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1 AN ACT Relating to campaign contribution limitations; and amending  
2 RCW 42.17.640.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 42.17.640 and 1993 c 2 s 4 (Initiative Measure No.  
5 134) are each amended to read as follows:

6 (1) No person, other than a bona fide political party or a caucus  
7 of the state legislature, may make contributions to a candidate for a  
8 state legislative office that in the aggregate exceed five hundred  
9 dollars or to a candidate for a state office other than a state  
10 legislative office that in the aggregate exceed one thousand dollars  
11 for each election in which the candidate is on the ballot or appears as  
12 a write-in candidate. Contributions made with respect to a primary may  
13 not be made after the date of the primary. Contributions made with  
14 respect to a general election may not be made after the final day of  
15 the applicable election cycle.

16 (2) No person, other than a bona fide political party or a caucus  
17 of the state legislature, may make contributions to a state official  
18 against whom recall charges have been filed, or to a political  
19 committee having the expectation of making expenditures in support of

1 the recall of the state official, during a recall campaign that in the  
2 aggregate exceed five hundred dollars if for a state legislative office  
3 or one thousand dollars if for a state office other than a state  
4 legislative office.

5 (3)(a) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, no bona fide  
6 political party or caucus of the state legislature may make  
7 contributions to a candidate during an election cycle that in the  
8 aggregate exceed (i) fifty cents multiplied by the number of eligible  
9 registered voters in the jurisdiction from which the candidate is  
10 elected if the contributor is a caucus of the state legislature or the  
11 governing body of a state organization, or (ii) twenty-five cents  
12 multiplied by the number of registered voters in the jurisdiction from  
13 which the candidate is elected if the contributor is a county central  
14 committee or a legislative district committee.

15 (b) No candidate may accept contributions from a county central  
16 committee or a legislative district committee during an election cycle  
17 that when combined with contributions from other county central  
18 committees or legislative district committees would in the aggregate  
19 exceed twenty-five cents times the number of registered voters in the  
20 jurisdiction from which the candidate is elected.

21 (4)(a) Notwithstanding subsection (2) of this section, no bona fide  
22 political party or caucus of the state legislature may make  
23 contributions to a state official against whom recall charges have been  
24 filed, or to a political committee having the expectation of making  
25 expenditures in support of the state official, during a recall campaign  
26 that in the aggregate exceed (i) fifty cents multiplied by the number  
27 of eligible registered voters in the jurisdiction entitled to recall  
28 the state official if the contributor is a caucus of the state  
29 legislature (~~(of the~~) or the governing body of a state organization,  
30 or (ii) twenty-five cents multiplied by the number of registered voters  
31 in the jurisdiction from which the candidate is elected if the  
32 contributor is a county central committee or a legislative district  
33 committee.

34 (b) No state official against whom recall charges have been filed,  
35 no authorized committee of the official, and no political committee  
36 having the expectation of making expenditures in support of the recall  
37 of a state official may accept contributions from a county central  
38 committee or a legislative district committee during an election cycle  
39 that when combined with contributions from other county central

1 committees or legislative district committees would in the aggregate  
2 exceed twenty-five cents multiplied by the number of registered voters  
3 in the jurisdiction from which the candidate is elected.

4 (5) Notwithstanding subsections (1) through (4) of this section, no  
5 person (~~other than an individual~~), bona fide political party, or  
6 caucus of the state legislature may make contributions reportable under  
7 this chapter to a caucus of the state legislature that in the aggregate  
8 exceed five hundred dollars in a calendar year or to a bona fide  
9 political party that in the aggregate exceed two thousand five hundred  
10 dollars in a calendar year. This subsection does not apply to loans  
11 made in the ordinary course of business.

12 (6) For the purposes of RCW 42.17.640 through 42.17.790, a  
13 contribution to the authorized political committee of a candidate, or  
14 of a state official against whom recall charges have been filed, is  
15 considered to be a contribution to the candidate or state official.

16 (7) A contribution received within the twelve-month period after a  
17 recall election concerning a state office is considered to be a  
18 contribution during that recall campaign if the contribution is used to  
19 pay a debt or obligation incurred to influence the outcome of that  
20 recall campaign.

21 (8) The contributions allowed by subsection (2) of this section are  
22 in addition to those allowed by subsection (1) of this section, and the  
23 contributions allowed by subsection (4) of this section are in addition  
24 to those allowed by subsection (3) of this section.

25 (9) RCW 42.17.640 through 42.17.790 apply to a special election  
26 conducted to fill a vacancy in a state office. However, the  
27 contributions made to a candidate or received by a candidate for a  
28 primary or special election conducted to fill such a vacancy shall not  
29 be counted toward any of the limitations that apply to the candidate or  
30 to contributions made to the candidate for any other primary or  
31 election.

32 (10) Notwithstanding the other subsections of this section, no  
33 corporation or business entity not doing business in Washington state,  
34 no labor union with fewer than ten members who reside in Washington  
35 state, and no political committee that has not received contributions  
36 of ten dollars or more from at least ten persons registered to vote in  
37 Washington state during the preceding one hundred eighty days may make  
38 contributions reportable under this chapter to a candidate, to a state  
39 official against whom recall charges have been filed, or to a political

1 committee having the expectation of making expenditures in support of  
2 the recall of the official. This subsection does not apply to loans  
3 made in the ordinary course of business.

4 (11) Notwithstanding the other subsections of this section, no  
5 county central committee or legislative district committee may make  
6 contributions reportable under this chapter to a candidate, state  
7 official against whom recall charges have been filed, or political  
8 committee having the expectation of making expenditures in support of  
9 the recall of a state official if the county central committee or  
10 legislative district committee is outside of the jurisdiction entitled  
11 to elect the candidate or recall the state official.

12 (12) No person may accept contributions that exceed the  
13 contribution limitations provided in this section.

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