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MEMORANDUM

To: All Active Campaign Committees

From: Curt Mayhew, Campaign Finance Administrator

Date: 7 November 2011

RE: Special Campaign Finance Reporting Requirements

This memo is being sent to notify all active Statewide and General Assembly candidate campaign committees whose candidate *may* submit petitions for election in 2012, that an additional reporting requirement, prescribed by R.C. 3517.109, will be due on 14 December 2011 for partisan races (i.e. state senate, state representative) or 15 August 2012 for nonpartisan races (state board of education). A comprehensive packet detailing this special filing requirement is enclosed.

This requirement does not apply to campaign committees of 2012 candidates for Justice of the Supreme Court or for Judge of the Court of Appeals.

In an effort to give adequate advance notice, I am sending this notice to all active, potentially affected, campaign committees on file with this office. Some officeholders may file for an office which is different from the one currently held, may file for re-election or may not file for the nomination to any office. **Only campaign committees of candidates who will file petitions for a statewide office or office of member of the general assembly need to file this special report for the 2012 election.**

Please feel free to contact myself or Kelly Neer with any question regarding this or any other campaign finance issue.

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Special Campaign Finance Reporting Requirements

**2012 General Assembly and State Board of
Education Candidates**

**Declaration of Filing-Day Finances Report
Permissive Funds Report**

R.C. 3517.109

FILING DEADLINE:

December 14, 2011 for campaign committees of candidates for the office of
member of the General Assembly

August 15, 2012 for campaign committees of candidates for the office of *State
Board of Education*

OVERVIEW

Campaign committees of candidates running for state office – member of the General Assembly or State Board of Education – in the year 2012 must file a statement indicating the status of their finances in preparation for the 2012 campaign. These statements include the *Declaration of Filing-Day Finances*, the *Waiver of Declaration of Filing-Day Finances* and the *Permissive Funds Report*. The *Declaration of Filing-Day Finances* and the *Permissive Funds Report* are two different reports and separate tests should be conducted to determine which report may be required. Form 31-W is the cover page for both reports.

Please pay particular attention to determining the pre-filing period, as this date range has important implications for both reports and the *Waiver*.

A campaign committee should first check to see if it qualifies for the *Waiver from the Declaration of Filing-Day Finances*. The ability to file the *Waiver* allows the committee to avoid filing the more involved *Declaration of Filing-Day Finances* and *Permissive Funds* statements.

ABOUT THE DECLARATION OF FILING-DAY FINANCES

The campaign committee of a candidate for state office – member of the General Assembly or State Board of Education – in 2012, must file a *Declaration of Filing-Day Finances Report* **or** a *Waiver* within seven days following the petition-filing deadline. For partisan candidates, the **petition-filing** deadline is **December 7, 2011**. The petition-filing deadline for State Board of Education candidates is **August 8, 2012**.

The *Declaration of Filing-Day Finances* is a statement detailing the account status of a campaign committee of a candidate for state office that had more than \$35,000 (House or State Board of Education), \$100,000 (Senate) or \$200,000 (Statewide) cash on hand at the beginning of the pre-filing period or who has accepted contributions in excess of prescribed limits during the pre-filing period for the office being sought.

Key to the *Declaration of Filing-Day Finances* is determining the balance in the campaign committee account as of the petition filing deadline. This is the base figure for determining whether or not a committee has excess funds.

See the instructions included with the *Declaration of Filing-Day Finances* (Form #31-W).

ABOUT THE WAIVER OF DECLARATION OF FILING-DAY FINANCES REPORT

WHO MAY FILE A WAIVER:

The campaign committee of any house, senate or statewide candidate that files a declaration of candidacy or a nominating petition must file a *Declaration of Filing-Day Finances* unless the candidate's campaign committee is eligible for and files a *Waiver of Filing-Day Finances*. The campaign committee of a candidate that does not accept any contribution in excess of the contribution limits during the candidate's pre-filing period and that has less than \$35,000 (House or State Board of Education), \$100,000 (Senate) or \$200,000 (Statewide, other than a candidate for the State Board of Education) cash on hand at the beginning of the pre-filing period is eligible to file a *Waiver of the Declaration of Filing-Day Finances*. R.C. 3517.109(G)(3).

