

Appendix B: States' Limits on Political Contributions Made Indirectly or Without Identifying the Contributor

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| Alabama | No limit | No limit | If < \$100 | No | Ala. Code, secs. 17-5-7 and 10-2A-70.1 |
| Alaska | \$5,000 per year | \$1,000 per year | No | No | Alaska Stat., secs. 15.13.065 to 15.13.080 |
| Arizona ¹ | No limit | \$5,610 | No | No | Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann., secs. 16-901 ff. and 16-905 |
| Arkansas | \$2,500 per candidate per election ² | Same as limits to a party | If < \$50 | No | Ark. Code Ann., secs. 7-6-201 ff. |
| California | \$25,000 per year for making contributions to support or defeat state candidates; ³ others not limited | \$5,000 per year | If < \$100 | No | Cal. Gov't Code, secs. 85300 ff. |
| Colorado ⁴ | A person may contribute up to \$3,175 per year to a political committee locally, and up to \$2,650 per year at state level | Regular PAC may not take over \$525 per House election cycle \$50 total per year to "small donor committees" | No | No | Colo. Const., Art. 28 |
| Connecticut | No limit | \$375 if a legislative candidate is not establishing the committee; otherwise \$250 | If total < \$100 | No | Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann., secs. 9-601(a) and 9-611 to 9-620 |
| Delaware | \$20,000 limit to party | No provision | No | No | Del. Code Ann., tit. 15, secs. 8010 to 8013 |

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| Florida | No limit | \$500 per election | No | No | Fla. Stat. Ann., sec. 106.08 |
| Georgia | No limit | No limit | No | No | Ga. Code Ann., secs. 21-5-41 to 21-5-43 |
| Hawaii | Total from one person is limited to \$25,000 per 2-year cycle | \$1,000 | No, except in 10 or more contributions at a political event that total < \$500 | No | Haw. Rev. Stat., secs. 11-200 to 11-207 |
| Idaho | No limit | No limit | If < \$50 | No | Idaho Code, sec. 67-6610A |
| Illinois | No limit | No limit | No | No | 10 ILCS 5/9-1 ff. |
| Indiana | No limit | No limit | No | No | Ind. Code, secs. 3-9-2-1 ff. |
| Iowa | No limit | No limit | No | No | Iowa Code Ann., sec. 68A.503 |
| Kansas | \$15,000 | \$5,000 | Up to \$10 per candidate | No | Kans. Stat. Ann., sec. 25-4153 |
| Kentucky | \$2,500 per year per party | \$1,500 total per year | Up to \$50 per candidate | No | Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann., sec. 121.150 |
| Louisiana | No limit | \$100,000 per 4-year period (currently 2007-2010) | No | No | La. Rev. Stat. Ann., secs. 18:1481 to 18:1532 |
| Maine ¹ | No limit | Same as limits to party | Up to \$10 per candidate | No | Me. Rev. Stat. Ann., tit. 21-A, secs. 1001 to 1128 |

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| Maryland | No limit | \$4,000 per PAC per 4-year election cycle | No | No | Md. Elect. Code Ann., sec. 13-226 |
| Massachusetts | \$5,000 | \$500 | Up to \$50 per candidate | No | Mass. Gen. Laws Ann., ch. 55, secs. 6, 6A, 7A, and 8 |
| Michigan | \$20,000 per election cycle | No limit | No | No | Mich. Comp. Laws Ann., secs. 169.252 and 169.252a |
| Minnesota | No limit | No limit | Up to \$20 per candidate | No | Minn. Stat. Ann., sec. 10A.27 |
| Mississippi | No limit | No limit | Up to \$200 per cand. | No | Miss. Code Ann., secs. 23-15-801 ff. and 97-13-15 |
| Missouri | No limit | No limit | Up to \$25 per contributor. All anonymous contributions per year are limited to the greater of \$500 or 1% of the recipient's receipts that year (with an exception for contributions at a political event meeting the law's requirements). | No | Mo. Rev. Stat., secs. 230.031 and 230.110 |
| Montana | No limit | No limit | No | No | Mont. Code Ann., secs. 13-37-216 to 13-37-218 |
| Nebraska | No limit | No limit | No | No | Neb. Rev. Stat., sec. 32-1608 and subsec. 32-1604(3) |

