the contributions limit for  
19 contributions by political committees to an unsuccessful major office candidate, or  
20 the principal campaign committee and subsidiary committee of such unsuccessful  
21 candidate, who does not participate in the general election and for the time period for  
22 which such candidate has a deficit for expenditures made through the day of the  
23 primary election, shall be ten thousand dollars per calendar year.

24 (f) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection and  
25 Subparagraphs ~~(2)(a)~~ (a) and (b) of this ~~Subsection~~, Paragraph, the contributions  
26 limit for contributions by political committees certified according to the provisions  
27 of Subparagraph ~~(2)(b)~~ (b) of this Paragraph to an unsuccessful major office  
28 candidate, or the principal campaign committee and subsidiary committee of such  
29 unsuccessful candidate, who does not participate in the general election and for the

1 time period for which such candidate has a deficit for expenditures made through the  
2 day of the primary election, shall be twenty thousand dollars per calendar year.

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DIGEST

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Jackson

**Abstract:** Provides that campaign contribution limits apply per calendar year, rather than per election.

Present law (R.S. 18:1505.2) imposes limits on the amount of campaign contributions that a single source may make to a candidate per election in which the candidate participates.

Proposed law changes the application of the limits on campaign contributions from per election to per calendar year.

(Amends 18:1505.2(H)(1)(a)(intro. para.) and (c) and (2)(a)(intro. para.), (b)(intro. para.), (e), and (f))