

# 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)**

**NEW LAW: 12-27-10.4.** (Text of section effective January 1, 2019) Affiliated entities sharing single contribution limit. For the purpose of the contribution limits established by §§ 12-27-7, 12-27-8, 12-27-9, and 12-27-10, all committees established, financed, maintained, or controlled by the same person or entity including any parent, subsidiary, branch, division, department, or local unit thereof, are affiliated and share a single contribution limit both with respect to contributions made and contributions received.

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 (SDCL 12-27-7 and 8)

\*\***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

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

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

Contribution limits to a Ballot Question from:	
<b>Individual*</b>	Unlimited
<b>PAC**</b>	Unlimited
<b>Party***</b>	Unlimited
<b>Entity</b>	Unlimited
<b>Federal, Statewide, Legislative &amp; County Candidate Committee</b>	Unlimited
<b>Ballot Question Committee</b>	Unlimited

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

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