All *Waivers* must be received by December 14, 2011 or August 8, 2012, depending on the candidates' petition-filing deadline.

See the *Waiver of Declaration of Filing-Day Finances* (Form #31-AA).

ABOUT THE PERMISSIVE FUNDS REPORT

WHY FILE:

According to R.C. 3517.109, the campaign committee of any 2012 house, senate or statewide candidate that has excess funds must dispose of the excess amount by December 7, 2011. **Any candidate whose campaign committee fails to dispose of the excess amount may not appear on the ballot.**

WHO MUST FILE:

The campaign committee of any 2012 house or senate candidate that **does** have **Excess Funds** as of the December 7, 2011 petition filing deadline **must file** a *Permissive Funds Report* by December 14, 2011.

However, the campaign committee of any candidate that **does not** have any **Excess Funds** as of the December 7, 2011 petition filing date is **not required** to file a *Permissive Funds Report*. The following information can be used to determine if the committee has *Excess Funds*.

CALCULATING *EXCESS FUNDS*:

If the sum of a campaign committee's *Cash and Assets on Hand* as of the December 7, 2011 petition filing deadline is **less than** the *Total Permitted Funds*, the committee **does not** have any **Excess Funds**.

However, if the sum of a campaign committee's *Cash and Assets* is greater than the *Total Permitted Funds*, the committee **DOES** have **Excess Funds** and must dispose of the excess amount by December 7, 2011.

CALCULATING *CASH AND ASSETS ON HAND*:

The committee must calculate the sum of *Cash on Hand* and the value of all *Assets* available to the candidate on December 7, 2011 and that are worth at least \$500 and will be consumed or depleted during the course of the 2012 campaign. [See R.C. 3517.109(A)(12) for the definition of *campaign asset*.]

CALCULATING *TOTAL PERMITTED FUNDS*:

To calculate *Total Permitted Funds*, add the *Total Allowable Aggregate Contributions* for the pre-filing period to the appropriate *Carry-In Amount*. The *Carry-In Amount* is \$35,000 for a house or State Board of Education candidate, \$100,000 for a senate candidate and \$200,000 for a statewide candidate, other than a candidate for the State Board of Education.

CALCULATING THE PRE-FILING PERIOD:

The pre-filing period **begins** on the **latest** of **three** dates:

- January 1st of the year following the general election in which that state office was last on the ballot;
- January 1st of the year following the general election in which the candidate was last a candidate for any office;
- the first day of the month following the primary election in which the candidate was last a candidate for any office.

CALCULATING *TOTAL ALLOWABLE AGGREGATE CONTRIBUTIONS*:

1. For each contributor, calculate the sum of all contributions received during the pre-filing period. These are the Aggregate Contributions for each contributor.
2. For each contributor, determine the Aggregate Contribution allowed for the pre-filing period (same amount as the contribution limits listed on the attached contribution limit chart) for individual or other contributing entity. (Example: The Allowable Aggregate Contribution, or contribution limit, per individual is \$11,543.70).
3. If the Aggregate Contribution is less than or equal to the Allowable Amount, the entire Aggregate Contribution amount is an Allowable Aggregate Contribution.
4. If the Aggregate Contribution is greater than the Allowable Amount, also known as the contribution limit, then the Allowable Aggregate Contribution is the contribution limit amount.
5. Add together all Allowable Aggregate Contributions received from each contributor during the pre-filing period. The sum is the candidate's *Total Allowable Aggregate Contribution*.

DISPOSING OF EXCESS FUNDS:

The campaign committee of a 2012 house, senate or statewide candidate must dispose of all Excess Funds **by the petition filing-day, December 7, 2011**, in order to appear on the ballot in 2012. The campaign committee of a 2012 State Board of Education candidate must dispose of all Excess Funds **by the petition filing-day, August 8, 2012**, in order to appear on the ballot.

The campaign committee may dispose of Excess Funds in the following manner:

- Refunding all or part of an individual contribution, or
- Give the excess to a tax-exempt corporation, or
- Give to the Ohio Elections Commission Fund.

