

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1773

By: Representative Long

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING CONTRIBUTION  
LIMITS FOR BALLOT QUESTION COMMITTEES AND LEGISLATIVE  
QUESTION COMMITTEES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING CONTRIBUTION  
LIMITS FOR BALLOT QUESTION COMMITTEES  
AND LEGISLATIVE QUESTION COMMITTEES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-9-405 is amended to read as follows:

7-9-405. Contributions and expenditures limited.

~~(a) No ballot question committee or legislative question committee shall accept any contribution in cash, meaning currency or coin, that exceeds one hundred dollars (\$100).~~

~~(b)(a)~~ No A ballot question committee or legislative question committee shall not accept any contribution from a:

(1) ~~prohibited~~ Prohibited political action committee as defined in § 7-6-201; or

(2) Foreign individual or entity.

~~(c) No ballot question committee, legislative question committee, or individual shall make an expenditure in cash that exceeds fifty dollars (\$50.00) to influence the qualification, disqualification, passage, or defeat of a ballot question or the passage or defeat of a legislative question.~~

~~(d)(b)~~ No contributions shall be made, directly or indirectly, by any person in a name other than the name by which the person is identified for



legal purposes.

~~(e)(1) No person shall make an anonymous contribution totaling fifty dollars (\$50.00) or more to a ballot question committee or legislative question committee.~~

~~(2) Any such anonymous contribution actually received by any ballot question committee or legislative question committee shall be promptly paid by the recipient to the Arkansas Ethics Commission for deposit into the State Treasury as general revenues.~~

(c)(1)(A) It shall be unlawful for a ballot question committee, legislative question committee, or for a person acting on the ballot question committee's or the legislative question committee's behalf to accept contributions in excess of the maximum contribution level established by rule of the Arkansas Ethics Commission under subsection (e) of this section per election from:

- (i) An individual;
- (ii) A political party that meets the definition of a political party under § 7-1-101;
- (iii) A political party that meets the requirements of § 7-7-205;
- (iv) A county political party committee;
- (v) A legislative caucus committee; or
- (vi) An approved political action committee.

(B) It shall be unlawful for a ballot question committee, legislative question committee, or for a person acting on the ballot question committee's or the legislative question committee's behalf to accept a contribution from a prospective contributor other than those under subdivisions (c)(1)(A)(i)-(vi) of this section.

(2) A ballot question committee or legislative question committee may accept a contribution or contributions up to the maximum amount from any prospective contributor under subdivisions (c)(1)(A)(i)-(vi) of this section for each election, whether opposed or unopposed.

(d)(1)(A) It shall be unlawful for a person to make a contribution to a ballot question committee, legislative question committee, or to a person acting on the ballot question committee's or the legislative question committee's behalf, which in the aggregate amount exceeds the maximum contribution limit established by rule of the commission per election.

(B) The total aggregate amount per election is based on the total contributions made to a ballot question committee or legislative question committee by a donor during an election regardless of which ballot question the ballot question committee or legislative question committee is advocating for or against, and the aggregate amount during an election applies even if a ballot question committee or legislative question committee:

(i) Advocates for or against more than one (1) ballot question during the election; or

(ii) Concludes a campaign or otherwise withdraws the ballot question.

(2) A person permitted to make a contribution or contributions under subdivisions (c)(1)(A)(i)-(vi) of this section may make a contribution or contributions up to the maximum amount to a ballot question committee or legislative question committee for each election, whether opposed or unopposed.

(e)(1) The commission shall establish the contribution limit under this section by rule in the same manner provided for the establishment of the maximum campaign contribution limit under § 7-6-203.

(2) The commission shall promulgate rules identifying the adjusted contribution limit under this section.