



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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128th General Assembly
(As Introduced)

Reps. Stewart, Foley, Goyal

BILL SUMMARY

- Reduces from \$10,000 to \$2,500 the amount an individual who is seven years of age or older may contribute to the campaign committee of a statewide candidate or a candidate for the office of member of the General Assembly.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

The bill reduces the amount of contributions that an individual may make to the campaign committee of a candidate for statewide office and to the campaign committee of a General Assembly candidate. The amount of contributions that such a campaign committee may accept from an individual contributor is similarly reduced.

Currently, an individual who is seven years of age or older may contribute up to \$10,000 in the primary election period and in the general election period to the campaign committee of a candidate for statewide office or to the campaign committee of a General Assembly candidate; the applicable campaign committee may accept equivalent amounts from that individual. The bill reduces the amount that may be contributed and accepted from \$10,000 to \$2,500 in each primary election period and general election period.¹

The reduced contribution limits apply only to contributions made after the bill's effective date. Contributions in excess of \$2,500 that are made prior to the bill's effective date will not cause a contributor or campaign committee to violate the new limits, even

¹ R.C. 3517.102.

if those contributions are reported on a campaign finance statement after the bill's effective date.²

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	12-06-10

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² Section 3.