Disposal of Excess Funds should be reported on Form 31-Z.

Examples Regarding Filing-Day Finances and Permissive Funds Reports.

Example #1 A house member running for re-election in 2012 and did not run for any office in 2011. Her campaign committee had \$20,000 in its campaign account on the beginning of the pre-filing period (1/1/2011 – see chart on page 4) and did not receive any contribution in excess of contribution limits. The campaign committee should file the **Waiver of Filing-Day Finances** (Form 31-AA) no later than December 14, 2011.

Example #2 A senate member who last ran, unsuccessfully, for county commissioner at the 2010 general election, running for re-election to the senate in 2012. His campaign committee account had more than \$100,000 at the beginning of the pre-filing period (1/1/2011 – see chart on page 4). The committee did not receive any contribution in excess of the limits since the beginning of the pre-filing period. Because the balance in the campaign account at the beginning of the pre-filing period exceeded the \$100,000 carry in limit, the committee cannot file the Waiver of Filing-Day Finances. The committee must file the **Declaration of Filing-Day Finances Report** (Form 31-W) no later than December 14, 2011.

Example #3 An incumbent house member files petitions to run for a senate seat in 2012. Her campaign committee had less than \$100,000 (the senate amount) in its campaign account at the beginning of the pre-filing period (1/1/2011 – see chart on page 4) and has not received any contribution in excess of the contribution limits. The candidate's committee should file the **Waiver of Filing-Day Finances** (Form 31-AA) no later than December 14, 2011.

Example #4 A city council member last on the ballot in 2009 files to run for State Board of Education in 2012. His campaign committee had less than \$35,000 at the beginning of the pre-filing period (1/1/2010 – see chart on page 4). However since 1/1/2010 the committee has received aggregate contributions in excess of the limits prescribed for the office in R.C. 3517.102. The committee must file the **Declaration of Filing-Day Finances and Permissive Funds Report** (Form 31-W) no later than August 15, 2012.

Example #5 A county treasurer last on the ballot in 2008 files to run for the senate. His campaign committee had less than \$100,000 at the beginning of the pre-filing period (1/1/2009 – see chart on page 4) and did not receive any contribution in excess of contribution limits. The campaign committee should file the **Waiver of Filing-Day Finances** (Form 31-AA) no later than December 14, 2011.

Points to Remember

Only those candidates filing nominating petitions for the 2012 primary election are required to file these reports no later than December 14, 2011.

Independent or write-in-candidates must file no later than 7 days after they submit their petitions or declaration of intent.

Incumbents or candidates not seeking election in 2012 are **not** required to submit these reports.

Definition of Statewide office in 3517.109(A) includes candidates to the State Board of Education but does not include candidates for the Supreme Court.

Filing requirements are based on the office being sought in 2012 – not the office currently held.

The forms – *Waiver of Filing-Day Finances* (Form 31-AA) and *Declaration of Filing-Day Finances* and *Permissive Funds Report* (Form 31-W) – are available in this packet. They are also available on the Secretary of State's website at www.state.oh.us/sos/ or by contacting the Secretary of State's office at (614) 466-3111 or cfinance@sos.state.oh.us.

REPORT FORMS & INSTRUCTIONS

Waiver of Declaration of Filing-Day Finances (Form 31-AA)
Declaration of Filing-Day Finances Report (Form 31-W)
Permissive Funds Report (Form 31-W)
Statement of Assets (Form 31-X)
Statement of Aggregate Contributions Received During the Election Period (Form 31-Y)
Statement of Disposal of Excess Funds and Excess Aggregate Contributions (Form 31-Z)

OTHER RESOURCES

2012 Campaign Finance Reporting Calendar
Current Contribution Limit Chart (2011 - 2013)

QUESTIONS

The staff at the Secretary of State's office is available for any assistance needed in completing these reports. Campaign committee's should feel free to contact the staff with any campaign finance question.

Contact: Curt Mayhew, Campaign Finance Administrator
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Campaign Finance unit general number
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Waiver of Declaration of Filing-Day Finances

Prescribed by Secretary of State 9/99

Due: not later than seven days after the petition filing deadline.

