

As Amended by House Committee

Session of 2024

HOUSE BILL No. 2535

By Committee on Elections

Requested by Representative Waggoner

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1 AN ACT concerning campaign finance; prohibiting the use of
2 cryptocurrency; deleting the prohibition against the use of campaign
3 funds for a candidate for federal office; amending K.S.A. 25-4153 and
4 repealing the existing section.
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6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

7 Section 1. K.S.A. 25-4153 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-
8 4153. (a) The aggregate amount contributed to a candidate and such
9 candidate's candidate committee and to all party committees and political
10 committees and dedicated to such candidate's campaign, by any political
11 committee or any person except a party committee, the candidate or the
12 candidate's spouse, shall not exceed the following:

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

17 (2) For the office of member of the house of representatives, district
18 judge, district magistrate judge, district attorney or a candidate for local
19 office, \$500 for each primary election (or in lieu thereof a caucus or
20 convention of a political party) and an equal amount for each general
21 election.

22 (3) For the office of state senator or member of the state board of
23 education, \$1,000 for each primary election (or in lieu thereof a caucus or
24 convention of a political party) and an equal amount for each general
25 election.

26 (b) For the purposes of this section, the face value of a loan at the end
27 of the period of time allocable to the primary or general election is the
28 amount subject to the limitations of this section. A loan in excess of the
29 limits herein provided may be made during the allocable period if such
30 loan is reduced to the permissible level, when combined with all other
31 contributions from the person making such loan, at the end of such
32 allocable period.

33 (c) For the purposes of this section, all contributions made by
34 unemancipated children under 18 years of age shall be considered to be
35 contributions made by the parent or parents of such children. The total

1 amount of such contribution shall be attributed to a single custodial parent
2 and 50% of such contribution to each of two parents.

3 (d) The aggregate amount contributed to a state party committee by a
4 person other than a national party committee or a political committee shall
5 not exceed \$15,000 in each calendar year; and the aggregate amount
6 contributed to any other party committee by a person other than a national
7 party committee or a political committee shall not exceed \$5,000 in each
8 calendar year.

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

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

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

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

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

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

29 (2) For the office of member of the house of representatives, district
30 judge, district magistrate judge, district attorney or a candidate for local
31 office, \$500 for each primary election (or in lieu thereof a caucus or
32 convention of a political party).

33 (3) For the office of state senator or member of the state board of
34 education, \$1,000 for each primary election (or in lieu thereof a caucus or
35 convention of a political party).

36 ~~(h)~~(g) When a candidate for a specific cycle does not run for office,
37 the contribution limitations of this section shall apply as though the
38 individual had sought office.

39 ~~(i)~~(h) No person shall make any contribution or contributions to any
40 candidate or the candidate committee of any candidate in the form of
41 money or currency of the United States which in the aggregate exceeds
42 \$100 for any one primary or general election, and no candidate or
43 candidate committee of any candidate shall accept any contribution or

1 contributions in the form of money or currency of the United States which
2 in the aggregate exceeds \$100 from any one person for any one primary or
3 general election.

4 *(i) (1) No person shall make or accept any cryptocurrency*
5 *contribution for any candidate or candidate committee.*

6 *(2) No person shall make or accept any cryptocurrency contribution*
7 *for any political committee or party committee.*

8 **(3) No candidate or candidate committee shall hold any campaign**
9 **asset in cryptocurrency.**

10 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 25-4153 is hereby repealed.

11 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
12 publication in the statute book.