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District 12 (Burlington, Middlesex, Monmouth and Ocean)

SYNOPSIS

Limits to \$5,000 per election amount contributed to and by county committee of a political party.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 **AN ACT** limiting campaign contributions by and to county political
2 party committees and amending P.L.1993, c.65.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. Section 22 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-7.2) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 22. a. Not later than December 1 of each year preceding any
10 year in which a general election is to be held to fill the office of
11 Governor for a four-year term, the Election Law Enforcement
12 Commission shall adjust the amounts, set forth in subsection b. of
13 this section, which shall be applicable under P.L.1973, c.83
14 (C.19:44A-1 et al.) to primary and general elections for any public
15 office other than the office of Governor, to limitations on
16 contributions to and from political committees, continuing political
17 committees, candidate committees, joint candidates committees,
18 political party committees and legislative leadership committees
19 and to other amounts, at a percentage which shall be the same as the
20 percentage of change that the commission applies to the amounts
21 used for the primary and general elections for the office of
22 Governor held in the third year preceding the year in which that
23 December 1 occurs, pursuant to section 19 of P.L.1980, c.74
24 (C.19:44A-7.1), and any amount so adjusted shall be rounded in the
25 same manner as provided in that section.

26 b. The amounts subject to adjustment as provided under this
27 section shall be:

28 (1) the minimum amount raised or expended by any two or more
29 persons acting jointly who qualify as a political committee and the
30 minimum amount contributed or expected to be contributed in any
31 calendar year by any group of two or more persons acting jointly
32 who qualify as a continuing political committee as defined in
33 section 3 of P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-3);

34 (2) the minimum amount of a contribution to a political
35 committee, continuing political committee, legislative leadership
36 committee or political party committee which triggers an obligation
37 to report that contribution to the commission pursuant to section 8
38 of P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-8), and the minimum amount of a
39 contribution to a candidate, candidate committee or joint candidates
40 committee which triggers an obligation to report that contribution to
41 the commission pursuant to section 16 of P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-
42 16);

43 (3) the minimum amount of a contribution to a political
44 committee, continuing political committee, legislative leadership
45 committee or a political party committee received during the period
46 between the 13th day prior to the election and the date of the
47 election, the minimum amount of an expenditure by a political

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 committee during that period, and the minimum amount of an
2 expenditure by a continuing political committee during the period
3 beginning after March 31 and ending on the date of the primary
4 election and the period beginning after September 30 and ending on
5 the date of the general election which triggers an obligation to
6 report that contribution to the commission pursuant to section 8 of
7 P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-8), and the minimum amount of a
8 contribution to a candidate, candidate committee or joint candidates
9 committee received during the period between the 13th day prior to
10 the election and the date of the election which triggers an obligation
11 to report that contribution to the commission pursuant to section 16
12 of P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-16);

13 (4) the maximum amount which may be expended by the
14 campaign organizations of two or more candidates forming a joint
15 candidates committee without being required to file contribution
16 reports, pursuant to section 8 of P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-8);

17 (5) the maximum amount that a person, not acting in concert
18 with any other person or group, may spend to support or defeat a
19 candidate or to aid the passage or defeat of a public question
20 without being required to report all such expenditures and expenses
21 to the commission pursuant to section 11 of P.L.1973, c.83
22 (C.19:44A-11) and the maximum amount that a person, not acting
23 in concert with any other person or group, may raise through a
24 public solicitation and expend to finance any lawful activity in
25 support of or in opposition to any candidate or public question or to
26 seek to influence the content, introduction, passage or defeat of
27 legislation pursuant to section 19 of P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-19);

28 (6) the maximum amount that may be expended, in the
29 aggregate, on behalf of a candidate without requiring that candidate
30 to file contribution reports with the commission and the maximum
31 amount that may be expended, in the aggregate, on behalf of a
32 candidate seeking election to a public office of a school district,
33 without requiring that candidate to file contribution reports with the
34 commission pursuant to section 16 of P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-
35 16);

36 (7) the maximum amount of penalty which may be imposed by
37 the commission on any person who fails to comply with the
38 regulatory provisions of P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-1 et al.) for a
39 first offense or a second and subsequent offenses, pursuant to
40 section 22 of P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-22);

41 (8) the maximum amount of penalty which may be imposed by
42 the commission on any corporation or labor organization which
43 provides any of its employees any additional increment of salary for
44 the express purpose of making a contribution to a candidate,
45 candidate committee, joint candidates committee, political party
46 committee, legislative leadership committee, political committee or
47 continuing political committee for a first or a second and