Any candidate who does not file this waiver must file a Declaration of Filing-Day Finances not later than seven days after the petition filing deadline.

The _____ campaign committee established for the candidacy of
(Committee's name)

_____ who is seeking the office of _____,
(Candidate's name) (Office sought; if general assembly, or state board of education include district)

to appear on the ballot in the year _____ attests that:

- 1) the campaign committee did not accept any aggregate contribution from a contributor in excess of the limits provided in R.C. 3517.102 during the pre-filing period as defined in R.C. 3517.109; and
- 2) the campaign committee had less than the carry-in amount in cash on hand at the beginning of the pre-filing period, if applicable. (House candidates \$35,000, Senate candidates \$100,000 and statewide candidates \$200,000.)

Therefore the undersigned attests that the campaign committee is not required to file a Declaration of Filing-Day Finances.

This statement made under the penalty of election falsification. Whoever commits election falsification is guilty of a felony of the fifth degree.

Print Candidate Name

Candidate's Signature

Date

Permissive Funds Report and Declaration of Filing-Day Finances

Prescribed by Secretary of State 2/01

Full Name of Committee		Office Sought	
Street Address		District	
City		State OH	Zip Code
Type of Report (place X to the left of report type)	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive Funds Report	<input type="checkbox"/> Declaration of Filing Day Finances	
Amended Report? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Date of Election		M D Y

Note: Any candidate who qualifies to file a *Waiver of Declaration of Filing-Day Finances* is not required to file this form. All candidates who do not qualify to file a *Waiver of Declaration of Filing-Day Finances* must file a *Declaration of Filing-Day Finances*. If the candidate is also required to file a *Permissive Funds Report* (see instruction page), both the *Declaration of Filing-Day Finances* and the *Permissive Funds Report* should be filed simultaneously on this form.

Declaration of Filing-Day Finances

1. Amount cash on hand on petition filing deadline	\$.
2. Total value of assets (From Form No. 31-X)	\$.
3. Total aggregate contributions received	\$.
4. Total allowable aggregate contributions received	\$.
5. Total excess aggregate contributions (Subtract line 4 from line 3)	\$.
6. Applicable carry in limit (\$35,000 House of Representatives or State Board of Education candidates, \$100,000 Senate candidates, \$200,000 statewide candidates)	\$.

Permissive Funds Report

Note: This area should be completed by all candidates (Statewide, Senate or House) who must file a Permissive Funds Report.

7. Sum of cash and assets (Sum of lines 1 and 2)	\$	\$0.00
8. Total permitted funds (Sum of lines 4 and 6)	\$	\$0.00
9. Total excess funds (Subtract line 8 from line 7)	\$.

Disposal of Excess Funds

10. Total disposal of excess funds and excess aggregate contributions (Sum of lines 5 and 9) (From form No. 31-Z)	\$	\$0.00
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THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS REPORT IS MADE UNDER THE PENALTY OF ELECTION FALSIFICATION. WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE.

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Print Name and Title (Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer only)

Signature

Date

Asset pages _____

Excess Aggregate Contribution pages _____

Disposal of Excess pages _____

Form 31-W Instructions

This form is used **ONLY** by the campaign committees of statewide, general assembly and state board of education candidates. Campaign committees of candidates for justice or chief justice of the Supreme Court do not have to file this form. A Permissive Funds Report must be filed by any statewide, general assembly or state board of education candidate who is required to dispose of excess funds or excess aggregate contributions. A Declaration of Filing-Day Finances must be filed by any statewide, general assembly or state board of education candidate who files a declaration of candidacy or nominating petition for a state office. The Declaration of Filing-Day Finances is not necessary if the campaign committee files a Waiver of Declaration of Filing-Day Finances Form No 31-AA [R.C. 3517.109].

Cover pages identify who filed the report and what type of report is being filed. They also summarize the detail inside the report. Do not use the cover page as a substitute for listing information on the appropriate form. For example, do not explain or describe assets on the cover page; report the item(s) on the Statement of Assets Form No. 31-X.

