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STATEMENT TO
SENATE, No. 2577

with Assembly Floor Amendments
(Proposed By Assemblyman GREGG)

ADOPTED: JANUARY 3, 2002

This amendment makes this bill identical to Assembly, No. 4013 (1R).

With the amendment, this bill would reduce the amount of a political contribution that may be made to and accepted by a legislative leadership committee to \$20,000 (now \$25,000 in the statute but set at \$37,000 by the Election Law Enforcement Commission due to quadrennial adjustment). The limit would apply to contributions by an individual, corporation, labor organization, political committee, continuing political committee, candidate committee or joint candidates committee or both, or another group.

The bill would also limit the amount that an individual, corporation, labor organization, or other group may contribute to a political committee (other than one organized to advocate the passage or defeat of a public question) to \$20,000 per election and to a continuing political committee to \$20,000 per year. This limit is the same limit the bill places on legislative leadership committees. Under existing law, unlimited amounts may be contributed to a political committee or a continuing political committee by individuals, corporations, or labor organizations.

Finally, the bill would make clear that notwithstanding the provisions of R.S.19:34-35, which ban political contributions by certain regulated corporations, any co-generation facility or any retail seller that extends credit, pursuant to the "Retail Installment Sales Act of 1960", would be permitted to make such contributions.

SENATE, No. 2577

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
209th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED NOVEMBER 26, 2001

Sponsored by:

Senator PETER A. INVERSO

District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex)

SYNOPSIS

Limits contributions to legislative leadership committees, State political party committees, political committees and continuing political committees.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning limits on certain political contributions and
2 amending P.L.1993, c.65.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

6

7 1. Section 19 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.4) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 19. a. (1) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2) of this
10 subsection, no individual, no corporation of any kind organized and
11 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
12 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any kind
13 which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
14 collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the
15 grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid
16 or protection in connection with employment, no political committee,
17 continuing political committee, candidate committee or joint
18 candidates committee or any other group, shall pay or make any
19 contribution of money or other thing of value to the campaign
20 treasurer, deputy treasurer or other representative of the State
21 committee of a political party or the campaign treasurer, deputy
22 campaign treasurer or other representative of any legislative leadership
23 committee, which in the aggregate exceeds \$25,000 per year, or in the
24 case of a joint candidates committee when that is the only committee
25 established by the candidates, \$25,000 per year per candidate in the
26 joint candidates committee, or in the case of a candidate committee
27 and a joint candidates committee when both are established by a
28 candidate, \$25,000 per year from that candidate. No campaign
29 treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or other representative of the
30 State committee of a political party or campaign treasurer, deputy
31 campaign treasurer or other representative of any legislative leadership
32 committee shall knowingly accept from an individual, a corporation of
33 any kind organized and incorporated under the laws of this State or
34 any other state or any country other than the United States, a labor
35 organization of any kind which exists or is constituted for the purpose,
36 in whole or in part, of collective bargaining, or of dealing with
37 employers concerning the grievances, terms or conditions of
38 employment, or of other mutual aid or protection in connection with
39 employment, a political committee, a continuing political committee,
40 a candidate committee or a joint candidates committee or any other
41 group, any contribution of money or other thing of value which in the
42 aggregate exceeds \$25,000 per year, or in the case of a joint
43 candidates committee when that is the only committee established by

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

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1 the candidates, \$25,000 per year per candidate in the joint candidates
2 committee, or in the case of a candidate committee and a joint
3 candidates committee when both are established by a candidate,
4 \$25,000 per year from that candidate.

5 Adjustments to the limits established in this paragraph which have
6 been made by the Election Law Enforcement Commission, pursuant to
7 section 22 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-7.2), prior to the effective
8 date of P.L. _____, c. _____ (C. _____) (now pending before the Legislature as
9 this bill) are rescinded. The limits established in this paragraph shall
10 remain as stated in this paragraph until subsequently adjusted by the
11 commission in the manner prescribed by section 22 of P.L.1993, c.65
12 (C.19:44A-7.2).

13 (2) No national committee of a political party shall pay or make
14 any contribution of money or other thing of value to the campaign
15 treasurer, deputy treasurer or other representative of the State
16 committee of a political party which in the aggregate exceeds \$50,000
17 per year, and no campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or
18 other representative of the State committee of a political party shall
19 knowingly accept from the national committee of a political party any
20 contribution of money or other thing of value which in the aggregate
21 exceeds \$50,000 per year.

