

Senate File 2240 - Introduced

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BY WAHLS

A BILL FOR

1 An Act limiting campaign contributions, and making penalties
2 applicable.

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

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 68A.507 Contribution limits for
2 candidates.

3 1. For the purposes of this section, "*election campaign*
4 *cycle*" means the time period between elections for a particular
5 office. Each primary, general, and special election is a
6 separate election campaign cycle. Separate contribution limits
7 for each type of election for a particular office, including
8 primary, general, and special elections, apply in an election
9 campaign cycle.

10 2. A person shall not make, and a candidate, candidate's
11 committee, or anyone acting on behalf of any candidate or
12 candidate's committee shall not accept, any contribution which
13 will cause the total amount of the person's contributions to
14 a candidate or candidate's committee to exceed the amounts
15 set forth in 11 C.F.R. pt. 110 in an election campaign
16 cycle.

17 3. This section applies to candidates for any public office
18 in this state.

19 EXPLANATION

20 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
21 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

22 This bill imposes campaign contribution limits on candidates
23 for public office that are identical to those set forth in
24 federal campaign finance regulations.

25 A person who willfully violates the bill is, pursuant to Code
26 section 68A.701, guilty of a serious misdemeanor. A serious
27 misdemeanor is punishable by confinement for no more than one
28 year and a fine of at least \$430 but not more than \$2,560.

29 A variety of civil remedies are also available in Code
30 section 68B.32D for a violation of the bill, ranging from a
31 reprimand to a civil penalty of not more than \$2,000.