

HOUSE BILL No. 2213

By Committee on Elections

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1 AN ACT concerning campaign finance; relating to campaign
2 contributions; amending K.S.A. 25-4149 and K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 25-
3 4153 and repealing the existing sections.

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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 25-4149 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-
7 4149. (a) All contributions and other receipts received and expenditures
8 made from and including the January 1 following one general election date
9 until and including the next ensuing primary election date shall be
10 allocated to the primary election on such date. All contributions and other
11 receipts received and expenditures made from midnight on the date of a
12 primary election through and including the December 31 following the
13 date of the next ensuing general election shall be allocated to the general
14 election on such date.

15 (b) For the purposes of allocating, pursuant to subsection (a),
16 contributions to or expenditures by a candidate seeking nomination by
17 convention or caucus or such candidate's candidate committee, the date of
18 such convention or caucus shall be considered the primary election date.

19 (c) *Nothing in this section shall prohibit any candidate from receiving*
20 *contributions from any political committee or any person except a party*
21 *committee, the candidate or the candidate's spouse, for such candidate's*
22 *general election during the primary election period under subsection (a).*
23 *If for any reason, a candidate does not run for a general election for*
24 *which such candidate has received general election contributions during*
25 *the primary election period, such candidate shall return such*
26 *contributions to the contributor.*

27 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 25-4153 is hereby amended to read as
28 follows: 25-4153. (a) The aggregate amount contributed to a candidate and
29 such candidate's candidate committee and to all party committees and
30 political committees and dedicated to such candidate's campaign, by any
31 political committee or any person except a party committee, the candidate
32 or the candidate's spouse, shall not exceed the following:

33 (1) For the pair of offices of governor and lieutenant governor or for
34 other state officers elected from the state as a whole, ~~\$2,000~~ \$4,000 for
35 each primary election (or in lieu thereof a caucus or convention of a
36 political party) and an equal amount for each general election.

1 (2) For the office of member of the house of representatives, district
2 judge, district magistrate judge, district attorney or a candidate for local
3 office, ~~\$500~~ \$1,000 for each primary election (or in lieu thereof a caucus
4 or convention of a political party) and an equal amount for each general
5 election.

6 (3) For the office of state senator or member of the state board of
7 education, ~~\$1,000~~ \$2,500 for each primary election (or in lieu thereof a
8 caucus or convention of a political party) and an equal amount for each
9 general election.

10 (b) For the purposes of this section, the face value of a loan at the end
11 of the period of time allocable to the primary or general election is the
12 amount subject to the limitations of this section. A loan in excess of the
13 limits herein provided may be made during the allocable period if such
14 loan is reduced to the permissible level, when combined with all other
15 contributions from the person making such loan, at the end of such
16 allocable period.

17 (c) For the purposes of this section, all contributions made by
18 unemancipated children under 18 years of age shall be considered to be
19 contributions made by the parent or parents of such children. The total
20 amount of such contribution shall be attributed to a single custodial parent
21 and 50% of such contribution to each of two parents.

22 (d) The aggregate amount contributed to a state party committee by a
23 person other than a national party committee or a political committee shall
24 not exceed \$15,000 in each calendar year; and the aggregate amount
25 contributed to any other party committee by a person other than a national
26 party committee or a political committee shall not exceed \$5,000 in each
27 calendar year.

28 The aggregate amount contributed by a national party committee to a
29 state party committee shall not exceed \$25,000 in any calendar year, and
30 the aggregate amount contributed to any other party committee by a
31 national party committee shall not exceed \$10,000 in any calendar year.

32 The aggregate amount contributed to a party committee by a political
33 committee shall not exceed \$5,000 in any calendar year.

34 (e) Any political funds which have been collected and were not
35 subject to the reporting requirements of this act shall be deemed a person
36 subject to these contribution limitations.

37 (f) Any political funds which have been collected and were subject to
38 the reporting requirements of the campaign finance act shall not be used in
39 or for the campaign of a candidate for a federal elective office.

40 (g) The amount contributed by each individual party committee of the
41 same political party other than a national party committee to any candidate
42 for office, for any primary election at which two or more candidates are
43 seeking the nomination of such party shall not exceed the following:

1 (1) For the pair of offices of governor and lieutenant governor and for
2 each of the other state officers elected from the state as a whole, ~~\$2,000~~
3 ~~\$4,000~~ for each primary election (or in lieu thereof a caucus or convention
4 of a political party).

5 (2) For the office of member of the house of representatives, district
6 judge, district magistrate judge, district attorney or a candidate for local
7 office, ~~\$500~~ ~~\$1,000~~ for each primary election (or in lieu thereof a caucus
8 or convention of a political party).

9 (3) For the office of state senator or member of the state board of
10 education, ~~\$1,000~~ ~~\$2,500~~ for each primary election (or in lieu thereof a
11 caucus or convention of a political party).

12 (h) When a candidate for a specific cycle does not run for office, the
13 contribution limitations of this section shall apply as though the individual
14 had sought office.

15 (i) No person shall make any contribution or contributions to any
16 candidate or the candidate committee of any candidate in the form of
17 money or currency of the United States which in the aggregate exceeds
18 \$100 for any one primary or general election, and no candidate or
19 candidate committee of any candidate shall accept any contribution or
20 contributions in the form of money or currency of the United States which
21 in the aggregate exceeds \$100 from any one person for any one primary or
22 general election.

23 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 25-4149 and K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 25-4153 are hereby
24 repealed.

25 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
26 publication in the statute book.