The office sought should be completed for all candidates. In the case of general assembly and state board of education candidates, the district should also be included.

The Date of Election block should be completed with six digits. For example, May 5, 2001, would appear as 05 05 01.

The Type of Report must be indicated. If a candidate is required to file both a Permissive Funds and a Declaration of Filing-Day Finances, both reports should be filed simultaneously under one cover page; simply indicate such by marking both report boxes.

The Amended Report box should be marked “Yes” only if the report is being filed to correct, add to, or in some way change a report that has already been filed. Do not combine a correction report (addendum) with an original filing.

The total of all aggregate contributions received from each contributor during the pre-filing period should be entered in line 3, Total Aggregate Contributions Received. line 4, the Total Allowable Aggregate Contributions Received box should indicate the sum of all contributions received from each contributor during the pre-filing period that did not exceed the appropriate contribution limits outlined in R.C. 3517.102. Total Excess Aggregate Contributions equals the difference between Total Aggregate Contributions Received and Total Allowable Aggregate Contributions.

This cover page must be signed by the treasurer or deputy treasurer of the campaign committee. If a treasurer was not appointed, the candidate is the treasurer. It may be helpful to designate a deputy treasurer in the event that the treasurer is not available to sign the report at the time of a filing deadline. The candidate cannot sign the report unless he or she is the treasurer or deputy treasurer [R.C. 3517.081, 3517.10(C),(D)].

Form 31-X Instructions

This form is used ONLY by the campaign committees of statewide, general assembly and state board of education candidates. This form is only filed as part of a Permissive Funds Report and Declaration of Filing Day Finances filing when necessary. It is not ever part of a regularly filed campaign finance report.

The Statement of Assets lists non-monetary assets available to a committee on the filing deadline for the office that the candidate is seeking. Any prepaid, purchased, or donated assets worth \$500 or more that will be **consumed** or **depleted** during the course of the campaign need to be listed. Some examples of this type of asset include, but are not limited to: postage, prepaid radio, television and newspaper advertising, prepaid rent for campaign headquarters, personal services and prepaid consulting services [R.C. 3517.109(A)(12)]. Items such as computer equipment or furniture that will not be consumed or depleted during the campaign do not need to be listed.

A brief, accurate description of each campaign asset should be entered into the box marked "Describe Asset." For example: 10 boxes/1000 sheets each of committee stationery or contract for three 60 second ads - WABC radio.

In the Value of Asset box enter the actual cost of any items purchased by the committee or the fair market value for any donated items (in-kind contributions). **Only those assets valued at or costing \$500 or more need to be listed.**

The total of all the Statement of Assets pages should appear on line 2 of the cover page of the Permissive Funds report and Declaration of Filing-Day Finances Form 31-W.

Form 31-Y Instructions

This form is used ONLY by the campaign committees of statewide, general assembly and state board of education candidates who receive excess aggregate contributions during the pre-filing period. The pre-filing period begins on the same day as the candidate's primary election period and ends on the day that the candidacy petitions are due for the state office for which the candidate has filed [R.C. 3517.109(A)(9)].

The full name and address of any contributor who gave aggregate contributions during the pre-filing period in excess of the contributions limits in R.C. 3517.102 should be entered in the Full Name of Contributor and Address blocks. The name of contributors who gave multiple contributions during the pre-filing period must be entered only once. The total of all contributions from a single contributor during the pre-filing period is entered in the Aggregate Contribution block.

Example:

Mary Miller	Agg. Contr.\$2,600
999 Beech Drive	Excess Agg. \$100
Dublin, OH 43016	

Enter the portion of the aggregate contribution that exceeds the contribution limit in the Excess Aggregate Contribution block.

