



## 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.

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*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.

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

3           **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~~ \$22,000.

2 (d) Candidates for secretary of state, state treasurer, state superintendent, or  
3 justice, ~~\$18,000~~ \$9,000.

4 (e) Candidates for state senator, ~~\$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, ~~\$6,000~~ \$3,000.

8 (h) Candidates for court of appeals judge in other districts, ~~\$5,000~~ \$2,500.

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, ~~\$6,000~~ \$3,000.

12 (j) Candidates for circuit judge in other circuits or candidates for district  
13 attorney in other prosecutorial units, ~~\$2,000~~ \$1,000.

14 (k) Candidates for local offices, an amount equal to the greater of the following:

15 1. ~~Four~~ Two hundred dollars.

16 2. ~~Two cents~~ One cent 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 ~~\$5,000~~ \$2,500.

20 **SECTION 2.** 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, ~~\$86,000~~ \$43,000.

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- 1 (b) Candidates for lieutenant governor, ~~\$26,000~~ \$13,000.
- 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.
- 5 (e) Candidates for state senator, ~~\$2,000~~ \$1,000.
- 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
- 12 population of more than 300,000, ~~\$6,000~~ \$3,000.
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- 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:
- 16 1. ~~Four~~ Two hundred dollars.
- 17 2. ~~Two cents~~ One cent times the number of inhabitants of the jurisdiction or
- 18 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~~ \$2,500.

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

22 Figure 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>