22 b. No individual, no corporation of any kind organized and
23 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
24 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any kind
25 which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
26 collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the
27 grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid
28 or protection in connection with employment, no political committee,
29 continuing political committee, candidate committee or joint
30 candidates committee or any other group, shall pay or make any
31 contribution of money or other thing of value to any county committee
32 of a political party, which in the aggregate exceeds \$25,000 per year,
33 or in the case of a joint candidates committee when that is the only
34 committee established by the candidates, \$25,000 per year per
35 candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a
36 candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when both are
37 established by a candidate, \$25,000 per year from that candidate. No
38 campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or other representative
39 of a county committee of a political party shall knowingly accept from
40 an individual, a corporation of any kind organized and incorporated
41 under the laws of this State or any other state or any country other
42 than the United States, a labor organization of any kind which exists
43 or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of collective
44 bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the grievances,
45 terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid or
46 protection in connection with employment, a political committee, a

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1 continuing political committee, a candidate committee or a joint
2 candidates committee or any other group, any contribution of money
3 or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds \$25,000 per
4 year, or in the case of a joint candidates committee when that is the
5 only committee established by the candidates, \$25,000 per year per
6 candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a
7 candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when both are
8 established by a candidate, \$25,000 per year from that candidate.

9 c. No individual, no corporation of any kind organized and
10 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
11 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any kind
12 which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
13 collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the
14 grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid
15 or protection in connection with employment, no political committee,
16 continuing political committee, candidate committee or joint
17 candidates committee or any other group shall pay or make any
18 contribution of money or other thing of value to any municipal
19 committee of a political party, which in the aggregate exceeds \$5,000
20 per year, or in the case of a joint candidates committee when that is
21 the only committee established by the candidates, \$5,000 per year per
22 candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a
23 candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when both are
24 established by a candidate, \$5,000 per year from that candidate. No
25 campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or other representative
26 of a municipal committee of a political party shall knowingly accept
27 from an individual, a corporation of any kind organized and
28 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
29 country other than the United States, a labor organization of any kind
30 which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
31 collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the
32 grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid
33 or protection in connection with employment, a political committee,
34 a continuing political committee, a candidate committee or a joint
35 candidates committee or any other group, any contribution of money
36 or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds \$5,000 per
37 year, or in the case of a joint candidates committee when that is the
38 only committee established by the candidates, \$5,000 per year per
39 candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a
40 candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when both are
41 established by a candidate, \$5,000 per year from that candidate.

42 No county committee of a political party in any county shall pay or
43 make any contribution of money or other thing of value to a municipal
44 committee of a political party in a municipality not located in that
45 county which in the aggregate exceeds the amount of aggregate

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1 contributions which, under this subsection, a continuing political
2 committee is permitted to pay or make to a municipal committee of a
3 political party. No campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or
4 other representative of a municipal committee of a political party in
5 any municipality shall knowingly accept from any county committee of
6 a political party in any county other than the county in which the
7 municipality is located any contribution of money or other thing of
8 value which in the aggregate exceeds the amount of contributions
9 permitted to be so paid or made under that subsection.

10 d. For the purpose of determining the amount of a contribution to
11 be attributed as given by each candidate in a joint candidates
12 committee, the amount of the contribution by such a committee shall
13 be divided equally among all the candidates in the committee.

14 (cf: P.L.1993, c.65, s.19)

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16 2. Section 20 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.5) is amended to
17 read as follows:

18 20. a. No candidate who has established only a candidate
19 committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy treasurer or candidate
20 committee shall pay or make any contribution of money or other thing
21 of value to a political committee, other than a political committee
22 which is organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat
23 of a public question in any election, or a continuing political
24 committee, which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a
25 political committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per election, or in the case of a
26 continuing political committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per year, and no
27 candidates who have established only a joint candidates committee,
28 their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or joint
29 candidates committee shall pay or make any contribution of money or
30 other thing of value to such a political committee or continuing
31 political committee which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such
32 a political committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per election per candidate in
33 the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a continuing political
34 committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per year per candidate in the joint
35 candidates committee, and no candidate who has established both a
36 candidate committee and a joint candidates committee shall pay or
37 make any contribution of money or other thing of value which in the
38 aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~
39 \$7,200 per election from that candidate, or in the case of a continuing
40 political committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per year from that candidate.
41 No political committee, other than a political committee which is
42 organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a public
43 question in any election, or a continuing political committee, shall
44 knowingly accept from a candidate who has established only a
45 candidate committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy treasurer or
46 candidate committee, any contribution of money or other thing of

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1 value which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political
2 committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per election, or in the case of a
3 continuing political committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per year, and no such
4 political committee or continuing political committee shall knowingly
5 accept from candidates who have established only a joint candidates
6 committee, their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or
7 joint candidates committee, any contribution of money or other thing
8 of value which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political
9 committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per election per candidate in the joint
10 candidates committee, or in the case of a continuing political
11 committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per year per candidate in the joint
12 candidates committee, and no such political committee or continuing
13 political committee shall knowingly accept from a candidate who has
14 established both a candidate committee and a joint candidates
15 committee any contribution of money or other thing of value which in
16 the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political committee,
17 ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per election from that candidate, or in the case of a
18 continuing political committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per year from that
19 candidate. For the purpose of determining the amount of a
20 contribution to be attributed as given by each candidate in a joint
21 candidates committee, the amount of the contribution by such a
22 committee shall be divided equally among all the candidates in the
23 committee.

