

STATE OF MONTANA POLITICAL CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION

LIMITS SUMMARY – applicable to 2016 campaigns

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 \$1,990 per election cycle
- To candidates for Other Statewide Office* \$990 per election cycle
- To a candidate for District Court Judge, PSC and State Senate \$530 per election cycle
- To a candidate for Other Public Office**, Including House of Representatives \$330 per election cycle

POLITICAL COMMITTEE

To a Political Party Committee No Limit

To a Political Action Committee No Limit

To a Ballot Issue Committee No Limit

INDEPENDENT POLITICAL COMMITTEES (*PAC*)

- To candidates for Governor/Lt. Governor \$10,610 per election cycle
- To candidates for Other Statewide Office* \$2,650 per election cycle
- To a candidate for PSC \$1,330 per election cycle
- To a candidate for State Senate \$800 per election cycle
- To a candidate for Other Public Office, Including House of Representatives, District Court Judges, and local offices \$400 per election cycle

Aggregate PAC Limits for Legislative Candidates for the 2016 elections

To a candidate for State Senate \$2,800

To a candidate for State House \$1,700

POLITICAL PARTY COMMITTEE

On May 25, 2016 the Court issued its partial stay of its May 17, 2016 Order, thereby restoring existing limits for political party committees for the 2016 elections. Those limits were and are (44.11.227 ARM):

- To candidates for Governor/Lt. Governor \$23,850 per election cycle
- To candidates for Other Statewide Office* \$8,600 per election cycle
- To a candidate for PSC \$3,450 per election cycle
- To a candidate for State Senate \$1,400 per election cycle
- To all Elected Offices \$850 per election cycle

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