Statement of Disposal of Excess Funds and Excess Aggregate Contributions

Prescribed by Secretary of State 1/98

Name of Committee in Full						
To Whom Funds or Asset Given			M	D	Y	Value
Address		Describe Funds or Asset Given				
City	State	Zip Code	Code ¹			
To Whom Funds or Asset Given			M	D	Y	Value
Address		Describe Funds or Asset Given				
City	State	Zip Code	Code ¹			
To Whom Funds or Asset Given			M	D	Y	Value
Address		Describe Funds or Asset Given				
City	State	Zip Code	Code ¹			
To Whom Funds or Asset Given			M	D	Y	Value
Address		Describe Funds or Asset Given				
City	State	Zip Code	Code ¹			
To Whom Funds or Asset Given			M	D	Y	Value
Address		Describe Funds or Asset Given				
City	State	Zip Code	Code ¹			
To Whom Funds or Asset Given			M	D	Y	Value
Address		Describe Funds or Asset Given				
City	State	Zip Code	Code ¹			

¹ Codes: 1 = OEC Fund 2 = Contributor Refund 3 = 501(c) Corporation

Form 31-Z Instructions

This form is used ONLY by the campaign committees of statewide, general assembly and state board of education candidates who must dispose of excess funds or excess aggregate contributions.

This form is used to list the methods by which excess funds and excess aggregate contributions were disposed. The excess amount disposed of may be in the form of campaign funds or campaign assets.

The full name and address of the individual or entity to which the funds or assets are given must be entered into the appropriate blocks.

Date blocks should be completed with six digits. For example, May 20, 2001, would appear as 05 20 01.

If the excess given was monetary, enter the actual dollar amount in the Value block. When disposing of campaign assets, the Value block should reflect the fair market value of the asset.

A description of the funds or asset(s) should be briefly but completely stated in the Describe Funds or Asset Given block. For example: Check #1234 - campaign funds or (100) 32 cent U.S. Postal stamps.

The Code block should reflect one of the allowable codes. A "1" should appear if the excess is given to the Ohio Elections Commission Fund. A "2" should appear if the excess is refunded to a contributor (up to, but not exceeding, the total contributed by that contributor). A "3" should appear if the excess is given to a 501(c) corporation.

The total of all the Statement of Disposal of Excess Funds and Excess Aggregate Contributions should appear on line 10 of the Permissive Funds Report and Declaration of Filing-Day Finances, Form 31-W.

2012

OHIO CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTING CALENDAR

SEE OHIO REVISED CODE § 3517.10 FOR COMPLETE DETAILS OF THE TIMING AND REQUIREMENTS FOR MOST CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTING.

2011 ANNUAL	Jan. 31, 2012 to disclose activity through Dec. 31, 2011
PRE-PRIMARY	Feb. 23, 2012 to disclose activity through Feb. 15, 2012
POST-PRIMARY	April 13, 2012 to disclose activity through April 6, 2012
SEMIANNUAL	July 31, 2012 to disclose activity through June 30, 2012
PRE-GENERAL	Oct. 25, 2012 to disclose activity through Oct. 17, 2012
POST-GENERAL	Dec. 14, 2012 to disclose activity through Dec. 7, 2012
2012 ANNUAL	Jan. 31, 2013 to disclose activity through Dec. 31, 2012

Federal political committees that are registered with and file at the Federal Election Commission ("FEC") must file a copy of any report containing Ohio non-federal disbursements – i.e. contributions to local or statewide candidates – with the Ohio Secretary of State. These copies must be postmarked no later than the date due of the report according to the committee's federal filing schedule. See R.C. [3517.107](#) for more details.

The above deadlines are based on the primary and general election dates of **March 6, 2012** and **Nov. 6, 2012**, respectively.

Campaign finance activity related to *special* election dates or municipal primary elections on different dates may require reporting on other dates.

Filing entities which submit reports to a county board of elections (BOE) are encouraged to contact the BOE for special election dates and campaign finance deadlines not included on this calendar.

ADDITIONAL FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR STATEWIDE CANDIDATES

Monthly reports are due of any statewide, not General Assembly, candidate campaign committee to report contributions received during the months of July, August and September. In 2012 these reports are due on the following dates:

July contributions:	August 3, 2012
August contributions	September 6, 2012
September contributions	October 3, 2012

Monthly reports are independent of any other report. The data listed in these reports are not repeated in any subsequent report.