1 subsequent offenses, pursuant to section 15 of P.L.1993, c.65
2 (C.19:44A-20.1);

3 (9) the maximum amount of contributions permitted to be made
4 by an individual, a corporation or labor organization to a candidate,
5 candidate committee or joint candidates committee, the maximum
6 amount of contributions permitted to be made by a political
7 committee or a continuing political committee to a candidate,
8 candidate committee or joint candidates committee other than the
9 committee of a candidate for nomination or election to the office of
10 Governor and the maximum amount of contributions permitted to
11 be made by one candidate, candidate committee or joint candidates
12 committee, other than the committee of a candidate for nomination
13 or election to the office of Governor, to another candidate,
14 candidate committee or joint candidates committee other than the
15 committee of a candidate for nomination or election to the office of
16 Governor pursuant to section 18 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.3);

17 (10) the maximum amount of contributions permitted to be made
18 by an individual, corporation, labor organization, political
19 committee, continuing political committee, candidate committee or
20 joint candidates committee or any other group to any political party
21 committee or any legislative leadership committee pursuant to
22 section 19 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.4);

23 (11) the maximum amount of contributions permitted to be made
24 by a candidate, candidate committee or joint candidates committee
25 to a political committee or a continuing political committee and the
26 maximum amount of contributions permitted to be made by one
27 political committee or continuing political committee to another
28 political committee or continuing political committee pursuant to
29 section 20 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.5) **[.]**;

30 (12) the amount of filing fees which may be collected from a
31 candidate committee, a joint candidates committee, a continuing
32 political committee, a political party committee, a legislative
33 leadership committee, or any other person pursuant to section 6 of
34 P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-6) (as that section shall have been
35 amended by P.L.1983, c.579);

36 (13) the maximum amount of contributions permitted to be made
37 by a county committee of a political party to a candidate, candidate
38 committee, joint candidates committee, political committee,
39 continuing political committee, legislative leadership committee,
40 the State committee of a political party, another county committee
41 of a political party or a municipal committee of a political party,
42 pursuant to section 18 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.3).

43 c. Not later than December 15 of each year preceding any year
44 in which a general election is to be held to fill the office of
45 Governor for a four-year term, the commission shall report to the
46 Legislature and make public its adjustment of limits in accordance
47 with the provisions of this section. Whenever, following the
48 transmittal of that report, the commission shall have notice that a

1 person has declared as a candidate for nomination for election or for
2 election to any public office in a forthcoming primary or general
3 election, it shall promptly notify that candidate of the amounts of
4 those adjusted limits.

5 (cf: P.L.1993, c.65, s.22)

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7 2. Section 18 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.3) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 18. a. No individual, other than an individual who is a
10 candidate, no corporation of any kind organized and incorporated
11 under the laws of this State or any other state or any country other
12 than the United States, no labor organization of any kind which
13 exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
14 collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the
15 grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual
16 aid or protection in connection with employment, or any group
17 shall: (1) pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of
18 value to a candidate who has established only a candidate
19 committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or
20 candidate committee which in the aggregate exceeds \$1,500 per
21 election, or (2) pay or make any contribution of money or other
22 thing of value to candidates who have established only a joint
23 candidates committee, their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign
24 treasurer, or joint candidates committee, which in the aggregate
25 exceeds \$1,500 per election per candidate, or (3) pay or make any
26 contribution of money or other thing of value to a candidate who
27 has established both a candidate committee and a joint candidates
28 committee, the campaign treasurers, deputy campaign treasurers, or
29 candidate committee or joint candidates committee, which in the
30 aggregate exceeds \$1,500 per election. No candidate who has
31 established only a candidate committee, his campaign treasurer,
32 deputy campaign treasurer or candidate committee shall knowingly
33 accept from an individual, other than an individual who is a
34 candidate, a corporation of any kind organized and incorporated
35 under the laws of this State or any other state or any country other
36 than the United States, a labor organization of any kind which exists
37 or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of collective
38 bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the grievances,
39 terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid or
40 protection in connection with employment, or any group any
41 contribution of money or other thing of value which in the
42 aggregate exceeds \$1,500 per election, and no candidates who have
43 established only a joint candidates committee, or their campaign
44 treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or joint candidates committee,
45 shall knowingly accept from any such source any contribution of
46 money or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds
47 \$1,500 per election per candidate, and no candidate who has
48 established both a candidate committee and a joint candidates

1 committee, the campaign treasurers, deputy campaign treasurers, or
2 candidate committee or joint candidates committee shall knowingly
3 accept from any such source any contribution of money or other
4 thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds \$1,500 per election.

