

HOUSE BILL 41

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING VOLUNTARY
5 CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURE LIMITS FOR CANDIDATES; AND AMENDING
6 SECTION 13-37-216, MCA."

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8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

9 **Section 1.** Section 13-37-216, MCA, is amended to read:

10 "13-37-216. Limitations on contributions. (1) Aggregate
11 contributions for all elections in a campaign by an
12 individual, other than the candidate, to a candidate and
13 political committees organized on his behalf are limited as
14 follows:

15 (a) for candidates filed jointly for the office of
16 governor and lieutenant governor, not to exceed \$1,500;

17 (b) for a candidate to be elected for state office in a
18 statewide election, other than the candidates for governor
19 and lieutenant governor, not to exceed \$750;

20 (c) for a candidate for public service commissioner,
21 district court judge, or state senator, not to exceed \$400;
22 and

23 (d) for a candidate for any other public office, not to
24 exceed \$250.

25 (2) For the purposes of this subsection, an independent

1 committee means a committee which is not specifically
2 organized on behalf of a particular candidate or which is
3 not controlled either directly or indirectly by a candidate
4 or candidate's committee and which does not act jointly with
5 a candidate or candidate's committee in conjunction with the
6 making of expenditures or accepting contributions. For the
7 purpose of limitation on contributions, political party
8 organizations are independent committees. Aggregate
9 contributions by an independent committee to a candidate and
10 political committees organized on his behalf for all
11 elections in a campaign are limited as follows:

12 (a) for candidates filed jointly for the offices of
13 governor and lieutenant governor, not to exceed \$8,000;

14 (b) for a candidate to be elected for state office in a
15 statewide election, other than the candidates for governor
16 and lieutenant governor, not to exceed \$2,000;

17 (c) for a candidate for public service commissioner,
18 not to exceed \$1,000;

19 (d) for a candidate for the state senate, not to exceed
20 \$600;

21 (e) for a candidate for any other public office, not to
22 exceed \$300.

23 (3) In a year in which an election is held for the
24 Montana house of representatives and senate, unless special
25 circumstances such as a physical disability of a candidate

1 are present, a candidate is encouraged to voluntarily agree
2 with other candidates for that office that expenditures will
3 not be made for the general election by the candidate, by
4 the principal campaign committee of the candidate, or
5 otherwise on behalf of the candidate that result in an
6 aggregate amount in excess of \$10,000 for a senate election
7 and \$5,000 for a house election. Prior to the 1992 primary
8 election and prior to each succeeding primary election, the
9 commissioner of political practices shall multiply the
10 amounts contained in this subsection by the consumer price
11 index as determined by the bureau of labor statistics of the
12 United States department of labor for each calendar year
13 since 1990 and shall publish the new voluntary limitations
14 as a rule.

15 ~~(3)~~(4) The mandatory limitations imposed by this
16 section do not apply to public funds contributed to a
17 candidate under part 3 of this chapter."

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