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A BILL FOR

1 An Act limiting the amount of contributions a candidate for
2   office may accept from outside the candidate's elective
3   district, and providing for a civil penalty.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1   Section 1. Section 56.5A, Code 2001, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:
3   NEW SUBSECTION. 3. a. A candidate's committee shall not
4 accept contributions from sources other than eligible electors
5 within the district represented by the office to which the
6 candidate presently seeks election, unless the candidate's
7 committee has received and deposited in the candidate's
8 campaign account an equal or greater total of contributions
9 from eligible electors within the district represented by the
10 office to which the candidate presently seeks election.
11   b. A candidate who accepts a contribution in violation of
12 this subsection shall be fined civilly in an amount equal to
13 ten times the amount by which the contribution exceeded the
14 permitted limit. The fine proceeds shall be deposited in the
15 Iowa election campaign fund created in section 56.19.
16   EXPLANATION
17   This bill amends Code chapter 56 to restrict a candidate's
18 committee in its acceptance of contributions from sources
19 other than eligible electors within the candidate's district.
20 A candidate could accept funds from such sources only up to
21 the amount of funds that the candidate has collected from
22 eligible electors within the candidate's district.
23   The penalty for violation of this limitation would be a
24 civil fine equal to 10 times the amount accepted in excess of
25 the limit.
26   Pursuant to Code section 68B.32D, the fine could be imposed
27 by the ethics and campaign disclosure board if it were no more
28 than $2,000.
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