

# House File 2430 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act limiting individual campaign contributions, and making
- 2 penalties applicable.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

unofficial

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. An individual 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 individual's contributions to  
14 a candidate or candidate's committee to exceed the amounts set  
15 forth in 11 C.F.R. pt. 110 in an election campaign cycle.

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

18                                   EXPLANATION

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

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

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

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