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A BILL FOR

1 An Act limiting the amount of contributions a candidate for  
2 office may accept from sources outside the candidate's  
3 elective district, and providing a penalty.

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

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SF 305

1 Section 1. Section 56.5A, Code 1997, is amended to read as  
2 follows:

3 56.5A CANDIDATE'S COMMITTEE.

4 1. Each candidate for state, county, city, or school  
5 office shall organize one, and only one, candidate's committee  
6 for a specific office sought when the candidate receives  
7 contributions in excess of five hundred dollars in the  
8 aggregate, makes expenditures in excess of five hundred  
9 dollars in the aggregate, or incurs indebtedness in excess of  
10 five hundred dollars in the aggregate in a calendar year.

11 2. A political committee shall not be established to  
12 support or oppose only one candidate for office, except that a  
13 political committee may be established to support or oppose  
14 approval of a single judge standing for retention.

15 3. a. A candidate's committee shall accept contributions  
16 from sources other than individuals who permanently reside  
17 within the district represented by the office to which the  
18 candidate presently seeks election, only to the extent that  
19 the candidate's committee has received and deposited in the  
20 candidate's campaign account, an equal or greater total of  
21 contributions from individuals who permanently reside within  
22 the district.

23 b. A candidate who accepts a contribution in violation of  
24 this subsection shall be fined civilly in an amount equal to  
25 ten times the amount by which the contribution exceeded the  
26 permitted limit. The fine proceeds shall be deposited in the  
27 Iowa election campaign fund created by section 56.19.

28 EXPLANATION

29 This bill amends Code chapter 56 to restrict a candidate's  
30 committee in its acceptance of contributions from individuals  
31 who reside outside the candidate's district. A candidate  
32 could accept funds from such sources only up to the amount of  
33 funds that the candidate has collected from individuals who  
34 permanently reside within the candidate's district. The  
35 penalty for violation of this prohibition would be a civil

1 fine equal to 10 times the amount accepted in excess of the  
2 limitation.

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