

# STATE OF MONTANA POLITICAL CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS SUMMARY – applicable to 2020 and 2021 elections September 21, 2019

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..... \$710 per election

To a candidate for Other Statewide Office\* .....\$360 per election

To a candidate for Other Public Office\*\* .....\$180 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 ACTION COMMITTEE (PAC)

To candidates for Governor/Lt. Governor..... \$710 per election

To a candidate for Other Statewide Office\* ..... \$360 per election

To a candidate for Other Public Office\*\* ..... \$180 per election

## AGGREGATE PAC LIMITS FOR LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES

To a candidate for State Senate.....\$3,050

To a candidate for State House.....\$1,850

## 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..... \$25,600per election

To a candidate for Other Statewide Office\* ..... \$9,250 per election

To a candidate for Public Service Commission..... \$3,700 per election

To a candidate for State Senate..... \$1,500 per election

To a candidate for Other Public Office\*\* ..... \$900 per election

*Excluding PSC and State Senate*

## 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*