

State of Misconsin 2017 - 2018 LEGISLATURE

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## 2017 SENATE BILL 354

July 13, 2017 – Introduced by Senators LARSON, CARPENTER, ERPENBACH, HANSEN, JOHNSON and MILLER, cosponsored by Representatives SINICKI, ANDERSON, BERCEAU, BROSTOFF, CONSIDINE, CROWLEY, HEBL, KOLSTE, OHNSTAD, POPE, SARGENT, SHANKLAND, SUBECK, C. TAYLOR and ZAMARRIPA. Referred to Committee on Elections and Utilities.

1 AN ACT to amend 11.1101 (3), 11.1101 (4) and 11.1101 (figure) of the statutes;

2 **relating to:** reducing limits for contributions from political action committees.

#### Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill reduces by half the limits that apply to political action committee contributions to candidates. The limits under the bill are the same, generally, as those that applied to political action committee contributions prior to 2016.

# The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

**SECTION 1.** 11.1101 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

- 4 11.1101 (3) POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEES. A political action committee may
- 5 contribute to a candidate committee no more than the following amounts specified
- 6 for the candidate whose nomination or election the committee supports [See Figure
- 7 11.1101 following]:
- 8 (a) Candidates for governor, \$86,000 \$43,000.
- 9 (b) Candidates for lieutenant governor, \$26,000 \$13,000.

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1	(c) Candidates for attorney general, \$44,000 <u>\$22,000</u> .
2	(d) Candidates for secretary of state, state treasurer, state superintendent, or
3	justice, <del>\$18,000</del> <u>\$9,000</u> .
4	(e) Candidates for state senator, $\frac{2,000}{1,000}$ .
5	(f) Candidates for representative to the assembly, $\$1,000 \$500$ .
6	(g) Candidates for court of appeals judge in districts which contain a county
7	having a population of more than 500,000, <del>\$6,000</del> <u>\$3,000</u> .
8	(h) Candidates for court of appeals judge in other districts, <u>\$5,000 <u>\$2,500</u></u> .
9	(i) Candidates for circuit judge in circuits having a population of more than
10	300,000, or candidates for district attorney in prosecutorial units having a
11	population of more than 300,000, <del>\$6,000</del> <u>\$3,000</u> .
12	(j) Candidates for circuit judge in other circuits or candidates for district
13	attorney in other prosecutorial units, <del>\$2,000</del> <u>\$1,000</u> .
14	(k) Candidates for local offices, an amount equal to the greater of the following:
15	1. <del>Four</del> <u>Two</u> hundred dollars.
16	2. Two cents <u>One cent</u> times the number of inhabitants of the jurisdiction or
17	district, according to the latest federal census or the census information on which the
18	district is based, as certified by the appropriate filing officer, but not more than
19	<del>\$5,000</del> <u>\$2,500</u> .
20	<b>SECTION 2.</b> 11.1101 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:
21	11.1101 (4) OTHER PERSONS. A person, other than a person subject to sub. (1),
22	(2), or (3) or s. 11.1112, may contribute to a candidate committee no more than the
23	following amounts specified for the candidate whose nomination or election the
24	committee supports:
25	(a) Candidates for governor, <u>\$86,000</u> <u>\$43,000</u> .

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(b) Candidates for lieutenant governor, \$26,000 \$13,000. 1  $\mathbf{2}$ (c) Candidates for attorney general, \$44,000 \$22,000. 3 (d) Candidates for secretary of state, state treasurer, state superintendent, or 4 justice, \$18,000 \$9,000. (e) Candidates for state senator. \$2.000 \$1.000. 5 6 (f) Candidates for representative to the assembly, \$1,000 \$500. 7 (g) Candidates for court of appeals judge in districts that contain a county 8 having a population of more than 500,000. \$6,000 \$3,000. 9 (h) Candidates for court of appeals judge in other districts, \$5,000 \$2,500. 10 (i) Candidates for circuit judge in circuits having a population of more than 11 300,000, or candidates for district attorney in prosecutorial units having a 12population of more than 300,000, \$6,000 \$3,000. 13 (j) Candidates for circuit judge in other circuits or candidates for district 14 attorney in other prosecutorial units, \$2,000 \$1,000. 15(k) Candidates for local offices, an amount equal to the greater of the following: 1. Four Two hundred dollars. 16 2. Two cents One cent times the number of inhabitants of the jurisdiction or 1718 district, according to the latest federal census or the census information on which the 19 district is based, as certified by the appropriate filing officer, but not more than 20 \$5,000 <u>\$2,500</u>. 21**SECTION 3.** 11.1101 (figure) of the statutes is amended to read: 22Figure 11.1101:

	INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTORS	CANDIDATE COMMITTEE CONTRIBUTORS	POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE CONTRIBUTORS
GOVERNOR	\$20,000	\$20,000	<del>\$86,000</del> <u>\$43,000</u>
LT. GOVERNOR	\$20,000	\$20,000	<del>\$26,000</del> <u>\$13,000</u>

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SECRETARY OF STATE	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$18,000 \$0,000
SECRETART OF STATE	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$18,000 <u>\$9,000</u>
STATE TREASURER	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$18,000 <u>\$9,000</u>
ATTORNEY GENERAL	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$ <u>44,000</u> <u>\$22,000</u>
STATE SUPERINTENDENT	\$20,000	\$20,000	<u>\$18,000</u> <u>\$9.000</u>
JUSTICE	\$20,000	\$20,000	<u>\$18,000</u> <u>\$9.000</u>
STATE SENATOR	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000 <u>\$1.000</u>
ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVE	\$1,000	\$1,000	<del>\$1,000</del> <u>\$500</u>
APPEALS JUDGE - POPULOUS DISTRICTS	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$ <del>6,000</del>
APPEALS JUDGE - OTHER DISTRICTS	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$ <del>5,000</del> <u>\$2,500</u>
CIRCUIT JUDGE – POPULOUS AREA	\$6,000	\$6,000	<del>\$6,000</del> <u>\$3,000</u>
DISTRICT ATTORNEY – POPULOUS AREA	\$6,000	\$6,000	<del>\$6,000</del> <u>\$3,000</u>
CIRCUIT JUDGE – OTHER AREA	\$2,000	\$2,000	<del>\$2,000</del> <u>\$1.000</u>
DISTRICT ATTORNEY – OTHER AREA	\$2,000	\$2,000	<del>\$2,000</del> <u>\$1,000</u>
LOCAL OFFICES	GREATER OF \$500 OR 2 CENTS TIMES THE POPULATION, BUT NOT MORE THAN \$6,000	GREATER OF \$500 OR 2 CENTS TIMES THE POPULATION, BUT NOT MORE THAN \$6,000	GREATER OF \$400 <u>\$200</u> OR <del>2</del> <del>CENTS</del> <u>ONE CENT</u> TIMES THE POPULATION, BUT NOT MORE THAN \$5,000 <u>\$2,500</u>

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#### SECTION 4. Initial applicability.

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### (1) This act first applies to contributions made on January 1, 2018.

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