
DIGEST

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HB 262 Engrossed

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Abstract: Removes differences in campaign contribution limits based on the office sought by the candidate after Jan. 1, 2025.

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 provides that the contribution limit for contributions made by a person or a political committee other than a large political committee to an unsuccessful major office candidate or his campaign committee who does not participate in the general election and for the time period for which such candidate has a deficit for expenditures made through the day of the primary election is \$10,000.

Proposed law repeals present law.

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.

Present law provides that the contribution limit for contributions made by a large political committee to an unsuccessful major office candidate or his campaign committee who does not participate in the general election and for the time period for which such candidate has a deficit for expenditures made through the day of the primary election is \$20,000.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Further provides that the changes to the contribution limits in proposed law are prospective only and apply to contributions made to candidates in elections occurring after Jan. 1, 2025. Specifies that any contribution to a candidate made for an election occurring prior to Jan. 1, 2024, is subject to the contribution limits in present law.

Effective January 1, 2025.

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