

House File 286 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act limiting campaign contributions to political committees,
- 2 and making 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 **political committees.**

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 political committee shall
11 not accept, any contribution which will cause the total amount of
12 the person's contributions to the political committee to exceed
13 five thousand dollars.

14 EXPLANATION

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

17 This bill imposes campaign contribution limits for political
18 committees. In an election campaign cycle, a person shall not
19 contribute more than \$5,000 to a political committee, and a
20 political committee shall not accept more than \$5,000 from a
21 person.

22 A person who violates the bill is subject to penalties
23 pursuant to Code section 68B.32D. A person who willfully violates
24 the bill is guilty of a serious misdemeanor (Code section
25 68A.701). A serious misdemeanor is punishable by confinement for
26 no more than one year and a fine of at least \$430 but not more
27 than \$2,560.

28 A variety of civil remedies are also available in Code section
29 68B.32D for a violation of Code chapter 68A or rules of the
30 ethics and campaign disclosure board, ranging from a reprimand to
31 a civil penalty of not more than \$2,000.