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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 130, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to campaign contribution limits.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 130, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 130.027, to read as follows:

130.027. 1. In addition to the limitations imposed under section 130.031, beginning January 1, 2017, and continuing thereafter, the amount of contributions made by or accepted from any person other than the candidate in any one election shall not exceed the following:

(1) To elect an individual to the office of governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state treasurer, state auditor, or attorney general, five thousand dollars;

(2) To elect an individual to the office of state senator, one thousand dollars;

(3) To elect an individual to the office of state representative or to any other office, including judicial office, five hundred dollars.

2. Beginning January 1, 2017, and continuing thereafter, the amount of aggregate contributions made by any single contributor in a calendar year to any political party committee shall not exceed thirty-two thousand four hundred dollars.

3. For purposes of this subsection, "base-year amount" shall be the contribution limits prescribed in this section on January 1, 2017. Such limits shall be increased on the first day of January in each odd-numbered year by multiplying the base-year amount by the cumulative consumer price index, as defined in section 104.010, and rounded to the nearest twenty-five dollar amount, for all years since January 1, 2017.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 **4. Every committee established under this chapter shall be subject to the limits**
19 **prescribed in subsection 1 of this section. The provisions of this subsection shall not limit**
20 **the amount of contributions that may be accumulated by a candidate committee and used**
21 **for expenditures to further the nomination or election of the candidate who controls such**
22 **candidate committee.**

23 **5. Contributions from persons under fourteen years of age shall be considered**
24 **made by the parents or guardians of such person and shall be attributed toward any**
25 **contribution limits prescribed in this chapter. If the contributor under fourteen years of**
26 **age has two custodial parents or guardians, fifty percent of the contribution shall be**
27 **attributed to each parent or guardian, and if such contributor has one custodial parent or**
28 **guardian, all such contributions shall be attributed to the custodial parent or guardian.**

29 **6. Contributions received and expenditures made before January 1, 2017, shall be**
30 **reported as a separate account and under the laws in effect at the time such contributions**
31 **are received or expenditures made. Contributions received and expenditures made after**
32 **January 1, 2017, shall be reported under the provisions of this chapter as a separate**
33 **account from the other separate account described in this subsection. The account**
34 **reported under the prior law shall be retained as a separate account and any remaining**
35 **funds in such account may be used under this chapter.**

36 **7. Any committee that accepts or gives contributions other than those allowed shall**
37 **be subject to a surcharge of one thousand dollars plus an amount equal to the contribution**
38 **per nonallowable contribution, to be paid to the ethics commission and which shall be**
39 **transferred to the director of revenue, upon notification of such nonallowable contribution**
40 **by the ethics commission, and after the candidate has had ten business days after receipt**
41 **of notice to return the contribution to the contributor. The candidate and the candidate**
42 **committee treasurer or deputy treasurer owing a surcharge shall be personally liable for**
43 **the payment of the surcharge or may pay such surcharge only from campaign funds**
44 **existing on the date of the receipt of notice. Such surcharge shall constitute a debt to the**
45 **state enforceable under, but not limited to, the provisions of chapter 143.**

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