5 b. (1) No political committee or continuing political committee
6 shall: (a) pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of
7 value to a candidate who has established only a candidate
8 committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or
9 candidate committee, other than a candidate for nomination for
10 election or for election for the office of Governor, which in the
11 aggregate exceeds \$5,000 per election, or (b) pay or make any
12 contribution of money or other thing of value to candidates who
13 have established only a joint candidates committee, their campaign
14 treasurer or deputy campaign treasurer, or the joint candidates
15 committee, which in the aggregate exceeds \$5,000 per election per
16 candidate, or (c) pay or make any contribution of money or other
17 thing of value to a candidate who has established both a candidate
18 committee and a joint candidates committee, the campaign
19 treasurers, deputy campaign treasurers, or candidate committee or
20 joint candidates committee, which in the aggregate exceeds \$5,000
21 per election. No candidate who has established only a candidate
22 committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or
23 candidate committee, other than a candidate for nomination for
24 election or for election for the office of Governor, shall knowingly
25 accept from any political committee or continuing political
26 committee any contribution of money or other thing of value which
27 in the aggregate exceeds \$5,000 per election, and no candidates who
28 have established only a joint candidates committee, their campaign
29 treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or joint candidates committee,
30 shall knowingly accept from any such source any contribution of
31 money or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds
32 \$5,000 per election per candidate, and no candidate who has
33 established both a candidate committee and a joint candidates
34 committee, the campaign treasurers, deputy campaign treasurers, or
35 candidate committee or joint candidates committee shall knowingly
36 accept from any such source any contribution of money or other
37 thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds \$5,000 per election.

38 (2) [The limitation upon the knowing acceptance by a
39 candidate, campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer,
40 candidate committee or joint candidates committee of any
41 contribution of money or other thing of value from a political
42 committee or continuing political committee under the provisions of
43 paragraph (1) of this subsection shall also be applicable to the
44 knowing acceptance of any such contribution from the county
45 committee of a political party by a candidate or the campaign
46 treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, candidate committee or joint
47 candidates committee of a candidate for any elective public office
48 in another county or, in the case of a candidate for nomination for

1 election or for election to the office of member of the Legislature,
2 in a legislative district in which, according to the federal decennial
3 census upon the basis of which legislative districts shall have been
4 established, less than 20% of the population resides within the
5 county of that county committee. In addition, all contributor
6 reporting requirements and other restrictions and regulations
7 applicable to a contribution of money or other thing of value by a
8 political committee or continuing political committee under the
9 provisions of P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-1 et al.) shall likewise be
10 applicable to the making or payment of such a contribution by such
11 a county committee.

12 The limitation upon the knowing acceptance by a candidate,
13 campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, candidate
14 committee or joint candidates committee of any contribution of
15 money or other thing of value from a political committee or
16 continuing political committee under the provisions of paragraph
17 (1) of this subsection, except that the amount of any contribution of
18 money or other thing of value shall be in an amount which in the
19 aggregate does not exceed \$25,000, shall also be applicable to the
20 knowing acceptance of any such contribution from the county
21 committee of a political party by a candidate, or the campaign
22 treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, candidate committee or joint
23 candidates committee of a candidate, for nomination for election or
24 for election to the office of member of the Legislature in a
25 legislative district in which, according to the federal decennial
26 census upon the basis of which legislative districts shall have been
27 established, at least 20% but less than 40% of the population resides
28 within the county of that county committee. In addition, all
29 contributor reporting requirements and other restrictions and
30 regulations applicable to a contribution of money or other thing of
31 value by a political committee or continuing political committee
32 under the provisions of P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-1 et al.) shall
33 likewise be applicable to the making or payment of such a
34 contribution by such a county committee.】

