Contribution limits apply per election, which means that fundraising for the primary election and for the general election must be completely separate, and a candidate must therefore establish separate bank accounts for each election.

GENERAL

Because these are separate elections, a candidate must properly report each contribution received as either a primary or general contribution, and the money raised for each election must be kept in separate campaign accounts.

CONTESTED PRIMARY

MCA 13-37-216(5), “… election means the general election or primary election that involves two or more candidates for the same nomination. If there is not a contested primary, there is only one election to which the contribution limits apply. If there is a contested primary, then there are two elections to which the contribution limits apply.”