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## **HB 2443**

Introduced by  
Representatives Powers Hannley: Solorio, Senators Gonzales, Terán

**AN ACT**

**AMENDING SECTIONS 16-912, 16-913, 16-914, 16-915 AND 16-917, ARIZONA  
REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENSES.**

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 16-912, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 16-912. Individual contribution limits; requirements

5 A. An individual may not contribute more than the following amounts  
6 ~~per election cycle~~ AS AN AGGREGATE TOTAL FOR THE COMBINED PRIMARY AND  
7 GENERAL ELECTION:

8 1. ~~Six thousand two hundred fifty dollars~~ \$390 to a candidate  
9 committee for city, town, county or district office.

10 2. ~~Six thousand two hundred fifty dollars~~ \$488 to a candidate  
11 committee for legislative office.

12 3. ~~Six thousand two hundred fifty dollars~~ \$1,010 to a candidate  
13 committee for statewide office.

14 B. An individual may ~~make unlimited contributions to persons other~~  
15 ~~than candidate committees~~ NOT CONTRIBUTE MORE THAN AN AGGREGATE TOTAL OF  
16 \$5,610 IN A CALENDAR YEAR TO STATE AND LOCAL CANDIDATE COMMITTEES AND  
17 POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEES THAT CONTRIBUTE TO CANDIDATE COMMITTEES.

18 C. An individual may only make contributions using personal monies,  
19 except that a contribution from an unemancipated minor child shall be  
20 treated as a contribution by the child's custodial parent or parents.

21 Sec. 2. Section 16-913, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
22 read:

23 16-913. Candidate committee contribution limits; requirements

24 A. A candidate committee shall not make contributions to a  
25 candidate committee for another candidate.

26 B. A candidate committee may transfer unlimited contributions to  
27 any one or more other candidate committees for that same candidate under  
28 the following conditions:

29 1. A candidate committee for a city or town candidate shall not  
30 transfer contributions to that same candidate's committee for a statewide  
31 or legislative office.

32 2. If a candidate committee for a city or town office transfers  
33 contributions to a candidate committee for a county office for that same  
34 candidate, the candidate committee for the county office shall not  
35 transfer contributions to a statewide or legislative candidate committee  
36 for that same candidate during the twenty-four months immediately  
37 following that transfer of contributions to the county candidate  
38 committee.

39 3. Contributions originally made to the transferring candidate  
40 committee are deemed to be contributions to the receiving candidate  
41 committee. On transfer, an individual's aggregate contributions to both  
42 candidate committees during the election cycle shall not exceed the  
43 individual's contribution limit for that candidate.

1 C. A CANDIDATE COMMITTEE SHALL NOT ACCEPT CONTRIBUTIONS FROM ALL  
2 POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEES OTHER THAN A POLITICAL PARTY AS AN AGGREGATE  
3 TOTAL FOR THE COMBINED PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTION IN MORE THAN THE  
4 FOLLOWING AMOUNTS:

5 1. \$10,020 TO A CANDIDATE COMMITTEE FOR CITY, TOWN, COUNTY OR  
6 DISTRICT OFFICE.

7 2. \$16,150 TO A CANDIDATE COMMITTEE FOR LEGISLATIVE OFFICE.

8 3. \$100,110 TO A CANDIDATE FOR STATEWIDE OFFICE.

9 D. A CANDIDATE COMMITTEE FOR A CANDIDATE THAT IS A POLITICAL PARTY  
10 NOMINEE SHALL NOT ACCEPT CONTRIBUTIONS AS AN AGGREGATE TOTAL FOR THE  
11 COMBINED PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTION FROM A POLITICAL PARTY IN MORE THAN  
12 THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS:

13 1. \$10,020 TO A CANDIDATE COMMITTEE FOR AN OFFICE OTHER THAN A  
14 STATEWIDE OFFICE.

15 2. \$100,110 TO A CANDIDATE COMMITTEE FOR A STATEWIDE OFFICE.

16 ~~E.~~ E. A candidate committee shall not knowingly accept  
17 contributions in excess of the contribution limits prescribed by law. A  
18 candidate committee that unknowingly accepts an excess contribution shall  
19 refund or reattribute any excess contribution within sixty days after  
20 receipt of the contribution. A candidate committee may reattribute an  
21 excess contribution only if both of the following apply:

22 1. The excess contribution was received from an individual  
23 contributor.

24 2. The individual contributor authorizes the candidate committee to  
25 reattribute the excess amount to another individual who was identified as  
26 a joint account holder in the original instrument used to make the excess  
27 contribution.

28 ~~F.~~ F. A candidate committee may accept contributions only from an  
29 individual, ~~a partnership,~~ a candidate committee, a political action  
30 committee or a political party.