35 No county committee of a political party shall pay or make any
36 contribution of money or other thing of value to a candidate,
37 candidate committee, joint candidates committee, political
38 committee, continuing political committee, legislative leadership
39 committee, State committee of a political party, municipal
40 committee of a political party or to another county committee,
41 which in the aggregate exceeds \$5,000 per election, or in the case of
42 a joint candidates committee when that is the only committee
43 established by the candidates, \$5,000 per election per candidate in
44 the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a candidate
45 committee and a joint candidates committee when both are
46 established by a candidate, \$5,000 per election to that candidate.
47 No county committee of a political party shall knowingly accept
48 from another county committee of a political party, a municipal

1 committee of a political party, political committee, continuing
2 political committee, State committee of a political party, legislative
3 leadership committee, candidate, candidate committee or joint
4 candidates committee shall knowingly accept from a county
5 committee of a political party any contribution or money or other
6 thing of value, which in the aggregate exceeds \$5,000 per election,
7 or in the case of a joint candidates committee when that is the only
8 committee established by the candidates, \$5,000 per election per
9 candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a
10 candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when both
11 are established by a candidate, \$5,000 per election from that county
12 committee.

13 With respect to the limitations in this paragraph, the Legislature
14 finds and declares that:

15 (a) Persons or organizations making contributions to the county
16 committee of a political party have a right to expect that their
17 money will be used, for the most part, to support candidates for
18 elective office who will most directly represent the interest of that
19 county;

20 (b) The practice of allowing a county committee to use funds
21 raised with this expectation to make unlimited contributions to
22 candidates for **【the Legislature】** public office or to other
23 committees who may have a limited, or even nonexistent,
24 connection with or interest in that county serves to undermine
25 public confidence in the integrity of the electoral process;

26 (c) Furthermore, the risk of actual or perceived corruption is
27 raised by the potential for contributors to circumvent limits on
28 contributions to candidates by **【funnelling】** funneling money to
29 candidates through county committees;

30 (d) The State has a compelling interest in preventing the
31 actuality or appearance of corruption and in protecting public
32 confidence in democratic institutions by limiting the amounts which
33 a county committee may contribute to **【legislative】** candidates
34 **【whose districts are not located in close proximity to that county】**
35 for public office or other committees; and

36 (e) It is, therefore, reasonable for the State to promote this
37 compelling interest by limiting the amount a county committee may
38 give to a **【legislative】** candidate **【based upon the degree to which**
39 **the population of the legislative district overlaps with the**
40 **population of that county】** for public office or other committees.

41 c. (1) No candidate who has established only a candidate
42 committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy treasurer or candidate
43 committee shall (a) pay or make any contribution of money or other
44 thing of value to another candidate who has established only a
45 candidate committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy campaign
46 treasurer or candidate committee, other than a candidate for
47 nomination for election or for election for the office of Governor,

1 which in the aggregate exceeds \$5,000 per election, or (b) pay or
2 make any contribution of money or other thing of value to
3 candidates who have established only a joint candidates committee,
4 their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or joint
5 candidates committee, which in the aggregate exceeds \$5,000 per
6 election per candidate in the recipient committee, or (c) pay or
7 make any contribution of money or other thing of value to a
8 candidate who has established both a candidate committee and a
9 joint candidates committee, the campaign treasurers, deputy
10 campaign treasurers, or candidate committee or joint candidates
11 committee, which in the aggregate exceeds \$5,000 per election. No
12 candidate who has established only a candidate committee, his
13 campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or candidate
14 committee, other than a candidate for nomination for election or for
15 election to the office of the Governor, shall knowingly accept from
16 another candidate who has established only a candidate committee,
17 his campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or candidate
18 committee, any contribution of money or other thing of value which
19 in the aggregate exceeds \$5,000 per election, and no candidates who
20 have established only a joint candidates committee, their campaign
21 treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or joint candidates committee,
22 shall knowingly accept from any such source any contribution of
23 money or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds
24 \$5,000 per election per candidate in the recipient committee, and no
25 candidate who has established both a candidate committee and a
26 joint candidates committee, the campaign treasurers, deputy
27 campaign treasurers, or candidate committee or joint candidates
28 committee, shall knowingly accept from any such source any
29 contribution of money or other thing of value which in the
30 aggregate exceeds \$5,000 per election.