24 b. No political committee, other than a political committee which
25 is organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a
26 public question in any election, and no continuing political committee
27 shall pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value to
28 another political committee, other than a political committee which is
29 organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a public
30 question in any election, or another continuing political committee
31 which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of a recipient continuing
32 political committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per year, or in the case of a
33 recipient political committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per election. No
34 political committee, other than a political committee which is
35 organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a public
36 question in any election, and no continuing political committee shall
37 knowingly accept from another political committee, other than a
38 political committee which is organized to, or does, aid or promote the
39 passage or defeat of a public question in any election, or another
40 continuing political committee any contribution of money or other
41 thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of a
42 recipient continuing political committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per year, or
43 in the case of a recipient political committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per
44 election.

1 c. No individual, no corporation of any kind organized and
2 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
3 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any kind
4 which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
5 collective bargaining, or of dealing with employees concerning the
6 grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid
7 or protection in connection with employment, nor any other group,
8 shall pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value to
9 a political committee, other than a political committee which is
10 organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a public
11 question in any election, or a continuing political committee, which in
12 the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political committee,
13 \$7,200 per election, or in the case of a continuing political committee,
14 \$7,200 per year, and no such political committee or continuing
15 political committee shall knowingly accept any contribution in excess
16 of those amounts from an individual or from such corporation, labor
17 organization, or other group.
18 (cf: P.L.1993, c.65, s.20).

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20 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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25 This bill would reduce the amount of a contribution that may be
26 made to a legislative leadership committee or the State committee of
27 a political party from \$37,000 to \$25,000. The limit would apply to
28 contributions by an individual, corporation, labor organization,
29 political committee, continuing a political committee, candidate
30 committee or joint candidates committee, or other group. Existing law
31 established a \$25,000 cap on such contributions in 1993. However,
32 this limit has been adjusted upward to reflect inflation and now stands
33 at \$37,000. The bill would rescind the prior inflation adjustments and
34 cap contributions at \$25,000, while allowing for future inflation
35 adjustments.

36 The bill also limits the amount that an individual, corporation, labor
37 organization, or other group may contribute to a political committee
38 (other than one organized to advocate the passage or defeat of a
39 public question) to \$7,200 per election and to a continuing political
40 committee to \$7,200 per year. These are the same limits which
41 currently apply to contributions to these committees by another such
42 committee, a candidate committee, or a national political party
43 committee. Under existing law, unlimited amounts may be contributed
44 to a political committee or a continuing political committee by
45 individuals, corporations, or labor organizations. This practice has
46 allowed wealthy individuals or organizations to circumvent campaign

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1 contribution limits by contributing large sums to political committees
2 or continuing political committees which then support specific
3 candidates.

4 Finally, the bill updates certain contribution limits in
5 N.J.S.A.19:44A-11.5 to reflect prior inflation adjustments.

SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2577

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 29, 2001

The Senate State Government Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2577.

This bill reduces the amount of a contribution that may be made to a legislative leadership committee or the State committee of a political party from \$37,000 to \$25,000. The limit would apply to contributions made by an individual, corporation, labor organization, political committee, continuing a political committee, candidate committee or joint candidates committee, or any other group. Existing law established a \$25,000 cap on such contributions in 1993. However, this limit has been adjusted upward to reflect inflation and now stands at \$37,000. The bill would rescind the prior inflation adjustments and cap contributions at \$25,000, while allowing for future inflation adjustments.

The bill updates contribution limits, from \$5,000 to \$7,200, that can be made to various committees specified in N.J.S.A.19:44A-11.5 to reflect prior inflation adjustments.

The bill also limits the amount that an individual, corporation, labor organization, or other group may contribute to a political committee (other than one organized to advocate the passage or defeat of a public question) to \$7,200 per election and to a continuing political committee to \$7,200 per year. These are the same limits which currently apply to contributions to these committees by another such committee, a candidate committee, or a national political party committee. At present, unlimited amounts may be contributed to a political committee or a continuing political committee by individuals, corporations, or labor organizations.

