

State Limits on Contributions to PACs

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Compiled by the staff of the State of Maine Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices, January 2007						
	To a PAC From:					
	An Individual	A PAC	A Corporation	Source	Website	notes
Alabama	Unlimited	Unlimited	\$500 per election cycle	Alabama State Legislature	http://www.legislature.state.al.us/CodofAlabama/1975/146879.htm	§10-2A-70.2
Alaska	\$1,000 per year candidate and PAC aggregate	\$1,000 per year	Prohibited	Alaska Public Office Commission and Alaska Statute Sec. 15.13.070	http://www.state.ak.us/apoc/contri.htm	http://www.state.ak.us/apoc/1513_070.htm
Arizona	\$2,820 per calendar year to candidates and committees advocating for candidates.	?	Prohibited	Arizona State Legislature Revised Statutes	http://azleg.gov/ArizonaRevisedStatutes.asp?Title=16	§16-905, §16-919
Arkansas	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Arkansas Ethics Commission	http://www.arkansasethics.com/	Rules on Campaign Finance and Disclosure §202, §203
California	\$6,000 per year to a committee which donates to candidates and Unlimited to PACs which do not donate directly to candidates	\$6,000 per year to a committee which donates to candidates and Unlimited to PACs which do not donate directly to candidates	\$6,000 per year to a committee which donates to candidates and Unlimited to PACs which do not donate directly to candidates	California Secretary of State	http://www.ss.ca.gov/prd/FACTS.pdf	Proposition 34 (effective as of 1/1/2007)
Colorado	\$500 per House of Representatives cycle	\$500 per House of Representatives cycle	Prohibited but corporations or labor unions can establish Pacs which may accept contributions from employees, officeholders, shareholders or members.	Colorado Secretary of State	http://www.elections.colorado.gov/WWW/default/Campaign%20Finance/amend_27.pdf	Constitution Article 28 Section 3. (Amendment 27)
Connecticut	\$750 per year	\$2000 per year	Prohibited	Connecticut State Elections Enforcement Commission	http://www.ct.gov/seec/lib/seec/contribution_limits_2007.pdf	
Delaware	Unlimited	Unlimited	Prohibited	Delaware Department of Elections	http://elections.delaware.gov/information/campaignfinance/pdfs/contributable.pdf	Additional info §15-8012
Florida	Unlimited for a continuous political committee so long as they generate 25% of their annual income from donations or \$500 per election to a non-continuous committee	Unlimited for a continuous political committee so long as they generate 25% of their annual income from donations or \$500 per election to a non-continuous committee	Unlimited for a continuous political committee so long as they generate 25% of their annual income from donations or \$500 per election to a non-continuous committee	State of Florida: 2006 Committee and Campaign Treasurer Handbook	http://election.dos.state.fl.us/publications/pdf/2006ComCampTreasHandbook.pdf	supposed to be in statute title IX 106.08
Georgia	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Georgia State Ethics Commission	www.ethics.georgia.gov	Listed by NCSL in '05 as having no limits (§21-5-41)
Hawaii	\$1000 per election	\$1,000 per election	\$1,000 per election	State of Hawaii Campaign Spending Commission	www.hawaii.gov/campaign/Guide/Law/2006%20Law.pdf	
Idaho	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	National Conference of State Legislatures	http://www.ncsl.org/programs/legismgt/about/contriblimits.htm	Listed by NCSL in '05 as having no limits (§67-6610)
Illinois	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	National Conference of State Legislatures	www.ncsl.org/programs/legismgt/about/contriblimits.htm	Listed by NCSL in '05 as having no limits (10 ILCS 5/9-1 et seq.)

