

COLORADO SECRETARY OF STATE

[8 CCR 1505-6]

RULES CONCERNING CAMPAIGN AND POLITICAL FINANCE

Preliminary Draft of Proposed Rules

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Disclaimer: This draft is not yet final. The proposed changes to be considered at the public rulemaking hearing may be different than the proposed changes in this draft. This draft is submitted to the Department of Regulatory Agencies for the purpose of complying with section 24-4-103(2.5), C.R.S., which requires that a draft be submitted to the Department at the time that a notice of proposed rulemaking is filed with the Secretary of State.

A final copy of the proposed rule changes will be available to the public no later than February 1, 2007, and a copy will be posted on the Department of State's web site, in compliance with the requirement of section 24-4-103(4)(a), C.R.S., that "[a]ny proposed rule or revised proposed rule by an agency which is to be considered at the public hearing . . . shall be made available to any person at least five days prior to said hearing."

Proposed additions to the current rules are reflected in SMALL CAPS or underlined. Proposed deletions from current rules are shown in ~~stricken type~~. Annotations are included.

1 New Rule 12 would be adopted as follows:

2 **12. Adjustments to Contribution Limits**

3 12.1 Calculation of adjustments.

4 12.1.1 In accordance with section 3(13), Article XXVIII of the Colorado
5 Constitution, the limits on contributions set forth in section 2(14) and
6 subsections (1), (2), (3), and (5) of section 3 of Article XXVIII of the
7 Colorado Constitution, are adjusted based on the percentage change in the
8 consumer price index for the Denver-Boulder-Greely area, over the four
9 year period immediately preceding the adjustment.

10 12.1.2 In determining the adjusted amount, the percentage change in the
11 consumer price index is rounded to the nearest whole percentage point. In
12 accordance with section 3(13), Article XXVIII of the Colorado

1 Constitution, the adjusted limits on contributions are rounded to the
2 nearest, lowest twenty-five dollars (\$25).

3 12.2 There is no adjustment to the contribution limits on individual donations to small
4 donor committees outlined in section 2(14), Article XXVIII of the Colorado
5 Constitution.

6 12.3 The aggregate limits on contributions from any person, described in section 3(1),
7 Article XXVIII of the Colorado Constitution, are adjusted as follows:

8 a. Five hundred, twenty-five dollars (\$525) to any one:

9 (I) Governor candidate committee for the primary election, and
10 governor and lieutenant governor candidate committee, as joint
11 candidates under 1-1-104, C.R.S., or any successor section, for the
12 general election;

13 (II) Secretary of state, state treasurer, or attorney general candidate
14 committee.

15 b. There is no adjustment to the limits on contributions to any one state
16 senate, state house of representatives, state board of education, regent of
17 the university of Colorado, or any district attorney candidate committee.

18 12.4 The aggregate limits on contributions from a small donor committee, described in
19 section 3(2), Article XXVIII of the Colorado Constitution, are adjusted as
20 follows:

21 a. Five thousand, three hundred dollars (\$5,300) to any one:

22 (I) Governor candidate committee for the primary election, and
23 governor and lieutenant governor candidate committee, as joint
24 candidates under 1-1-104, C.R.S., or any successor section, for the
25 general election;

26 (II) Secretary of state, state treasurer, or attorney general candidate
27 committee; and

28 b. Two thousand, one hundred, twenty-five dollars (\$2,125) to any one state
29 senate, state house of representatives, state board of education, regent of
30 the university of Colorado, or any district attorney candidate committee.

31 12.5 The aggregate limits on contributions from any person to a political party,
32 described in section 3(3)(a), Article XXVIII of the Colorado Constitution, are
33 adjusted as follows:

34 a. Three thousand, one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$3,175) per year at the
35 state, county, district, and local level combined; and

1 b. Of such, no more than two thousand, six hundred, fifty dollars (\$2,650) at
2 the state level.

3 12.6 The aggregate limits on contributions from a small donor committee to a political
4 party, described in section 3(3)(b), Article XXVIII of the Colorado Constitution,
5 are adjusted as follows:

6 a. Fifteen thousand, nine hundred dollars (\$15,900) per year at the state,
7 county, district, and local level combined; and

8 b. Of such, no more than thirteen thousand, two hundred, fifty dollars
9 (\$13,250) at the state level.

10 12.7 The aggregate limits on pro-rata contributions or dues made to political
11 committees, described in section 3(5), Article XXVIII of the Colorado
12 Constitution, are adjusted to five hundred, twenty-five dollars (\$525) per house of
13 representatives election cycle.