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SENATE FILE 122

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for limitations on contributions by political
 2 committees to certain political campaigns, and applying a
 3 penalty.

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

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SF 122
 STATE GOVERNMENT

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. "Election campaign cycle" means the period of time
17 between any general or special election commencing on the day
18 following the previous election for that office and continuing
19 through election day.

20 b. "Political committee" shall not include a state
21 statutory political committee, county statutory political
22 committee, city statutory political committee, or national
23 political party.

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.

32 EXPLANATION

33 This bill creates new Code section 56.5B to limit
34 contributions by political committees to certain political
35 campaigns. Limits apply to candidates for statewide offices

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

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