

**Preliminary Draft of Proposed Rules**

**Colorado Department of State  
Rules Concerning Campaign and Political Finance  
8 CCR 1505-6**

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*[Current 8 CCR 1505-6 is amended as follows:]*

1 *Amendments to Rule 10.17.1 concerning contribution limits:*

2 10.17 Current adjusted limits

3 10.17.1 Adjusted limits made in the first quarter of ~~2019~~-2023 and effective until the next  
4 adjustment is made in ~~2023~~-2027:

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

7 (b) The aggregate limits on contributions from any person for a primary or a general  
8 election, described in Colo. Const. Article XXVIII, Section 3(1), are adjusted as  
9 follows:

10 (1) ~~\$625~~-725 to any one:

11 (A) Governor candidate committee for the primary election, and  
12 ~~Governor and~~ Governor and Lieutenant Governor candidate  
13 committee, as joint candidates under section 1-1-104, C.R.S., or  
14 any successor section, for the general election;

- 1 (B) Secretary of State, State Treasurer, or Attorney General  
2 candidate committee.
- 3 (2) ~~There is no adjustment to the limits on contributions~~ \$225 to any one  
4 State Senate, State House of Representatives, State Board of  
5 Education, Regent of the University of Colorado, or any District Attorney  
6 candidate committee.
- 7 (c) The aggregate limits on contributions from a small donor committee for a primary  
8 or a general election, described in Colo. Const. Article XXVIII, Section 3(2), are  
9 adjusted as follows:
- 10 (1) ~~\$6,750~~ 7,825 to any one:
- 11 (A) Governor candidate committee for the primary election, and  
12 Governor and Lieutenant Governor candidate committee, as joint  
13 candidates under section 1-1-104, C.R.S., or any successor  
14 section, for the general election;
- 15 (B) Secretary of State, State Treasurer, or Attorney General  
16 candidate committee; and
- 17 (2) ~~\$2,675~~ 3,100 to any one State Senate, State House of Representatives,  
18 State Board of Education, Regent of the University of Colorado, or any  
19 District Attorney candidate committee.
- 20 (d) The aggregate limits on contributions from any person to a political party,  
21 described in Colo. Const. Article XXVIII, Section 3(3)(a), are adjusted as follows:
- 22 (1) ~~\$4,025~~ 4,675 per year at the state, county, district, and local level  
23 combined; and
- 24 (2) Of such, no more than ~~\$3,350~~ 3,875 at the state level.
- 25 (e) The aggregate limits on contributions from a small donor committee to a political  
26 party, described in Colo. Const. Article XXVIII, Section 3(3)(b), are adjusted as  
27 follows:
- 28 (1) ~~\$20,325~~ 23,600 per year at the state, county, district, and local level  
29 combined; and
- 30 (2) Of such, no more than ~~\$16,925~~ 19,650 at the state level.
- 31 (f) The aggregate limits on pro-rata contributions or dues made to political  
32 committees, described in Colo. Const. Article XXVIII, Section 3(5), are adjusted  
33 to ~~\$625~~ 725 per house of representatives election cycle.
- 34 (g) The aggregate limits on contributions to a county candidate as defined in section  
35 1-45-103.7(1.5)(a)(I), C.R.S. are as follows:
- 36 (1) ~~\$1,250~~ 1,425 for a primary or a general election from any person other  
37 than a small donor committee or a political party;

1 (2) ~~\$12,500~~ 14,400 for a primary or a general election from any small donor  
2 committee; and

3 (3) ~~\$22,125~~ 25,475 for the election cycle from a political party.

4 (h) The aggregate limits on contributions to candidates for school district director are  
5 as follows:

6 (1) \$2,500 per election cycle from any person other than a small donor  
7 committee; and

8 (2) \$25,000 per election cycle from any small donor committee.

9 (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	\$625-725 per election cycle	\$625-725 per election cycle	\$625-725 per election cycle	\$625-725 per election cycle	\$625-725 per election cycle
Small donor committee	\$50 per year	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited
Governor (governor & lt. governor)	\$625-725 per election cycle*	\$625-725 per election cycle*	\$625-725 per election cycle*	\$6,750 7,825 per election cycle*	\$679,025 789,025 per election cycle
Secretary of state, state treasurer, attorney general	\$625-725 per election cycle*	\$625-725 per election cycle*	\$625-725 per election cycle*	\$6,750 7,825 per election cycle*	\$135,775 157,750 per election cycle
State senate	\$200-225 per election cycle*	\$200-225 per election cycle*	\$200-225 per election cycle*	\$2,675 3,100 per election cycle*	\$24,425 28,375 per election cycle
State house of representatives, state board of education, regent of the University of Colorado, district attorney	\$200-225 per election cycle*	\$200-225 per election cycle*	\$200-225 per election cycle*	\$2,675 3,100 per election cycle*	\$17,625 20,475 per election cycle
Political party	\$4,025 4,675 (\$3,350 3,875 at the state level) per year	\$4,025 4,675 (\$3,350 3,875 at the state level) per year	\$4,025 4,675 (\$3,350 3,875 at the state level) per year	\$20,325 23,600 (\$16,925 19,650 at the state level) per year	Transfers within a party may be made without limitation.
County candidate	\$1,250 1,425 per election cycle*	\$1,250 1,425 per election cycle*	\$1,250 1,425 per election cycle*	\$12,500 14,400 per election cycle*	\$22,125 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

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

2 (j) The voluntary spending limits for a candidate described in Colo. Const. Article  
3 XXVIII, Section 4(1), are adjusted as follows:

4 (1) The spending limit for Governor, and Governor and Lieutenant Governor  
5 as joint candidates under section 1-1-104, C.R.S., or any successor  
6 section is adjusted to ~~\$3,395,275~~ 3,945,300.

7 (2) The spending limit for a candidate for Secretary of State, Attorney  
8 General, or Treasurer is adjusted to ~~\$679,025~~ 789,025.

9 (3) The spending limit for a candidate for State Senate is adjusted to  
10 ~~\$122,200~~ 141,975.

11 (4) The spending limit for a candidate for State House of Representatives,  
12 State Board of Education, Regent of the University of Colorado, or any  
13 District Attorney is adjusted to ~~\$88,225~~ 102,500.  
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Candidate	Voluntary Spending Limit
Governor, and Governor and Lieutenant Governor as joint candidates	<del>\$3,395,275</del> 3,945,300
Secretary of State, Attorney General, or State Treasurer	<del>\$679,025</del> 789,025
State Senate	<del>\$122,200</del> 141,975
State House of Representatives, State Board of Education, Regent of the University of Colorado, or District Attorney	<del>\$88,225</del> 102,500

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