31 (2) No candidates who have established only a joint candidates
32 committee, their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or
33 joint candidates committee shall (a) pay or make any contribution
34 of money or other thing of value to another candidate who has
35 established only a candidate committee, his campaign treasurer,
36 deputy campaign treasurer or candidate committee, other than a
37 candidate for nomination for election or for election for the office
38 of Governor, which in the aggregate exceeds, on the basis of each
39 candidate in the contributing joint candidates committee, \$5,000 per
40 election, or (b) pay or make any contribution of money or other
41 thing of value to candidates who have established only a joint
42 candidates committee, their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign
43 treasurer or joint candidates committee, which in the aggregate
44 exceeds, on the basis of each candidate in the contributing joint
45 candidates committee, \$5,000 per election per candidate in the
46 recipient joint candidates committee, or (c) pay or make any
47 contribution of money or other thing of value to a candidate who
48 has established both a candidate committee and a joint candidates

1 committee, the campaign treasurers, deputy campaign treasurers or
2 candidate committee or joint candidates committee, which in the
3 aggregate exceeds, on the basis of each candidate in the
4 contributing joint candidates committee, \$5,000 per election. No
5 candidate who has established only a candidate committee, his
6 campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or candidate
7 committee, other than a candidate for nomination for election or for
8 election for the office of Governor, shall knowingly accept from
9 other candidates who have established only a joint candidates
10 committee, their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or
11 joint candidates committee, any contribution of money or other
12 thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds, on the basis of each
13 candidate in the contributing committee, \$5,000 per election, and no
14 candidates who have established only a joint candidates committee,
15 their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or joint
16 candidates committee, shall knowingly accept from any such source
17 any contribution of money or other thing of value which in the
18 aggregate exceeds, on the basis of each candidate in the
19 contributing joint candidates committee, \$5,000 per election per
20 candidate in the recipient joint candidates committee, and no
21 candidate who has established both a candidate committee and a
22 joint candidates committee, the campaign treasurers, deputy
23 campaign treasurers, or candidate committee or joint candidates
24 committee, shall knowingly accept from any such source any
25 contribution of money or other thing of value which in the
26 aggregate exceeds, on the basis of each candidate in the
27 contributing joint candidates committee, \$5,000 per election.

28 (3) No candidate who has established both a candidate
29 committee and a joint candidates committee, the campaign
30 treasurers, deputy campaign treasurers, or candidate committee or
31 joint candidates committee shall (a) pay or make any contribution
32 of money or other thing of value to another candidate who has
33 established only a candidate committee, his campaign treasurer,
34 deputy campaign treasurer or candidate committee, other than a
35 candidate for nomination for election or for election for the office
36 of Governor, which in the aggregate exceeds \$5,000 per election, or
37 (b) pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value
38 to candidates who have established only a joint candidates
39 committee, their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or
40 joint candidates committee, which in the aggregate exceeds \$5,000
41 per election per candidate in the recipient joint candidates
42 committee, or (c) pay or make any contribution of money or other
43 thing of value to a candidate who has established both a candidate
44 committee and a joint candidates committee, the campaign
45 treasurers, deputy campaign treasurers, or candidate committee or
46 joint candidates committee, which in the aggregate exceeds \$5,000
47 per election. No candidate who has established only a candidate
48 committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or

1 candidate committee, other than a candidate for nomination for
2 election or for election for the office of Governor, shall knowingly
3 accept from a candidate who has established both a candidate
4 committee and a joint candidates committee, the campaign
5 treasurers, deputy campaign treasurers, or candidate committee or
6 joint candidates committee, any contribution of money or other
7 thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds \$5,000 per election,
8 and no candidates who have established only a joint candidates
9 committee, their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or
10 joint candidates committee, shall knowingly accept from any such
11 source any contribution of money or other thing of value which in
12 the aggregate exceeds \$5,000 per election per candidate in the
13 recipient joint candidates committee, and no candidate who has
14 established both a candidate committee and a joint candidates
15 committee, the campaign treasurers, deputy campaign treasurers, or
16 candidate committee or joint candidates committee shall knowingly
17 accept from any such source any contribution of money or other
18 thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds \$5,000 per election.

19 (4) Expenditures by a candidate for nomination for election or
20 for election to the office of member of the Legislature or to an
21 office of a political subdivision of the State, or by the campaign
22 treasurer, deputy treasurer, candidate committee or joint candidates
23 committee of such a candidate, which are made in furtherance of the
24 nomination or election, respectively, of another candidate for the
25 same office in the same legislative district or the same political
26 subdivision shall not be construed to be subject to any limitation
27 under this subsection; for the purposes of this sentence, the offices
28 of member of the State Senate and member of the General
29 Assembly shall be deemed to be the same office.

