



## Notice of Permanent Adoption

### Colorado Department of State Rules Concerning Campaign & Political Finance 8 CCR 1505-6

October 25, 2023

#### I. Adopted Rule Amendments

As authorized by the Colorado Constitution<sup>1</sup>, Colorado campaign finance law<sup>2</sup>, and the State Administrative Procedure Act<sup>3</sup>, the Colorado Department of State gives notice that the following amendments to rules concerning campaign and political finance<sup>4</sup> are adopted on a permanent basis.

The rules were considered at the October 17, 2023, rulemaking hearing in accordance with the State Administrative Procedure Act<sup>5</sup>.

Please note the following formatting key:

Font effect	Meaning
Sentence case	Retained/modified current rule language
SMALL CAPS	New language
<del>Strikethrough</del>	Deletions
<i>[Italic blue font text]</i>	Annotations and publication notes

*Amendments to 8 CCR 1505-6 are as follows:*

*Amendment to Rule 1.5 to clarify that a committee refers to a political party committee, not the entire political party:*

- 1.5 “Committee” as used generally in these rules includes candidate committee, political committee, small donor committee, issue committee, small-scale issue committee, independent expenditure committee, political party COMMITTEE, and political organization.

*Amendments to Rule 10.17 concerning a grammatical error in section (a) and updating a numerical miscalculation from 2015 within section (i)’s table:*

10.17 Current adjusted limits

<sup>1</sup> Article XXVIII, Section 9(1)(b) of the Colorado Constitution.

<sup>2</sup> Article 45 of Title 1, C.R.S. (2023).

<sup>3</sup> Section 24-4-103, C.R.S. (2023).

<sup>4</sup> 8 CCR 1505-6.

<sup>5</sup> Section 24-4-103(3)(a), C.R.S. (2023).

10.17.1 Adjusted limits made in the first quarter of 2023 and effective until the next adjustment is made in 2027:

- (a) There is no adjustment to the contribution limits on individual donations to small donor committees outlined in COLO. CONST. Article XXVIII, Section 2(14).

*[No changes to sections (b) through (h).]*

- (i) This table contains the contribution limits listed in subsections (a)-(h).

Recipient:	Contributor:				
	Natural Person	Person, other than a natural person	Political committee	Small donor committee	Political party
Political committee	\$725 per election cycle	\$725 per election cycle	\$725 per election cycle	\$725 per election cycle	\$725 per election cycle
Small donor committee	\$50 per year	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited
Governor (governor & lt. governor)	\$725 per election cycle*	\$725 per election cycle*	\$725 per election cycle*	\$7,825 per election cycle*	\$789,025789,060 per election cycle
Secretary of state, state treasurer, attorney general	\$725 per election cycle*	\$725 per election cycle*	\$725 per election cycle*	\$7,825 per election cycle*	\$157,750157,805 per election cycle
State senate	\$225 per election cycle*	\$225 per election cycle*	\$225 per election cycle*	\$3,100 per election cycle*	\$28,37528,395 per election cycle
State house of representatives, state board of education, regent of the University of Colorado, district attorney	\$225 per election cycle*	\$225 per election cycle*	\$225 per election cycle*	\$3,100 per election cycle*	\$20,47520,500 per election cycle
Political party	\$4,675 (\$3,875 at the state level) per year	\$4,675 (\$3,875 at the state level) per year	\$4,675 (\$3,875 at the state level) per year	\$23,600 (\$19,650 at the state level) per year	Transfers within a party may be made without limitation.
County candidate	\$1,425 per election cycle*	\$1,425 per election cycle*	\$1,425 per election cycle*	\$14,400 per election cycle*	\$25,475 per election cycle
School district director	\$2,500 per election cycle	\$2,500 per election cycle	\$2,500 per election cycle	\$25,000 per election cycle	\$2,500 per election cycle

\* A candidate may accept the contribution limit for both the primary election and the general election.

## II. Basis, Purpose, and Specific Statutory Authority


A Statement of Basis, Purpose, and Specific Statutory Authority follows this notice and is incorporated by reference.

## III. Effective Date of Adopted Rules

The rules will become permanently effective twenty days after publication in the Colorado Register.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>6</sup> Section 24-4-103(5), C.R.S. (2023).

Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023,

  
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For

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## Statement of Basis, Purpose, and Specific Statutory Authority

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#### I. Basis and Purpose

This statement explains amendments to the Colorado Department of State rules concerning campaign and political finance.<sup>1</sup> The amendments are intended to ensure uniform and proper administration, implementation, and enforcement of Colorado campaign finance laws.<sup>2</sup>

Specific rule revisions include:

- Amendments to Rule 1.5 clarify that a committee, in part, refers to a political party committee.
- Amendments to Rule 10.17.1 update incorrect contributions limits from political parties to the following elected offices: Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Attorney General, State Senate, State House of Representatives, State Board of Education, Regent of the University of Colorado, and District Attorney.

Other changes to rules not specifically listed are non-substantive and necessary for consistency with Department rulemaking format and style. Cross-references in rules are also corrected or updated.

#### II. Rulemaking Authority

The constitutional and statutory authority is as follows:

- Article XXVIII, Section 3(13) of the Colorado Constitution, which requires the Secretary of State to “calculate . . . and specify [contribution] limits in rules promulgated in accordance with article 4 of title 24, C.R.S., or any successor section.”
- Article XXVIII, Section 8 of the Colorado Constitution, which requires the Secretary of State to “promulgate rules related to filing in accordance with article 4 of title 24, C.R.S.”

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<sup>1</sup> 8 CCR 1505-CCR 6.

<sup>2</sup> Article 45 of Title 1, C.R.S. (2023).

- Article XXVIII, Section 9(1)(b) of the Colorado Constitution, which requires the Secretary of State to “[p]romulgate such rules, in accordance with article 4 of title 24, C.R.S., or any successor section, as may be necessary to administer and enforce any provision of [Article XVIII of the Colorado State Constitution].”
- Section 1-1-107(2)(a), C.R.S., (2023), which authorizes the Secretary of State “[t]o promulgate, publish and distribute...such rules as the secretary of state finds necessary for the proper administration and enforcement of the election laws.”
- Section 1-45-111.5(1), C.R.S., (2023), which requires the Secretary of State to promulgate such rules “as may be necessary to enforce and administer any provision of” Article 45 of Title 1, C.R.S.