

SOUTH DAKOTA CAMPAIGN FINANCE CONTRIBUTION LIMITS

NO CANDIDATE OR POLITICAL COMMITTEE MAY:

- Accept any contribution from any state, state agency, political subdivision of the state, foreign government, Indian tribal entity, federal agency, or the federal government. **(12-27-21)**
- Give or accept a contribution unless the name, mailing address, city & state of the contributor is made known to the person, entity, candidate, or political committee receiving the contribution. Any contribution, money, or other thing of value received by a candidate or political committee from an unknown source shall be donated to a nonprofit charitable entity. **(12-27-11)**

CANDIDATE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEES: Contributions received by a candidate campaign committee may only be used for: **(1)** A purpose related to a candidate's campaign; **(2)** Expenses incident to being a public official or former public official; or **(3)** Donations to any other candidate, political committee, or nonprofit charitable organization. **(12-27-50)**

Donated goods or services **DO COUNT** towards contribution limits. **(SDCL 12-27-1 (6))**

* **Individual** – a candidate or candidate’s immediate family may give unlimited contributions

****PAC** – includes federal and statewide *****Party** – includes national, statewide, county and auxiliary

Contribution Limits Statute References: SDCL 12-27-7, 8, 9, 10 and 18.1

*Any contribution from a person who is an unemancipated **minor** shall be deducted from the total contribution permitted under this section by the unemancipated minor’s custodial parent or parents. Does not apply if a minor is immediate family to the candidate.

Refer to **12-27-47** and **12-27-47.1** for complaint process.

Contribution limits to a PAC from:	
Individual*	\$10,000
PAC**	Unlimited
Party***	Unlimited
Entity	\$10,000
Federal, Statewide, Legislative & County Candidate Committee	Unlimited
Ballot Question Committee	\$10,000

Contribution limits to a Statewide Candidate from:	
Individual*	\$4,000
PAC**	Unlimited
Party***	Unlimited
Entity	\$4,000
Federal, Statewide, Legislative & County Candidate Committee	Unlimited
Ballot Question Committee	Prohibited

Contribution limits to a Ballot Question from:	
Individual*	Unlimited
PAC**	Unlimited
Party***	Unlimited
Entity	Unlimited
Federal, Statewide, Legislative & County Candidate Committee	Unlimited
Ballot Question Committee	Unlimited

Contribution limits to a Legislative or County Candidate from:	
Individual*	\$1,000
PAC**	Unlimited
Party***	Unlimited
Entity	\$1,000
Federal, Statewide, Legislative & County Candidate Committee	Unlimited
Ballot Question Committee	Prohibited

Contribution limits to a Political Party from:	
Individual*	\$10,000
PAC**	Unlimited
Party***	Unlimited
Entity	\$10,000
Federal, Statewide, Legislative & County Candidate Committee	Unlimited
Ballot Question Committee	Prohibited