

HB 2395 -- CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS LIMITS

SPONSOR: Harris

Beginning January 1, 2017, this bill enacts campaign finance limits to elect individuals as follows:

- (1) The offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, State Auditor, or Attorney General, \$5,000;
- (2) The office of State Senator, \$1,000; and
- (3) The offices of State Representative or to any other office, including judicial office, \$500..

Beginning January 1, 2017, the annual amount of aggregate contributions made by any single contributor in a calendar year to any political party committee shall not exceed \$32,400. The limits in the bill are subject to annual adjustment for inflation using a base rate formula specified in the bill. Every committee is subject to the limits in the bill, however, the bill does not limit the amount of contributions that may be accumulated by a candidate committee and used for expenditures to further the nomination or election of the candidate who controls such candidate committee.

Contributions from an individual under 14 years of age are considered to be made by the his or her parents and shall be attributed toward any contribution limits prescribed in this chapter.

Contributions received and expenditures made before January 1, 2017, shall be reported as a separate account and under the laws in effect at the time such contributions are received or expenditures made. Contributions received and expenditures made after January 1, 2017, shall be reported under the provisions of the bill as a separate account from the other separate account described in this subsection. The account reported under the prior law shall be retained as a separate account and any remaining funds in such account may be used as allowed by law.

Any committee that accepts or gives contributions other than those allowed shall be subject to a surcharge of \$1,000 plus an amount equal to the contribution per non-allowable contribution, to be paid to the Ethics Commission and which shall be transferred to the Director of Revenue, upon notification of such non-allowable contribution by the Ethics Commission, and after the candidate has had 10 business days after receipt of notice to return the contribution to the contributor. The candidate and the candidate committee treasurer or deputy treasurer owing a surcharge shall be

personally liable for the payment of the surcharge or may pay such surcharge only from campaign funds existing on the date of the receipt of notice. Such surcharge shall constitute a debt to the state enforceable under, but not limited to, the provisions of Chapter 143, RSMo.