[First Reprint]
SENATE, No. 2577

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
209th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED NOVEMBER 26, 2001

Sponsored by:
Senator PETER A. INVERSO
District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex)

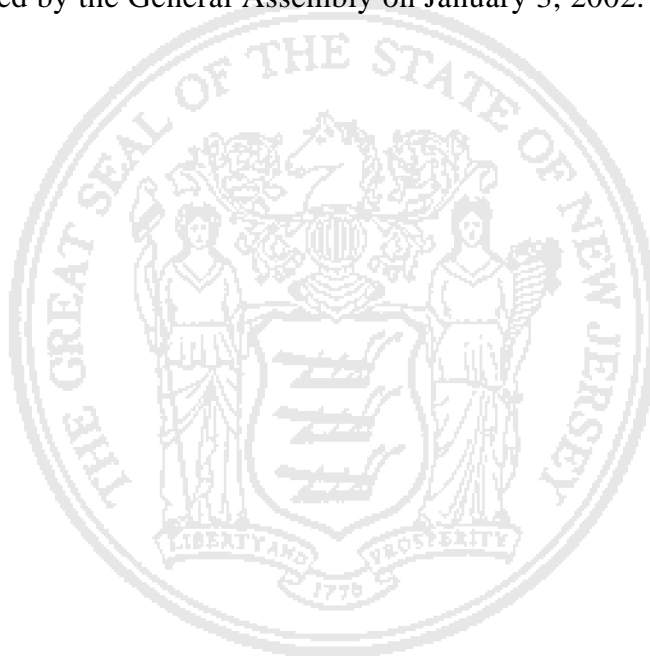
Co-Sponsored by:
Assemblyman Gregg

SYNOPSIS

Limits contributions to legislative leadership committees and to certain political committees and continuing political committees; permits contributions by certain business entities.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As amended by the General Assembly on January 3, 2002.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/8/2002)

S2577 [1R] INVERSO

2

1 AN ACT concerning ¹[limits on certain]¹ political contributions and
2 amending ¹R.S.19:34-45 and¹ P.L.1993, c.65.

3

4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 ¹1. R.S.19:34-45 is amended to read as follows:

8 19:34-45. No corporation carrying on the business of a bank,
9 savings bank, co-operative bank, trust, trustee, savings indemnity, safe
10 deposit, insurance, railroad, street railway, telephone, telegraph, gas,
11 electric light, heat or power, canal or aqueduct company, or having the
12 right to condemn land, or to exercise franchises in public ways granted
13 by the state or any county or municipality, and no corporation, person,
14 trustee or trustees, owning or holding the majority of stock in any such
15 corporation, shall pay or contribute money or thing of value in order
16 to aid or promote the nomination or election of any person, or in order
17 to aid or promote the interests, success or defeat of any political party.

18 The provisions of this section shall not apply to any corporation
19 carrying on the business of a co-generation facility, as defined in
20 subsection c. of section 1 of P.L.2000, c.156 (C.54:15B-2.2), or to
21 any corporation carrying on the business of a retail seller that extends
22 credit, pursuant to the provisions of the "Retail Installment Sales Act
23 of 1960" P.L.1960, c.40 (C.17:16C-1 et seq.), or to any corporation,
24 person, trustee or trustees, owning or holding the majority of stock in
25 either such corporation.¹

26 (cf: R.S.19:34-45)

27

28 ¹[1. Section 19 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.4) is amended to
29 read as follows:

30 19. a. (1) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2) of this
31 subsection, no individual, no corporation of any kind organized and
32 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
33 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any kind
34 which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
35 collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the
36 grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid
37 or protection in connection with employment, no political committee,
38 continuing political committee, candidate committee or joint
39 candidates committee or any other group, shall pay or make any
40 contribution of money or other thing of value to the campaign
41 treasurer, deputy treasurer or other representative of the State

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Assembly floor amendments adopted January 3, 2002.

1 committee of a political party or the campaign treasurer, deputy
2 campaign treasurer or other representative of any legislative leadership
3 committee, which in the aggregate exceeds \$25,000 per year, or in the
4 case of a joint candidates committee when that is the only committee
5 established by the candidates, \$25,000 per year per candidate in the
6 joint candidates committee, or in the case of a candidate committee
7 and a joint candidates committee when both are established by a
8 candidate, \$25,000 per year from that candidate. No campaign
9 treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or other representative of the
10 State committee of a political party or campaign treasurer, deputy
11 campaign treasurer or other representative of any legislative leadership
12 committee shall knowingly accept from an individual, a corporation of
13 any kind organized and incorporated under the laws of this State or
14 any other state or any country other than the United States, a labor
15 organization of any kind which exists or is constituted for the purpose,
16 in whole or in part, of collective bargaining, or of dealing with
17 employers concerning the grievances, terms or conditions of
18 employment, or of other mutual aid or protection in connection with
19 employment, a political committee, a continuing political committee,
20 a candidate committee or a joint candidates committee or any other
21 group, any contribution of money or other thing of value which in the
22 aggregate exceeds \$25,000 per year, or in the case of a joint
23 candidates committee when that is the only committee established by
24 the candidates, \$25,000 per year per candidate in the joint candidates
25 committee, or in the case of a candidate committee and a joint
26 candidates committee when both are established by a candidate,
27 \$25,000 per year from that candidate.