31 ~~G.~~ G. A candidate committee may make unlimited contributions to a  
32 ~~person other than a candidate's committee~~ POLITICAL PARTY OR TO POLITICAL  
33 ACTION COMMITTEES THAT MAKE ONLY INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES.

34 ~~F.~~ H. A candidate may contribute unlimited personal monies to the  
35 candidate's own candidate committee.

36 Sec. 3. Section 16-914, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
37 read:

38 16-914. Political action committee contribution limits;  
39 requirements

40 A. A political action committee without mega PAC status may not  
41 contribute more than the following amounts ~~per election cycle~~ AS AN  
42 AGGREGATE TOTAL FOR THE COMBINED PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTION:

43 1. ~~Six thousand two hundred fifty dollars~~ \$390 to a candidate  
44 committee for city, town, county or district office.

1           2. ~~Six thousand two hundred fifty dollars~~ \$488 to a candidate  
2 committee for legislative office.

3           3. ~~Six thousand two hundred fifty dollars~~ \$1,010 to a candidate  
4 committee for statewide office.

5           B. A political action committee with mega PAC status may contribute  
6 ~~twice the amounts prescribed in subsection A of this section per election~~  
7 ~~cycle~~ AS AN AGGREGATE TOTAL FOR THE COMBINED PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTION  
8 NOT MORE THAN THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS if the political action committee  
9 provides the recipient candidate committee a copy of the political action  
10 committee's certification of mega PAC status:

11           1. \$2,000 TO A CANDIDATE COMMITTEE FOR AN ELECTION OTHER THAN AN  
12 ELECTION FOR A STATEWIDE OFFICE.

13           2. \$5,010 TO A CANDIDATE COMMITTEE FOR AN ELECTION FOR A STATEWIDE  
14 OFFICE.

15           C. A political action committee may only contribute to a candidate  
16 committee using monies contributed by an individual, ~~a partnership~~, a  
17 candidate committee, a political action committee or a political party.

18           D. A political action committee may make unlimited contributions to  
19 ~~persons other than candidate committees~~ A POLITICAL PARTY AND TO POLITICAL  
20 ACTION COMMITTEES THAT MAKE ONLY INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES.

21           Sec. 4. Section 16-915, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
22 read:

23           16-915. Political party contribution limits; requirements

24           A. A political party may not contribute more than the following  
25 amounts ~~per election cycle~~ AS AN AGGREGATE TOTAL FOR THE COMBINED PRIMARY  
26 AND GENERAL ELECTION:

27           1. ~~Ten thousand dollars~~ \$10,020 to the party's nominee for a city,  
28 town, county or district office.

29           2. ~~Ten thousand dollars~~ \$10,020 to the party's nominee for  
30 legislative office.

31           3. ~~One hundred thousand dollars~~ \$110,000 to the party's nominee for  
32 statewide office.

33           B. A political party may only contribute to nominees using monies  
34 contributed by an individual, ~~a partnership~~, a candidate committee, a  
35 political action committee or a political party.

36           C. A political party shall not contribute to candidate committees  
37 other than nominees.

38           D. A political party may make unlimited contributions to persons  
39 other than candidate committees and nominees.

40           Sec. 5. Section 16-917, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
41 read:

42           16-917. Partnership contributions

43           A. A partnership may not contribute MONIES IN THE NAME OF THE  
44 PARTNERSHIP. ~~more than the following amounts per election cycle:~~

- 1           ~~1. Six thousand two hundred fifty dollars to a candidate committee~~  
2 ~~for city, town, county or district office.~~  
3           ~~2. Six thousand two hundred fifty dollars to a candidate committee~~  
4 ~~for legislative office.~~  
5           ~~3. Six thousand two hundred fifty dollars to a candidate committee~~  
6 ~~for statewide office.~~  
7           ~~B. A partnership may make unlimited contributions to persons other~~  
8 ~~than candidate committees.~~  
9           ~~C. Partnership contributions are subject to the following:~~  
10           ~~1.~~ B. Partnership contributions shall be attributed to each  
11 contributing partner as designated by the partnership. The partnership  
12 shall provide the recipient committee written notice identifying the  
13 contributing partners and the amount attributed to each.  
14           ~~2.~~ C. Partnership contributions shall count against ~~both the~~  
15 ~~partnership's~~ and the individual partners' contribution limits to a  
16 recipient. The portion attributed to each partner shall be aggregated  
17 with the individual partner's nonpartnership contributions to that  
18 recipient and shall not exceed the individual partner's contribution  
19 limit.  
20           ~~3.~~ D. The partnership shall not attribute any contribution to a  
21 partner that is a corporation, limited liability company or labor  
22 organization.  
23           ~~4. Partnership contributions need not be accompanied by the~~  
24 ~~signature of each contributing partner.~~  
25           ~~D. A partnership may establish a separate segregated fund as~~  
26 ~~prescribed in section 16-916.~~