2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 254

BY REPRESENTATIVE GREEN

CAMPAIGN FINANCE: Increases campaign contribution limit for certain contributions.

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1505.2(H)(1)(a) and (2)(a) and (b) and to repeal R.S. 18:1505.2(H)(2)(c), relative to campaign finance; to provide relative to campaign contribution limits; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 18:1505.2(H)(1)(a) and (2)(a) and (b) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1505.2. Contributions; expenditures; certain prohibitions and limitations

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H.(1)(a) The contribution limit ~~The following contribution limits are established~~ for contributions made to candidates or the principal campaign committee and any subsidiary committee of a candidate for any office is five thousand dollars. ~~the following offices:~~

~~(i) Major office - five thousand dollars.~~

~~(ii) District office - two thousand five hundred dollars.~~

~~(iii) Other office - one thousand dollars.~~

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(2)(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, the contribution limit ~~following contribution limits are established~~ for contributions

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by political committees supporting or opposing a candidate for any office is five thousand dollars. ~~the following offices:~~

~~(i) Major office - five thousand dollars.~~

~~(ii) District office - two thousand five hundred dollars.~~

~~(iii) Other office - one thousand dollars.~~

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (1) and Subparagraph (2)(a) of this Subsection, the contribution limit ~~following campaign contribution limits are established~~ for contributions by political committees supporting or opposing a candidate for any office ~~the following offices~~, if the membership of ~~which~~ the political committee exceeds two hundred and fifty members as of ~~the~~ December thirty-first of the preceding calendar year~~;~~ and ~~additionally provided that~~ at least two hundred and fifty of the members have each contributed at least fifty dollars to the political committee during the preceding one-year period, is ten thousand dollars.~~:~~

~~(i) Major office - ten thousand dollars.~~

~~(ii) District office - five thousand dollars.~~

~~(iii) Other office - two thousand dollars.~~

No contribution in excess of the limits contained in Subparagraph (2)(a) of this Subsection shall be made by any political committee until such membership certification is made on the statement of organization form required by this Chapter and timely submitted to the supervisory committee by the applicable due date. Any political committee certified under this ~~Paragraph~~ Subparagraph shall notify the supported candidate in writing at the time any contribution is made under this ~~Paragraph~~ Subparagraph.

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Section 2. R.S. 18:1505.2(H)(2)(c) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

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1 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
2 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Relative to campaign finance, removes differences in campaign contribution limits based on the office sought by the candidate.

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.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

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

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