

SENATE FILE 151
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act limiting the amount of contributions a candidate for
2 office may accept from outside counties in whole or in part
3 within the candidate's elective district, and providing a
4 civil penalty.

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

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STATE GOVERNMENT

1 Section 1. Section 56.5A, Code 2003, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 3. a. A candidate's committee shall
4 accept contributions from sources other than voters registered
5 within the county or counties represented in whole or in part
6 by the office to which the candidate presently seeks election,
7 only to the extent that the candidate's committee has received
8 and deposited in the candidate's campaign account an equal or
9 greater total of contributions from voters registered within
10 the county or counties represented in whole or in part by the
11 office to which the candidate presently seeks election.

12 b. A candidate who accepts a contribution in violation of
13 this subsection shall be subject to a civil penalty in an
14 amount equal to ten times the amount by which the contribution
15 exceeded the permitted limit. The civil penalty proceeds
16 shall be deposited in the Iowa election campaign fund created
17 by section 56.19.

18 c. Section 56.16 shall not apply to this subsection.

19 EXPLANATION

20 This bill amends Code chapter 56 to limit a candidate's
21 committee in the amount of contributions accepted from sources
22 other than registered voters living in counties in whole or in
23 part within the candidate's district. A candidate can accept
24 funds from nonresidents only to the extent that the candidate
25 has collected an equal or greater amount of funds from voters
26 registered in counties in whole or in part within the
27 candidate's district. The penalty for violation of this
28 prohibition is a civil penalty equal to 10 times the amount
29 accepted in excess of the limitation.

30 The criminal misdemeanor penalty generally applicable to
31 violations of Code chapter 56 does not apply to this new
32 provision.

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