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Indiana	Unlimited	Unlimited	Direct contributions to PACs and candidates are limited to \$22,000 per calendar year and must be "earmarked" to go to one or more of the following categories and are subject to the limitations of each category: Statewide candidates (\$5,000) State legislature candidates (\$2,000) State party central committees (\$5,000) Other political parties (\$2,000)	Indiana Campaign Finance Manual	http://www.in.gov/sos/elections/pdfs/2006_CFA_Manual.pdf	
Iowa	Unlimited	Unlimited	Prohibited	Iowa Code 68A.503	http://www.state.ia.us/government/iec/db/legal/68acontent.htm#68a503	
Kansas	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Kansas Ethics Commission	http://www.kansas.gov/ethics/contributionlimits.htm	
Kentucky	\$1,500 per year aggregate	\$1,500 per year aggregate	Prohibited	Kentucky Registry of Election Finance	www.state.ky.us/agencies/kref/contlmt.htm	
Louisiana	\$100,000 per 4 year cycle	\$100,000 per 4 year cycle	\$100,000 per 4 year cycle	Louisiana Ethics Administration Program	http://www.ethics.state.la.us/laws/campaign.htm#1505_2	Campaign Finance Disclosure Act: Ch. 11, Pt. V (§1505.2)
Maine	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Maine Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices	http://www.maine.gov/ethics/pacs/index.htm	
Maryland	\$4,000 per 4 years and \$10,000 aggregate over same period	\$4,000 per 4 years No aggregate limit.	?	Maryland State Board of Elections	www.elections.state.md.us/summaryguide/sg_07.html	
Massachusetts	\$500 per year and \$12,500 aggregate over same period	\$500 per year and \$12,500 aggregate over same period	Prohibited	Massachusetts office of Campaign and Political Finance	http://www.mass.gov/ocpf/context/p.htm	
Michigan	\$20,000 per year to House or Senate Caucus Committees. All others are Unlimited.	A PAC is prohibited from donating to a separate segregated fund if the donating PAC receives money from entities barred from donating to the segregated PAC. Otherwise Unlimited	Prohibited but corporations may have their own PACs.	Michigan Bureau of Elections	http://www.michigan.gov/documents/CFR_Independent_PAC_Committee_Manual_21854_7.pdf	Michigan Campaign Finance Act of 1976: §169.252, §169.255
Minnesota	Unlimited	Unlimited	Prohibited	Minnesota Secretary of State: Campaign Manual	http://www.sos.state.mn.us/docs/campaign_manual_2006_final.pdf	Minnesota Statutes 2006: 211A, 211B
Mississippi	Unlimited	Unlimited	\$1,000 per year			Mississippi Campaign Finance Statutes: §97-13-15
Missouri	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	National Conference of State Legislatures	http://www.ncsl.org/programs/legismgt/about/cont_to_pac.htm	Listed by NCSL in '05 as having no limits (§130-32)
Montana	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Montana State Constitution	http://data.opi.mt.gov/bills/mca_toc/1337_2.htm	Montana Code Annotated 2005: §13-37-216
Nebraska	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	National Conference of State Legislatures	http://www.ncsl.org/programs/legismgt/about/cont_to_pac.htm	Listed by NCSL in '05 as having no limits (§32-1608)
Nevada	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Nevada State Legislature	http://leg.state.nv.us/Const/NVConst.html#Art2Sec10	Nevada Const. Art. 2 §10
New Hampshire	\$5,000 per election	?	Prohibited	The New Hampshire General Court	http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/LXIII/664/664-4.htm	Title LXIII §664:4
New Jersey	\$7,200 per election to Political Committee and \$7,200 per year to a Continuing Political Committee	\$7,200 per election to Political Committee and \$7,200 per year to a Continuing Political Committee	\$7,200 per election to Political Committee and \$7,200 per year to a Continuing Political Committee	New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission	www.elec.state.nj.us/ForCandidates/elec_limits.html	Legislative Leadership Committee? \$25,000 per year