28 Adjustments to the limits established in this paragraph which have
29 been made by the Election Law Enforcement Commission, pursuant to
30 section 22 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-7.2), prior to the effective
31 date of P.L. , c. (C.) (now pending before the Legislature as
32 this bill) are rescinded. The limits established in this paragraph shall
33 remain as stated in this paragraph until subsequently adjusted by the
34 commission in the manner prescribed by section 22 of P.L.1993, c.65
35 (C.19:44A-7.2).

36 (2) No national committee of a political party shall pay or make
37 any contribution of money or other thing of value to the campaign
38 treasurer, deputy treasurer or other representative of the State
39 committee of a political party which in the aggregate exceeds \$50,000
40 per year, and no campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or
41 other representative of the State committee of a political party shall
42 knowingly accept from the national committee of a political party any
43 contribution of money or other thing of value which in the aggregate
44 exceeds \$50,000 per year.

45 b. No individual, no corporation of any kind organized and
46 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any

1 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any kind
2 which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
3 collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the
4 grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid
5 or protection in connection with employment, no political committee,
6 continuing political committee, candidate committee or joint
7 candidates committee or any other group, shall pay or make any
8 contribution of money or other thing of value to any county committee
9 of a political party, which in the aggregate exceeds \$25,000 per year,
10 or in the case of a joint candidates committee when that is the only
11 committee established by the candidates, \$25,000 per year per
12 candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a
13 candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when both are
14 established by a candidate, \$25,000 per year from that candidate. No
15 campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or other representative
16 of a county committee of a political party shall knowingly accept from
17 an individual, a corporation of any kind organized and incorporated
18 under the laws of this State or any other state or any country other
19 than the United States, a labor organization of any kind which exists
20 or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of collective
21 bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the grievances,
22 terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid or
23 protection in connection with employment, a political committee, a
24 continuing political committee, a candidate committee or a joint
25 candidates committee or any other group, any contribution of money
26 or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds \$25,000 per
27 year, or in the case of a joint candidates committee when that is the
28 only committee established by the candidates, \$25,000 per year per
29 candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a
30 candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when both are
31 established by a candidate, \$25,000 per year from that candidate.

32 c. No individual, no corporation of any kind organized and
33 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
34 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any kind
35 which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
36 collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the
37 grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid
38 or protection in connection with employment, no political committee,
39 continuing political committee, candidate committee or joint
40 candidates committee or any other group shall pay or make any
41 contribution of money or other thing of value to any municipal
42 committee of a political party, which in the aggregate exceeds \$5,000
43 per year, or in the case of a joint candidates committee when that is
44 the only committee established by the candidates, \$5,000 per year per
45 candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a
46 candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when both are

1 established by a candidate, \$5,000 per year from that candidate. No
2 campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or other representative
3 of a municipal committee of a political party shall knowingly accept
4 from an individual, a corporation of any kind organized and
5 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
6 country other than the United States, a labor organization of any kind
7 which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
8 collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the
9 grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid
10 or protection in connection with employment, a political committee,
11 a continuing political committee, a candidate committee or a joint
12 candidates committee or any other group, any contribution of money
13 or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds \$5,000 per
14 year, or in the case of a joint candidates committee when that is the
15 only committee established by the candidates, \$5,000 per year per
16 candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a
17 candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when both are
18 established by a candidate, \$5,000 per year from that candidate.

19 No county committee of a political party in any county shall pay or
20 make any contribution of money or other thing of value to a municipal
21 committee of a political party in a municipality not located in that
22 county which in the aggregate exceeds the amount of aggregate
23 contributions which, under this subsection, a continuing political
24 committee is permitted to pay or make to a municipal committee of a
25 political party. No campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or
26 other representative of a municipal committee of a political party in
27 any municipality shall knowingly accept from any county committee of
28 a political party in any county other than the county in which the
29 municipality is located any contribution of money or other thing of
30 value which in the aggregate exceeds the amount of contributions
31 permitted to be so paid or made under that subsection.

32 d. For the purpose of determining the amount of a contribution to
33 be attributed as given by each candidate in a joint candidates
34 committee, the amount of the contribution by such a committee shall
35 be divided equally among all the candidates in the committee.

36 (cf: P.L.1993, c.65, s.19)]¹

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38 ¹[2. Section 20 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.5) is amended to
39 read as follows:

40 20. a. No candidate who has established only a candidate
41 committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy treasurer or candidate
42 committee shall pay or make any contribution of money or other thing
43 of value to a political committee, other than a political committee
44 which is organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat
45 of a public question in any election, or a continuing political
46 committee, which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a

