

HOUSE BILL No. 2381

By Committee on Appropriations

2-27

1 AN ACT concerning election campaign finance; ~~relating to contributions~~
2 ~~to political committees during legislative sessions;~~ amending K.S.A.
3 ~~2012 Supp. 2013 Supp. 25-4153 and 25-4153a~~ and repealing the
4 existing ~~section~~ **sections**.

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

7 Section 1. K.S.A. ~~2012~~ **2013** Supp. 25-4153a is hereby amended to
8 read as follows: 25-4153a. (a) No registered lobbyist, political committee
9 or person, other than an individual, shall make a contribution after January
10 1 of each year and prior to adjournment sine die of the regular session of
11 the legislature or at any other time in which the legislature is in session to
12 a:

- 13 (1) Legislator;
14 (2) candidate for membership in the legislature;
15 (3) state officer elected on a statewide basis;
16 (4) candidate for state officer elected on a statewide basis; *or*
17 (5) candidate committee of persons described in paragraphs (1)
18 through (4); ~~or~~
19 ~~(6) political committee established by a state committee of any~~
20 ~~political party and designated as a recognized political committee for the~~
21 ~~senate or house of representatives.~~

22 (b) No legislator, officer, candidate or committee described in
23 paragraphs (1) through ~~(6)~~ (5) of subsection (a) shall accept or knowingly
24 solicit any contribution, as defined by K.S.A. 25-4143, and amendments
25 thereto, from any registered lobbyist, political committee or person, other
26 than an individual, during such period of time described in subsection (a),
27 **except that a general public solicitation which does not ~~target~~ solicit a**
28 **specific individual and is distributed via social media shall be**
29 **permissible.**

30 *(c) Subsection (b) shall not apply to acceptance or solicitations of*
31 *contributions on behalf of a political committee established by a state*
32 *committee of any political party and designated as a recognized political*
33 *committee for the senate or house of representatives.*

34 **Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 25-4153 is hereby amended to read as**

1 follows: 25-4153. (a) *The aggregate amount contributed to a candidate*
2 *and such candidate's candidate committee and to all party committees*
3 *and political committees and dedicated to such candidate's campaign, by*
4 *any political committee or any person except a party committee, the*
5 *candidate or the candidate's spouse, shall not exceed the following:*

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

10 (2) *For the office of member of the house of representatives, district*
11 *judge, district magistrate judge, district attorney or a candidate for local*
12 *office, \$500 for each primary election (or in lieu thereof a caucus or*
13 *convention of a political party) and an equal amount for each general*
14 *election.*

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

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

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

31 (d) *The aggregate amount contributed to a state party committee by*
32 *a person other than a national party committee or a political committee*
33 *shall not exceed \$15,000 in each calendar year; and the aggregate*
34 *amount contributed to any other party committee by a person other than*
35 *a national party committee or a political committee shall not exceed*
36 *\$5,000 in each calendar year.*

37 *The aggregate amount contributed by a national party committee to a*
38 *state party committee shall not exceed \$25,000 in any calendar year, and*
39 *the aggregate amount contributed to any other party committee by a*
40 *national party committee shall not exceed \$10,000 in any calendar year.*

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

43 (e) *Any political funds which have been collected and were not*

1 *subject to the reporting requirements of this act shall be deemed a*
2 *person subject to these contribution limitations.*

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

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

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

14 ~~(2) For the office of member of the house of representatives, district~~
15 ~~judge, district magistrate judge, district attorney or a candidate for local~~
16 ~~office, \$500 for each primary election (or in lieu thereof a caucus or~~
17 ~~convention of a political party):~~

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

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

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

32 ~~Sec. 2. 3. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 2013 Supp. 25-4153 and 25-4153a is~~
33 ~~are hereby repealed.~~

34 ~~Sec. 3. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its~~
35 ~~publication in the statute book.~~