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STATE OF COLORADO**

**INTRODUCED**

LLS NO. 01-0464.01 Bob Lackner

**HOUSE BILL 01-1093**

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**SENATE SPONSORSHIP**

**(None)**

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**House Committees**

State, Veterans, & Military Affairs

**Senate Committees**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING A LIMITATION ON THE AMOUNT OF MONEY A POLITICAL**  
102                    **PARTY MAY CONTRIBUTE TO A CANDIDATE COMMITTEE UNDER**  
103                    **THE "FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT".**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted.)*

Establishes limits in the "Fair Campaign Practices Act" (FCPA) on the amount of money that a political party may contribute in the applicable election cycle to a state house of representative, state board of education, regent of the university of Colorado, state senate, district attorney, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney general, state treasurer, or gubernatorial candidate committee.

Modifies the definition of "political party" in the FCPA to specify

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.

*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*

*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

that the term includes affiliated party organizations at the state, county, and local district levels and that all such affiliates are considered to be a single entity for purposes of the FCPA.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** 1-45-103 (12), Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
3 amended to read:

4 **1-45-103. Definitions.** As used in this article:

5 (12) "Political party" means any group of registered electors who,  
6 by petition or assembly, nominate candidates for the official general  
7 election ballot. ~~A political party at the state, county, district, or local level~~  
8 ~~is a separate political party for purposes of this article~~ "POLITICAL PARTY"  
9 INCLUDES AFFILIATED PARTY ORGANIZATIONS AT THE STATE, COUNTY, AND  
10 LOCAL DISTRICT LEVELS AND ALL SUCH AFFILIATES ARE CONSIDERED TO BE  
11 A SINGLE ENTITY FOR PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE.

12 **SECTION 2.** 1-45-105.3, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended  
13 BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION to read:

14 **1-45-105.3. Contribution limits.** (4.7) IN THE APPLICABLE  
15 ELECTION CYCLE, NO POLITICAL PARTY SHALL CONTRIBUTE MORE THAN:

16 (a) TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS TO ANY ONE STATE REPRESENTATIVE,  
17 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, OR REGENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF  
18 COLORADO CANDIDATE COMMITTEE;

19 (b) FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS TO ANY ONE STATE SENATE OR  
20 DISTRICT ATTORNEY CANDIDATE COMMITTEE;

21 (c) TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS TO ANY ONE LIEUTENANT  
22 GOVERNOR CANDIDATE COMMITTEE;

23 (d) EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS TO ANY ONE SECRETARY OF STATE,  
24 ATTORNEY GENERAL, OR STATE TREASURER CANDIDATE COMMITTEE; AND

1           (e)    FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS TO ANY ONE  
2 GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATE COMMITTEE.

3           **SECTION 3. Effective date - applicability.** This act shall take  
4 effect upon passage, and the limits on contributions and contributions in  
5 kind contained in the act shall apply to any political party subject to such  
6 limits for the portion of any election cycle or for the portion of the year  
7 remaining after such effective date, and for any election cycle or calendar  
8 year commencing after such effective date, whichever is applicable. Such  
9 limits shall not apply to contributions and contributions in kind made prior  
10 to such effective date.

11           **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
12 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
13 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.