

WAGNER CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM LEGISLATION**2011-12 SESSION****Contribution Limits**

1. Aggregate contributions for an entire election cycle from an individual to a candidate (or campaign committee) for General Assembly, court of common pleas or any county or local office may not exceed \$500 per election. Contributions from an individual for an entire election cycle to a candidate (or campaign committee) for statewide office may not exceed the limit contained in the Federal Election Campaign Act (currently \$2,400).
2. Aggregate contributions from a political action committee (PAC) to candidates for statewide office, General Assembly, county office, local office or court of common pleas would be limited based on the number of donors to the PAC. Limits per PAC as follows: 10 or fewer donors -- \$1,000 limit; from 11-50 donors -- \$2,000 limit; from 51-100 donors -- \$3,000 limit; from 101-1,000 donors -- \$4,000; 1,001 or more donors -- \$5,000 limit. A donor is counted only once regardless of the number of donations.
3. Aggregate contributions from an individual, a candidate's political action committee, or a political action committee to a political action committee are limited to \$5,000 per year.
4. Aggregate contributions from an individual, a candidate's political committee, or a political action committee to a political party committee are limited to \$10,000 per year.
5. A candidate (or candidate committee) for statewide office is limited to accepting \$250,000 in aggregate contributions from all political party committees combined, including caucus committees, during an election cycle. A candidate for General Assembly, county office, local office or court of common pleas is limited to accepting \$100,000 in aggregate contributions from all political party committees combined during an election cycle.
6. Combined aggregate political contributions from an individual to all candidates, campaign committees, political action committees and political party committees shall not exceed \$25,000 per year (excluding federal candidates).

These limits will increase in odd-numbered years in accordance with the Federal Election Campaign Act. Any contribution made to a prospective candidate during a year in which the candidate is not seeking election will be counted toward the limits applicable to the year in which the candidate is seeking election.

A contribution is attributed to both the original source of the contribution and to any intermediary or conduit, if the intermediary or conduit exercises any direction of the making of the contribution or solicits the contribution or arranges for the contribution to be made – with certain exceptions.

Other Provisions

1. Prohibits campaign funds from being used for personal use.
2. Requires the name of any political action committee to contain the name of the sponsoring organization.
3. Prohibits political contributions from business partnerships; corporate contributions are already banned.
4. Expands on the Election Code to require a business entity receiving any contract from the state or its political subdivisions of \$50,000 or more to submit an itemized list of all political contributions by officers, directors, associates, partners, limited partners, or individual owners (and in some cases their families). The report must list the amount of the contract and describe the service provided and the location.
5. Requires the name, address and employer to be listed on all campaign expense reports for contributors who give more than \$100 (current limit is \$250). Requires the names and addresses of contributors from a single fundraising event raising \$1,000 or more.
6. Increases the fine for the late filing of campaign finance reports to \$20/day. There will be no limit on the total accumulated fine.
7. Require General Assembly candidates to file two additional campaign expense reports – sixth Tuesday pre-election in the primary and the sixth Tuesday pre-election in the general.