

# STATE OF MONTANA POLITICAL CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS SUMMARY

Applicable as of October 1, 2021 (Senate Bill 224, passed by the 2021 Montana Legislature)

This guide is just a summary - for complete requirements, see [Title 13, Chapters 35](#) and [37, MCA](#).

## CANDIDATE

To Own Campaign.....No Limit

## INDIVIDUAL Human Being

To a Political Party Committee.....No Limit

To a Political Action Committee.....No Limit

To a Ballot Issue Committee.....No Limit

To candidates for Governor/Lt. Governor..... \$1,000 per election

To a candidate for Other Statewide Office\* .....\$700 per election

To a candidate for Other Public Office\*\* .....\$400 per election

## POLITICAL COMMITTEE

To a Political Party Committee.....No Limit

To a Political Action Committee.....No Limit

To a Ballot Issue Committee.....No Limit

## POLITICAL COMMITTEES (Excludes Political Party Committees)

To candidates for Governor/Lt. Governor..... \$1,000 per election

To a candidate for Other Statewide Office\* ..... \$700 per election

To a candidate for Other Public Office\*\* ..... \$400 per election

## POLITICAL PARTY COMMITTEE Aggregate Limits from ALL political party committees

*Please Note: Political Party Committees may not contribute to candidates for judicial offices (i.e. Supreme Court Justice, District Judge, Justice of the Peace).*

*A political party committee may endorse a candidate for judicial office and make an independent expenditure relating to such an election. See Sanders County Republican Party v. Bullock, 698 F3d 741 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir, 2012).*

***See also personnel services exception [ARM 44.11.225 \(3\)](#).***

To candidates for Governor/Lt. Governor..... \$100,000 per election

To a candidate for Other Statewide Office\* ..... \$75,000 per election

To a candidate for Public Service Commission..... \$15,000 per election

To a candidate for State Senate..... \$3,000 per election

To a candidate for Other Public Office\*\* ..... \$2,000 per election

## CORPORATION OR UNION

May *not* contribute directly or indirectly to a candidate, [13-35-227, MCA](#).

*\*Other Statewide Office: Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Auditor, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Supreme Court Justice, Clerk of the Supreme Court*

*\*\* Examples of Other Public Office: State District—Public Service Commissioner, State Senate, State House, and District Judge County—All County elected Officials, City—All City elected officials School— All School District Trustees*