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| Nevada | No limit | No limit | No | No | Nev. Rev. Stat., secs. 294A.100 ff. |
| New Hampshire | \$5,000 if candidate agrees to campaign spending limits, or \$1,000 if candidate does not agree to those limits (excludes contributions from candidate's own funds) | Same as limits on contributions to a party | No | No | N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann., sec. 664:4. Its monetary limits were upheld in <i>Kennedy v. Gardner</i> , No. CV 98-608-M, 1999 WL 814273 (D.N.H. Sept. 30, 1999) (unpublished). |
| New Jersey | \$72,000 to a national party | \$25,000 per PAC | No | No | N.J. Stat. Ann., secs. 19:44A-11.3-11.4 and 19:34-45 |
| New Mexico | No limit | No limit | Up to \$100 per candidate; \$2,000 in a statewide race; \$500 in other race | No | N.M. Stat. Ann., secs. 1-19-1 and 1-19-25 to 1-19-36 |
| New York | No limit | \$94,200 per year | No | No | N.Y. Elec. Law, secs. 14-114 and 14-120 |
| North Carolina | No limit | No limit | No | No | N.C. Gen. Stat., secs. 163-278.6 to 163-278.19 |
| North Dakota | No limit | No limit | No | No | N.D. Cent. Code, sec. 16.1-08.1 |
| Ohio | \$30,000 to any state party per year | \$10,000 per PAC per year | No provision | | Ohio Rev. Code Ann., sec. 3517.102 |
| Oklahoma | No limit | No limit | No provision | No | Okla. Stat. Ann., tit. 21, secs. 187.1 ff. |

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| Oregon | No limit | No limit | No | No | Ore. Rev. Stat., sec. 260.402 |
| Pennsylvania | No limit | No limit | No | No | Pa. Cons. Stat. Ann., tit. 25, secs. 3241 to 3254 |
| Rhode Island | No limit | \$10,000 total per year | No | No | R.I. Gen. Laws, secs. 17-25-10.1 and 17-25-12 |
| South Carolina | No limit | \$500 per PAC per year | No | No | S.C. Code Ann., secs. 8-13-1314 to 8-13-1316 and 8-13-1322 to 8-13-1324 |
| South Dakota | \$10,000 per party per year | \$10,000 per party per year | No | No | S.D. Cod. Laws Ann., secs. 12-27-7 to 12-27-12 |
| Tennessee | \$40,000 | \$61,400 | No provision | | Tenn. Code Ann., secs. 2-10-302, 2-10-306, 2-10-311, and 2-10-312 |
| Texas | No limit | No limit | No | No | Tex. Elec. Code Ann., sec. 253 |
| Utah | No limit | No limit | No provision | | Utah Code Ann., secs. 20A-11-101, 20A-11-202, and 20A-11-301 |
| Vermont ⁵ | \$2,000 | \$2,000 | No provision | | Vt. Stat. Ann., tit. 17, sec. 2805 and <i>Randall vs. Sorrell</i> , 548 U.S. 230, 126 S. Ct. 2479 (2006) |

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| Virginia | No limit | No limit | No provision | | Va. Code Ann., secs. 24.2-900 ff. |
| Washington | No limit | No limit | No | No | Wash. Rev. Code Ann., secs. 42.17.240, 42.17.640, 42.17.645, and 42.17.730; Wash. Adm. Code, sec. 390-05-400 |
| West Virginia | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | No | No | W.Va. Code, sec. 3-8-12 |
| Wisconsin | No limit | No limit | No provision | | Wis. Stat. Ann., secs. 11.01 and 11.31 |
| Wyoming | No limit | No limit | No provision | | Wyo. Stat., sec. 22-25-102 |

Notes

< Means "less than."

1. Arizona candidates participating in "Clean Elections" public financing may not take contributions after qualifying for public funds. Limits listed are for candidates not receiving public financing. Arizona's limits apply per election cycle.
2. Arkansas' limits per election apply separately to the primary and the general election.
3. California imposes limits of \$5,000 per year for making contributions to candidates for elective state office, or \$25,000 per year to a party for making contributions to support or defeat candidates for state office. The latter applies to contributions to a political party used for spending at the behest of a candidate for state office for communications to party members about the candidate's candidacy.
4. The Colorado limits listed are as last adjusted for inflation on April 1, 2007 ("D. Committee Contributions," downloaded Jan. 30, 2009 from Colorado Board of Elections Internet site).
5. Vermont offers full public financing to qualifying candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor. A candidate seeking public funding may not solicit or accept any private contributions except qualifying contributions (Vt. Stat. Ann., tit. 17, sec. 2854). The U.S. Supreme Court in *Randall v. Sorrell*, 548 U.S. 230, 126 S. Ct. 2479 (2006) struck down Vermont's monetary limits on contributions, which had been lowered by a 1997 law. As a result, the limits in effect before 1997 (shown in this Appendix) now apply ("Elections: Campaign Finance," downloaded Feb. 2, 2009 from Vermont Secretary of State's office, Elections Division Internet site).