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1 political committee, **[\$5,000]** \$7,200 per election, or in the case of a
2 continuing political committee, **[\$5,000]** \$7,200 per year, and no
3 candidates who have established only a joint candidates committee,
4 their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or joint
5 candidates committee shall pay or make any contribution of money or
6 other thing of value to such a political committee or continuing
7 political committee which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such
8 a political committee, **[\$5,000]** \$7,200 per election per candidate in
9 the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a continuing political
10 committee, **[\$5,000]** \$7,200 per year per candidate in the joint
11 candidates committee, and no candidate who has established both a
12 candidate committee and a joint candidates committee shall pay or
13 make any contribution of money or other thing of value which in the
14 aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political committee, **[\$5,000]**
15 \$7,200 per election from that candidate, or in the case of a continuing
16 political committee, **[\$5,000]** \$7,200 per year from that candidate.
17 No political committee, other than a political committee which is
18 organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a public
19 question in any election, or a continuing political committee, shall
20 knowingly accept from a candidate who has established only a
21 candidate committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy treasurer or
22 candidate committee, any contribution of money or other thing of
23 value which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political
24 committee, **[\$5,000]** \$7,200 per election, or in the case of a
25 continuing political committee, **[\$5,000]** \$7,200 per year, and no such
26 political committee or continuing political committee shall knowingly
27 accept from candidates who have established only a joint candidates
28 committee, their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or
29 joint candidates committee, any contribution of money or other thing
30 of value which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political
31 committee, **[\$5,000]** \$7,200 per election per candidate in the joint
32 candidates committee, or in the case of a continuing political
33 committee, **[\$5,000]** \$7,200 per year per candidate in the joint
34 candidates committee, and no such political committee or continuing
35 political committee shall knowingly accept from a candidate who has
36 established both a candidate committee and a joint candidates
37 committee any contribution of money or other thing of value which in
38 the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political committee,
39 **[\$5,000]** \$7,200 per election from that candidate, or in the case of a
40 continuing political committee, **[\$5,000]** \$7,200 per year from that
41 candidate. For the purpose of determining the amount of a
42 contribution to be attributed as given by each candidate in a joint
43 candidates committee, the amount of the contribution by such a
44 committee shall be divided equally among all the candidates in the
45 committee.

1 b. No political committee, other than a political committee which
2 is organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a
3 public question in any election, and no continuing political committee
4 shall pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value to
5 another political committee, other than a political committee which is
6 organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a public
7 question in any election, or another continuing political committee
8 which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of a recipient continuing
9 political committee, [~~\$5,000~~] \$7,200 per year, or in the case of a
10 recipient political committee, [~~\$5,000~~] \$7,200 per election. No
11 political committee, other than a political committee which is
12 organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a public
13 question in any election, and no continuing political committee shall
14 knowingly accept from another political committee, other than a
15 political committee which is organized to, or does, aid or promote the
16 passage or defeat of a public question in any election, or another
17 continuing political committee any contribution of money or other
18 thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of a
19 recipient continuing political committee, [~~\$5,000~~] \$7,200 per year, or
20 in the case of a recipient political committee, [~~\$5,000~~] \$7,200 per
21 election.

22 c. No individual, no corporation of any kind organized and
23 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
24 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any kind
25 which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
26 collective bargaining, or of dealing with employees concerning the
27 grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid
28 or protection in connection with employment, nor any other group,
29 shall pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value to
30 a political committee, other than a political committee which is
31 organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a public
32 question in any election, or a continuing political committee, which in
33 the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political committee,
34 \$7,200 per election, or in the case of a continuing political committee,
35 \$7,200 per year, and no such political committee or continuing
36 political committee shall knowingly accept any contribution in excess
37 of those amounts from an individual or from such corporation, labor
38 organization, or other group.

39 (cf: P.L.1993, c.65, s.20).]¹

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41 ¹2. Section 19 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.4) is amended to
42 read as follows:

43 19. a. (1) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2) of this
44 subsection, no individual, no corporation of any kind organized and
45 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
46 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any kind

