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A BILL FOR

1 An Act setting limits for contributions by political committees
2 to certain political campaigns and making penalties
3 applicable.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 56.5B LIMITATIONS ON
2 CONTRIBUTIONS.

3 1. A political committee shall not make contributions
4 that, during any election campaign cycle, in the aggregate
5 exceed the following:

6 a. Two thousand dollars to any candidate or candidate's
7 committee for a statewide office.

8 b. Five hundred dollars to any candidate or candidate's
9 committee for the Iowa senate.

10 c. Two hundred fifty dollars to any candidate or
11 candidate's committee for the Iowa house of representatives.

12 2. A candidate or candidate's committee shall not
13 knowingly accept any contribution in violation of this
14 section.

15 3. For purposes of this section:

16 a. "Political committee" shall not include a state
17 statutory political committee, county statutory political
18 committee, city statutory political committee, or national
19 political party.

20 b. "Election campaign cycle" means the period of time
21 between any general or special election commencing on the day
22 following the previous election for that office and continuing
23 through election day.

24 c. "Statewide office" means the office of any of the state
25 officers listed in section 39.9.

26 4. This section shall not apply to the following:

27 a. Contributions to Iowa candidates for the United States
28 senate or house of representatives, or to any other candidate
29 for federal office.

30 b. Transfers of campaign funds made pursuant to section
31 56.42.

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EXPLANATION

33 This bill adds a new section to Code chapter 56, setting a
34 limit on contributions by political committees to certain
35 political campaigns. Limits apply to candidates for statewide

1 offices and the general assembly during each election campaign
2 cycle, which is defined as the period of time from a general
3 or special election until the next election day for that
4 office. Statutory political committees and national political
5 parties are not subject to these limits. Violation of these
6 provisions is a serious misdemeanor under Code section 56.16.

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