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NOTICE

From: Arkansas Ethics Commission

Re: Campaign Contribution Limit for the 2025-2026 Election Cycle

Date: March 20, 2025

Pursuant to Act 270 of 2025¹, the Arkansas Ethics Commission is directed to establish the maximum campaign contribution limit as follows: The adjusted maximum campaign contribution limit shall be calculated from a base amount of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) as of January 1, 2015; The maximum campaign contribution limit shall be adjusted each odd-numbered year in an amount equal to the percentage certified to the Federal Election Commission by the United States Secretary of Labor under 52 U.S.C. § 30116(c) as existing on January 1, 2025.²

The maximum campaign contribution limit established under this section shall be: (i) Effective upon being published upon the official website of the Arkansas Ethics Commission; and (ii) Retroactive to the date of the certification to the Federal Election Commission by the United States Secretary of Labor.

As of January 30, 2025, and pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 7-6-203, a candidate may accept a campaign contribution or contributions up to the maximum amount of **three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500)** for each election, whether opposed or unopposed, from:

- (a) an individual;
- (b) a political party³;
- (c) a county political party committee;
- (d) a legislative caucus committee; or
- (e) an approved political action committee.

¹ HB 1369 passed with an emergency clause and was approved on 3/12/25. <u>Act 270 of 2025</u> https://arkleg.state.ar.us/Home/FTPDocument?path=%2FACTS%2F2025R%2FPublic%2FACT270.pdf

² Federal Register / Vol. 90, No. 19 / Thursday, January 30, 2025 / Notices. Federal Election Commission [Notice 2025-01] provided, in pertinent part, as follows: the contribution limitations are increased by multiplying the respective statutory contribution amount by 1.77163. Federal Register Notice https://www.fec.gov/resources/cms-content/documents/fedreg-notice-2025-01.pdf

³ A political party that meets the definition of political party under § 7-1-101 or a political party that meets the requirements of § 7-7-205.