

As Amended by House Committee

Session of 2015

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. Any contributions received for the*  
27 **general election during the primary election period may not be**  
28 **expended during the primary election period.**

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

35 (1) For the pair of offices of governor and lieutenant governor or for  
36 other state officers elected from the state as a whole, ~~\$2,000~~ \$4,000 for

1 each primary election (or in lieu thereof a caucus or convention of a  
2 political party) and an equal amount for each general election.

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

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

12 (4) **For the office of any county officer whose district population**  
13 **exceeds 75,000, \$2,500 for each primary election (or in lieu thereof a**  
14 **caucus or convention of a political party) and an equal amount for**  
15 **each general election.**

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

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

28 (d) The aggregate amount contributed to a state party committee by a  
29 person other than a national party committee or a political committee shall  
30 not exceed ~~\$15,000~~ **\$30,000** in each calendar year; and the aggregate  
31 amount contributed to any other party committee by a person other than a  
32 national party committee or a political committee shall not exceed ~~\$5,000~~  
33 **\$10,000** in each calendar year.

34 The aggregate amount contributed by a national party committee to a  
35 state party committee shall not exceed ~~\$25,000~~ **\$50,000** in any calendar  
36 year, and the aggregate amount contributed to any other party committee  
37 by a national party committee shall not exceed ~~\$10,000~~ **\$20,000** in any  
38 calendar year.

39 The aggregate amount contributed to a party committee by a political  
40 committee shall not exceed ~~\$5,000~~ **\$10,000** in any calendar year.

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

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

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

8 (1) For the pair of offices of governor and lieutenant governor and for  
9 each of the other state officers elected from the state as a whole, ~~\$2,000~~  
10 \$4,000 for each primary election (or in lieu thereof a caucus or convention  
11 of a political party).

12 (2) **Except as provided in subsection (g)(4)**, for the office of  
13 member of the house of representatives, district judge, district magistrate  
14 judge, district attorney or a candidate for local office, ~~\$500~~ \$1,000 for each  
15 primary election (or in lieu thereof a caucus or convention of a political  
16 party).

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

20 (4) **For the office of any county officer whose district population**  
21 **exceeds 75,000, \$2,500 for each primary election (or in lieu thereof a**  
22 **caucus or convention of a political party) and an equal amount for**  
23 **each general election.**

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

27 (i) No person shall make any contribution or contributions to any  
28 candidate or the candidate committee of any candidate in the form of  
29 money or currency of the United States which in the aggregate exceeds  
30 \$100 for any one primary or general election, and no candidate or  
31 candidate committee of any candidate shall accept any contribution or  
32 contributions in the form of money or currency of the United States which  
33 in the aggregate exceeds \$100 from any one person for any one primary or  
34 general election.

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

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