1 which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
2 collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the
3 grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid
4 or protection in connection with employment, no political committee,
5 continuing political committee, candidate committee or joint
6 candidates committee or any other group, shall pay or make any
7 contribution of money or other thing of value to the campaign
8 treasurer, deputy treasurer or other representative of the State
9 committee of a political party or the campaign treasurer, deputy
10 campaign treasurer or other representative of any legislative leadership
11 committee, which in the aggregate exceeds \$25,000 per year in the
12 case of the State committee of a political party or \$20,000 per year in
13 the case of a legislative leadership committee, or in the case of a joint
14 candidates committee when that is the only committee established by
15 the candidates, \$25,000 per year per candidate in the joint candidates
16 committee in the case of the State committee of a political party or
17 \$20,000 per year per candidate in the case of a legislative leadership
18 committee, or in the case of a candidate committee and a joint
19 candidates committee when both are established by a candidate,
20 \$25,000 per year from that candidate in the case of the State
21 committee of a political party or \$20,000 per year from that candidate
22 in the case of a legislative leadership committee. No campaign
23 treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or other representative of the
24 State committee of a political party or campaign treasurer, deputy
25 campaign treasurer or other representative of any legislative leadership
26 committee shall knowingly accept from an individual, a corporation of
27 any kind organized and incorporated under the laws of this State or
28 any other state or any country other than the United States, a labor
29 organization of any kind which exists or is constituted for the purpose,
30 in whole or in part, of collective bargaining, or of dealing with
31 employers concerning the grievances, terms or conditions of
32 employment, or of other mutual aid or protection in connection with
33 employment, a political committee, a continuing political committee,
34 a candidate committee or a joint candidates committee or any other
35 group, any contribution of money or other thing of value which in the
36 aggregate exceeds \$25,000 per year in the case of the State committee
37 of a political party or \$20,000 per year in the case of a legislative
38 leadership committee, or in the case of a joint candidates committee
39 when that is the only committee established by the candidates, \$25,000
40 per year per candidate in the joint candidates committee in the case of
41 the State committee of a political party or \$20,000 per year per
42 candidate in the case of a legislative leadership committee, or in the
43 case of a candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when
44 both are established by a candidate, \$25,000 per year from that
45 candidate in the case of the State committee of a political party or
46 \$20,000 per year from that candidate in the case of a legislative

1 leadership committee.

2 (2) No national committee of a political party shall pay or make
3 any contribution of money or other thing of value to the campaign
4 treasurer, deputy treasurer or other representative of the State
5 committee of a political party which in the aggregate exceeds \$50,000
6 per year, and no campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or
7 other representative of the State committee of a political party shall
8 knowingly accept from the national committee of a political party any
9 contribution of money or other thing of value which in the aggregate
10 exceeds \$50,000 per year.

11 b. No individual, no corporation of any kind organized and
12 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
13 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any kind
14 which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
15 collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the
16 grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid
17 or protection in connection with employment, no political committee,
18 continuing political committee, candidate committee or joint
19 candidates committee or any other group, shall pay or make any
20 contribution of money or other thing of value to any county committee
21 of a political party, which in the aggregate exceeds \$25,000 per year,
22 or in the case of a joint candidates committee when that is the only
23 committee established by the candidates, \$25,000 per year per
24 candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a
25 candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when both are
26 established by a candidate, \$25,000 per year from that candidate. No
27 campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or other representative
28 of a county committee of a political party shall knowingly accept from
29 an individual, a corporation of any kind organized and incorporated
30 under the laws of this State or any other state or any country other
31 than the United States, a labor organization of any kind which exists
32 or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of collective
33 bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the grievances,
34 terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid or
35 protection in connection with employment, a political committee, a
36 continuing political committee, a candidate committee or a joint
37 candidates committee or any other group, any contribution of money
38 or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds \$25,000 per
39 year, or in the case of a joint candidates committee when that is the
40 only committee established by the candidates, \$25,000 per year per
41 candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a
42 candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when both are
43 established by a candidate, \$25,000 per year from that candidate.

44 c. No individual, no corporation of any kind organized and
45 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
46 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any kind

1 which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
2 collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the
3 grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid
4 or protection in connection with employment, no political committee,
5 continuing political committee, candidate committee or joint
6 candidates committee or any other group shall pay or make any
7 contribution of money or other thing of value to any municipal
8 committee of a political party, which in the aggregate exceeds \$5,000
9 per year, or in the case of a joint candidates committee when that is
10 the only committee established by the candidates, \$5,000 per year per
11 candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a
12 candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when both are
13 established by a candidate, \$5,000 per year from that candidate. No
14 campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or other representative
15 of a municipal committee of a political party shall knowingly accept
16 from an individual, a corporation of any kind organized and
17 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
18 country other than the United States, a labor organization of any kind
19 which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
20 collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the
21 grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid
22 or protection in connection with employment, a political committee,
23 a continuing political committee, a candidate committee or a joint
24 candidates committee or any other group, any contribution of money
25 or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds \$5,000 per
26 year, or in the case of a joint candidates committee when that is the
27 only committee established by the candidates, \$5,000 per year per
28 candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a
29 candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when both are
30 established by a candidate, \$5,000 per year from that candidate.

31 No county committee of a political party in any county shall pay or
32 make any contribution of money or other thing of value to a municipal
33 committee of a political party in a municipality not located in that
34 county which in the aggregate exceeds the amount of aggregate
35 contributions which, under this subsection, a continuing political
36 committee is permitted to pay or make to a municipal committee of a
37 political party. No campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or
38 other representative of a municipal committee of a political party in
39 any municipality shall knowingly accept from any county committee of
40 a political party in any county other than the county in which the
41 municipality is located any contribution of money or other thing of
42 value which in the aggregate exceeds the amount of contributions
43 permitted to be so paid or made under that subsection.