30 d. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to
31 impose any limitation on contributions by a candidate, or by a
32 corporation, 100% of the stock in which is owned by a candidate or
33 the candidate's spouse, child, parent or sibling residing in the same
34 household, to that candidate's campaign.

35 e. For the purpose of determining the amount of a contribution
36 to be attributed as given to or by each candidate in a joint
37 candidates committee, the amount of the contribution to or by such
38 a committee shall be divided equally among all the candidates in the
39 committee.

40 (cf: P.L.1993, c.65, s.18)

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42 3. Section 19 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.4) is amended to
43 read as follows:

44 19. a. (1) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2) of this
45 subsection, no individual, no corporation of any kind organized and
46 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
47 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any
48 kind which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in

1 part, of collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers
2 concerning the grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or
3 of other mutual aid or protection in connection with employment,
4 no political committee, continuing political committee, candidate
5 committee or joint candidates committee or any other group, shall
6 pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value to
7 the campaign treasurer, deputy treasurer or other representative of
8 the State committee of a political party or the campaign treasurer,
9 deputy campaign treasurer or other representative of any legislative
10 leadership committee, which in the aggregate exceeds \$25,000 per
11 year, or in the case of a joint candidates committee when that is the
12 only committee established by the candidates, \$25,000 per year per
13 candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a
14 candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when both
15 are established by a candidate, \$25,000 per year from that
16 candidate. No campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or
17 other representative of the State committee of a political party or
18 campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or other
19 representative of any legislative leadership committee shall
20 knowingly accept from an individual, a corporation of any kind
21 organized and incorporated under the laws of this State or any other
22 state or any country other than the United States, a labor
23 organization of any kind which exists or is constituted for the
24 purpose, in whole or in part, of collective bargaining, or of dealing
25 with employers concerning the grievances, terms or conditions of
26 employment, or of other mutual aid or protection in connection with
27 employment, a political committee, a continuing political
28 committee, a candidate committee or a joint candidates committee
29 or any other group, any contribution of money or other thing of
30 value which in the aggregate exceeds \$25,000 per year, or in the
31 case of a joint candidates committee when that is the only
32 committee established by the candidates, \$25,000 per year per
33 candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a
34 candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when both
35 are established by a candidate, \$25,000 per year from that
36 candidate.

37 Adjustments to the limits established in this paragraph which
38 have been made by the Election Law Enforcement Commission,
39 pursuant to section 22 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-7.2), prior to
40 the effective date of P.L.2001, c.384 are rescinded. The limits
41 established in this paragraph shall remain as stated in this paragraph
42 until subsequently adjusted by the commission in the manner
43 prescribed by section 22 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-7.2).

44 (2) No national committee of a political party shall pay or make
45 any contribution of money or other thing of value to the campaign
46 treasurer, deputy treasurer or other representative of the State
47 committee of a political party which in the aggregate exceeds
48 \$50,000 per year, and no campaign treasurer, deputy campaign

1 treasurer or other representative of the State committee of a
2 political party shall knowingly accept from the national committee
3 of a political party any contribution of money or other thing of
4 value which in the aggregate exceeds \$50,000 per year.

5 b. No individual, no corporation of any kind organized and
6 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
7 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any
8 kind which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in
9 part, of collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers
10 concerning the grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or
11 of other mutual aid or protection in connection with employment,
12 no political committee, continuing political committee, legislative
13 leadership committee, candidate committee or joint candidates
14 committee, State committee of a political party, another county
15 committee of a political party or a municipal committee of a
16 political party or any other group, shall pay or make any
17 contribution of money or other thing of value to any county
18 committee of a political party, which in the aggregate exceeds
19 **[\$25,000 per year]** \$5,000 per election, or in the case of a joint
20 candidates committee when that is the only committee established
21 by the candidates, **[\$25,000 per year]** \$5,000 per election per
22 candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a
23 candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when both
24 are established by a candidate, **[\$25,000 per year]** \$5,000 per
25 election from that candidate. No campaign treasurer, deputy
26 campaign treasurer or other representative of a county committee of
27 a political party shall knowingly accept from an individual, a
28 corporation of any kind organized and incorporated under the laws
29 of this State or any other state or any country other than the United
30 States, a labor organization of any kind which exists or is
31 constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of collective
32 bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the grievances,
33 terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid or
34 protection in connection with employment, a political committee, a
35 continuing political committee, a legislative leadership committee,
36 a candidate committee or a joint candidates committee, the State
37 committee of a political party, another county committee of a
38 political party or a municipal committee of a political party or any
39 other group, any contribution of money or other thing of value
40 which in the aggregate exceeds **[\$25,000 per year]** \$5,000 per
41 election, or in the case of a joint candidates committee when that is
42 the only committee established by the candidates, **[\$25,000 per**
43 **year]** \$5,000 per election per candidate in the joint candidates
44 committee, or in the case of a candidate committee and a joint
45 candidates committee when both are established by a candidate,
46 **[\$25,000 per year]** \$5,000 per election from that candidate.

