
DIGEST

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HB 254 Engrossed

2022 Regular Session

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Abstract: Removes differences in campaign contribution limits based on the office sought by the candidate after Jan. 1, 2023.

Present law, applicable to contributions made by persons or political committees other than large political committees, provides that the contribution limit for contributions to candidates or the principal campaign committee and any subsidiary committee of a candidate are as follows:

- (1) Major office - \$5,000.
- (2) District office - \$2,000.
- (3) Other office - \$1,000.

Proposed law changes this contribution limit to \$5,000 regardless of the office sought by the candidate.

Present law, applicable to political committees which have more than 250 members and to which more than 250 members have contributed at least \$50, provides that the contribution limits are as follows:

- (1) Major office - \$10,000.
- (2) District office - \$5,000.
- (3) Other office - \$2,000.

Proposed law changes this contribution limit to \$10,000 regardless of the office sought by the candidate.

Further provides that the change to the contribution limits in proposed law shall prospective only and apply to contributions made to candidates in elections occurring after Jan. 1, 2023. Specify that any contribution to a candidate made for an election occurring prior to Jan. 1, 2023, shall be subject to the contribution limits in present law.

Effective Jan. 1, 2023.

(Amends R.S. 18:1505.2(H)(1)(a) and (2)(a) and (b); Repeals R.S. 18:1505.2(H)(2)(c))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the original bill:

1. Change the effective date from signature of governor to Jan. 1, 2023.
2. Make proposed law prospective and applicable to contributions made to candidates in elections occurring after Jan. 1, 2023, and provide that the limits applicable on May 17, 2022, apply to contributions to candidates in elections occurring prior to Jan. 1, 2023.