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New Mexico	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	National Conference of State Legislatures	http://www.ncsl.org/programs/legismgt/about/cont_to_pac.htm	Listed by NCSL in '05 as having no limits (§1-19-1 et seq)
New York	\$150,000 aggregate limit per year to all state PACs and candidates	?	\$5,000 aggregate limit per year to all state PACs and candidates	New York State Board of Elections	http://www.elections.state.ny.us/portal/page?_pageid=35.1.35_8361:35_8406&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL	Election Law §14-114, §14-116
North Carolina	\$4,000 per election cycle	\$4,000 per election cycle	Prohibited	North Carolina State Board of Elections	www.sboe.state.nc.us/cfrsweb/Manual/complete%20manual%202006.pdf	p64 on link
North Dakota	Unlimited	Unlimited	Prohibited	North Dakota State Legislature	http://legis.nd.gov/assembly/56-1999/interim-info/docs/19341.pdf	Listed by NCSL in '05 as having no individual or PAC limits (§16.1-08.1-03.3)
Ohio	\$10,000 per year	\$10,000 per year	Prohibited (Union limit of \$10,000)	Ohio Secretary of State	http://www.sos.state.oh.us/sos/CampaignFinance/campaignFinance.aspx?Section=53	Corporate limit not found on state website but was on NCSL
Oklahoma	\$5,000 per year	\$5,000 per year	\$5,000 per year	Oklahoma Instruction Manual on Campaign Reporting	http://www.ethics.state.ok.us/	p17 of manual
Oregon	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	National Conference of State Legislatures	www.ncsl.org/programs/legismgt/about/contriblimits.htm	Listed by NCSL in '05 as having no limits
Pennsylvania	Unlimited	Unlimited	Prohibited	Pennsylvania Department of State	http://www.dos.state.pa.us/campaignfinance/lib/campaignfinance/070reporting_law/law.pdf	§1633, §1634
Rhode Island	\$1,000/calendar year to any one PAC and \$10,000/calendar year in total political contributions	\$1,000/calendar year to a single PAC and \$25,000/calendar year in total political contributions	Prohibited	State of Rhode Island General Assembly	http://www.rilin.state.ri.us/Statutes/TITLE17/17-25/17-25-10.1.HTM	17-25-10.1
South Carolina	\$3,500 per year	\$3,500 per year	\$3,500 per year	South Carolina State Ethics Commission	http://ethics.sc.gov/campaigns/campaignpracticeslaw.htm	8-13-1322
South Dakota	Unlimited	Unlimited	Prohibited	South Dakota Legislature	http://legis.state.sd.us/statutes/DisplayStatute.aspx?Type=Statute&Statute=12-25	12-25-1.1, 12-25-2
Tennessee	Unlimited	Unlimited	Prohibited	National Conference of State Legislatures	http://www.ncsl.org/programs/legismgt/about/cont_to_pac.htm	Listed in '05 as having no individual or PAC limits (§2-10-302)
Texas	Unlimited	Unlimited	Prohibited	Texas State Legislature	http://tlo2.tlc.state.tx.us/statutes/docs/EL/content/pdf/el.015.00.000253.00.pdf	Texas Election Code; Title 15, Ch. 253
Utah	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Utah Lieutenant Governor	http://elections.utah.gov/corporations.html	
Vermont	\$2,000 per two year general election cycle	\$2,000 per two year general election cycle	\$2,000 per two year general election cycle	Vermont Legislative Statutes (17 V.S.A. § 2805)	http://www.leg.state.vt.us/statutes/fullsection.cfm?Title=17&Chapter=059&Section=02805	
Virginia	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Virginia State Board of Elections	www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/CampaignFinance/PAC_Summary.pdf	p19 of link
Washington	Unlimited... however nobody may donate more than \$5,000 to a PAC in the last 21 days of an election cycle	Unlimited... however nobody may donate more than \$5,000 to a PAC in the last 21 days of an election cycle	Unlimited... however nobody may donate more than \$5,000 to a PAC in the last 21 days of an election cycle	Washington Public Disclosure Commission	www.pdc.wa.gov/Home/historical/limits/2006.aspx	Corporate limit not found on state website but was on NCSL
West Virginia	\$1,000 per PAC per cycle	?	Prohibited	West Virginia Secretary of State	www.wvsos.com	p40 and p53 of link
Wisconsin	\$10,000 per year aggregate to cand/parties/PACs	Unlimited	Prohibited	Wisconsin State Elections Board	http://165.189.88.185/docview.asp?docid=1716&locid=47	
Wyoming	Unlimited	Unlimited	Prohibited	Wyoming Statute Title 22 § 25.102	http://legisweb.state.wy.us/statutes/statutes.aspx?file=titles/Title22/Title22.htm	

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