1 c. No individual, no corporation of any kind organized and
2 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
3 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any
4 kind which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in
5 part, of collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers
6 concerning the grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or
7 of other mutual aid or protection in connection with employment,
8 no political committee, continuing political committee, candidate
9 committee or joint candidates committee or any other group shall
10 pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value to
11 any municipal committee of a political party, which in the aggregate
12 exceeds \$5,000 per year, or in the case of a joint candidates
13 committee when that is the only committee established by the
14 candidates, \$5,000 per year per candidate in the joint candidates
15 committee, or in the case of a candidate committee and a joint
16 candidates committee when both are established by a candidate,
17 \$5,000 per year from that candidate. No campaign treasurer, deputy
18 campaign treasurer or other representative of a municipal committee
19 of a political party shall knowingly accept from an individual, a
20 corporation of any kind organized and incorporated under the laws
21 of this State or any other state or any country other than the United
22 States, a labor organization of any kind which exists or is
23 constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of collective
24 bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the grievances,
25 terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid or
26 protection in connection with employment, a political committee, a
27 continuing political committee, a candidate committee or a joint
28 candidates committee or any other group, any contribution of
29 money or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds
30 \$5,000 per year, or in the case of a joint candidates committee when
31 that is the only committee established by the candidates, \$5,000 per
32 year per candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case
33 of a candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when
34 both are established by a candidate, \$5,000 per year from that
35 candidate.

36 【No county committee of a political party in any county shall
37 pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value to a
38 municipal committee of a political party in a municipality not
39 located in that county which in the aggregate exceeds the amount of
40 aggregate contributions which, under this subsection, a continuing
41 political committee is permitted to pay or make to a municipal
42 committee of a political party. No campaign treasurer, deputy
43 campaign treasurer or other representative of a municipal committee
44 of a political party in any municipality shall knowingly accept from
45 any county committee of a political party in any county other than
46 the county in which the municipality is located any contribution of
47 money or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds the

1 amount of contributions permitted to be so paid or made under that
2 subsection.】

3 d. For the purpose of determining the amount of a contribution
4 to be attributed as given by each candidate in a joint candidates
5 committee, the amount of the contribution by such a committee
6 shall be divided equally among all the candidates in the committee.
7 (cf: P.L.2001, c.384, s.2)

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9 4. This act shall take effect on January 1 following the date of
10 enactment.

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STATEMENT

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15 This bill limits the amount of money and other thing of value
16 that a county committee of a political party can contribute per
17 election to candidates and political committees, and limits the
18 amount of money and other thing of value that individuals,
19 candidates and certain committees can contribute per election to a
20 county committee of a political party.

21 Specifically, the bill:

22 1) provides that no county committee can pay or make any
23 contribution of money or other thing of value to a candidate,
24 candidate committee, joint candidates committee, political
25 committee, continuing political committee, legislative leadership
26 committee, State committee of a political party, municipal
27 committee of a political party or to another county committee,
28 which in the aggregate exceeds \$5,000 per election; and

29 2) reduces from \$25,000 per year (now \$37,000 per year due to
30 quadrennial adjustment by the Election Law Enforcement
31 Commission) to \$5,000 per election, the amount of money or other
32 thing of value that an individual, corporation of any kind, labor
33 union, political committee, continuing political committee, State
34 committee of a political party, municipal committee of a political
35 party or another county committee, legislative leadership
36 committee, candidate committee, joint candidates committee or any
37 other group can contribute to a county committee of a political
38 party.

39 The bill also provides that the limits it establishes on
40 contributions by a county committee would be subject to the same
41 quadrennial adjustments by the Election Law Enforcement
42 Commission as provided in current law for other contribution and
43 expenditure amounts.