PLEASE VISIT THE OHIO SECRETARY OF STATE'S WEB SITE FOR ADDITIONAL COMPLIANCE RESOURCES, INCLUDING ALL REPORTING FORMS & INSTRUCTIONS, ALL RELEVANT CAMPAIGN FINANCE STATUTES AND RULES.

WWW.SOS.STATE.OH.US

**OHIO SECRETARY OF STATE
CAMPAIGN FINANCE UNIT**

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Ohio Campaign Contribution Limits
Effective 25 FEB 2011 through 24 FEB 2013

This chart is intended to be a general guide and does not include every statutory provision relating to contribution limits.

From To Per Election Period unless otherwise footnoted	INDIVIDUAL (Must be 7 years of age or older)	PACs PCEs	COUNTY PARTY State Candidate Fund	COUNTY PARTY Other Account ⁸	STATE PARTY State Candidate Fund	LEGISLATIVE CAMPAIGN FUND	CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE (includes local)
STATEWIDE	\$11,543.70	\$11,543.70	\$288,592.56 ¹²	\$2,885.93 ⁹	\$651,064.81 ⁷	PROHIBITED	\$11,543.70
SENATE	\$11,543.70	\$11,543.70	\$11,543.70 ¹ \$129,866.65 ²	\$2,885.93 ⁹	\$128,200.05 ⁷	\$64,644.73 ⁶ \$129,866.65 ⁶	\$11,543.70
HOUSE	\$11,543.70	\$11,543.70	\$11,543.70 ¹ \$64,644.73 ²	\$2,885.93 ⁹	\$64,644.73 ⁷	\$33,484.31 ⁶ \$64,644.73 ⁶	\$11,543.70
STATE PARTY <small>State Candidate Fund</small>	\$34,631.11 ³	\$34,631.11 ³	No Limit	PROHIBITED	No Limit	No Limit	\$34,631.11 ⁵
LEGISLATIVE CAMPAIGN FUND	\$17,315.55 ³	\$17,315.55 ³	No Limit	PROHIBITED	No Limit	PROHIBITED	\$17,315.55 ⁵
COUNTY PARTY <small>State Candidate Fund</small>	\$11,543.70 ¹⁰	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED	No Limit	No Limit	\$11,543.70 ⁴
PACs PCEs	\$11,543.70 ³	\$11,543.70 ¹³	\$11,543.70 ¹¹	\$11,543.70 ¹¹	\$11,543.70 ¹¹	PROHIBITED	\$11,543.70 ³

1. These limits apply to contributions given to a campaign committee which is **not** a 'designated state campaign committee'.
2. These limits apply to cash or cash equivalents, not in-kind. The campaign committee of a House or a Senate candidate which is a 'designated state campaign committee' may **accept**, in aggregate, from any one or a combination of state candidate funds of county political parties **\$57,718.51** and **\$115,477.54**, respectively, in an election period.
3. These limits are per calendar year.
4. This limit is per calendar year and may only be made if the campaign committee's candidate will appear on a ballot in that county or is an officeholder representing any part of that county.
5. These limits are per calendar year and do not apply to contributions given by a 'designated state campaign committee'.
6. These limits apply to cash or cash equivalents, not in-kind. The smaller limit is for the Primary election period and the larger limit is for the General election period.
7. These limits apply to cash or cash equivalents, not in-kind.
8. These limits apply to political parties in counties having a population of less than 150,000 which do not establish a State Candidate Fund. 'Other Account' does not include an account that contains moneys received from the Ohio Political Party Fund (Restricted Fund).
9. Recipients of county party non-State Candidate Fund contributions must be campaign committees for statewide candidates or a 'designated state campaign committee'.
10. This limit is per calendar year. Contributions to a County Party SCF are restricted to individuals residing in the county or 'designated state campaign committees' of the County Party SCF.
11. These limits are per calendar year and apply to the aggregate of contributions given by the National, State and County level of a political party.
12. A campaign committee for a statewide candidate may **accept** not more than this amount, in aggregate, from any one or a combination of state candidate funds of county political parties in an election period.
13. This limit is per calendar year and does not apply to contributions made to or received by one or more PACs that are affiliated.