44 d. For the purpose of determining the amount of a contribution to
45 be attributed as given by each candidate in a joint candidates
46 committee, the amount of the contribution by such a committee shall

1 be divided equally among all the candidates in the committee.¹
2 (cf: P.L.1993, c.65, s.19)

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4 ^{13.} Section 20 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.5) is amended to
5 read as follows:

6 20. a. No candidate who has established only a candidate
7 committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy treasurer or candidate
8 committee shall pay or make any contribution of money or other thing
9 of value to a political committee, other than a political committee
10 which is organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat
11 of a public question in any election, or a continuing political
12 committee, which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a
13 political committee, \$5,000 per election, or in the case of a continuing
14 political committee, \$5,000 per year, and no candidates who have
15 established only a joint candidates committee, their campaign
16 treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or joint candidates committee
17 shall pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value to
18 such a political committee or continuing political committee which in
19 the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political committee,
20 \$5,000 per election per candidate in the joint candidates committee, or
21 in the case of a continuing political committee, \$5,000 per year per
22 candidate in the joint candidates committee, and no candidate who has
23 established both a candidate committee and a joint candidates
24 committee shall pay or make any contribution of money or other thing
25 of value which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political
26 committee, \$5,000 per election from that candidate, or in the case of
27 a continuing political committee, \$5,000 per year from that candidate.
28 No political committee, other than a political committee which is
29 organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a public
30 question in any election, or a continuing political committee, shall
31 knowingly accept from a candidate who has established only a
32 candidate committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy treasurer or
33 candidate committee, any contribution of money or other thing of
34 value which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political
35 committee, \$5,000 per election, or in the case of a continuing political
36 committee, \$5,000 per year, and no such political committee or
37 continuing political committee shall knowingly accept from candidates
38 who have established only a joint candidates committee, their
39 campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or joint candidates
40 committee, any contribution of money or other thing of value which
41 in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political committee,
42 \$5,000 per election per candidate in the joint candidates committee, or
43 in the case of a continuing political committee, \$5,000 per year per
44 candidate in the joint candidates committee, and no such political
45 committee or continuing political committee shall knowingly accept
46 from a candidate who has established both a candidate committee and

1 a joint candidates committee any contribution of money or other thing
2 of value which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political
3 committee, \$5,000 per election from that candidate, or in the case of
4 a continuing political committee, \$5,000 per year from that candidate.
5 For the purpose of determining the amount of a contribution to be
6 attributed as given by each candidate in a joint candidates committee,
7 the amount of the contribution by such a committee shall be divided
8 equally among all the candidates in the committee.

9 b. No political committee, other than a political committee which
10 is organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a
11 public question in any election, and no continuing political committee
12 shall pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value to
13 another political committee, other than a political committee which is
14 organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a public
15 question in any election, or another continuing political committee
16 which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of a recipient continuing
17 political committee, \$5,000 per year, or in the case of a recipient
18 political committee, \$5,000 per election. No political committee,
19 other than a political committee which is organized to, or does, aid or
20 promote the passage or defeat of a public question in any election, and
21 no continuing political committee shall knowingly accept from another
22 political committee, other than a political committee which is
23 organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a public
24 question in any election, or another continuing political committee any
25 contribution of money or other thing of value which in the aggregate
26 exceeds, in the case of a recipient continuing political committee,
27 \$5,000 per year, or in the case of a recipient political committee,
28 \$5,000 per election.

29 c. No individual, no corporation of any kind organized and
30 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
31 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any kind
32 which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
33 collective bargaining, or of dealing with employees concerning the
34 grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid
35 or protection in connection with employment, or any other group, shall
36 pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value to a
37 political committee, other than a political committee which is
38 organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a public
39 question in any election, or a continuing political committee, which in
40 the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political committee,
41 \$20,000 per year, or in the case of a continuing political committee,
42 \$20,000 per year. No political committee, other than a political
43 committee which is organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage
44 or defeat of a public question in any election, and no continuing
45 political committee, shall knowingly accept any contribution which
46 exceeds, in the case of such a political committee, \$20,000 per year,

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1 or in the case of a continuing political committee, \$20,000 per year
2 from an individual, corporation of any kind organized and
3 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
4 country other than the United States, a labor organization of any kind
5 which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
6 collective bargaining, or of dealing with employees concerning the
7 grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid
8 or protection in connection with employment, or any other group.¹
9 (cf: P.L.1993, c.65, s.20)

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11 ¹[3.] 4.¹ This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 2577

with Senate Floor Amendments
(Proposed By Senator INVERSO)

ADOPTED: JANUARY 7, 2002

These amendments add back the two sections of the bill that had been deleted by floor amendments in the General Assembly and remove the two sections added by those floor amendments.

This amendment adds back sections 2 and 3 which would reduce the amount of certain contributions that may be made to a legislative leadership committee or the State committee of a political party from \$37,000 to \$25,000. Existing law established a \$25,000 cap on such contributions in 1993. However, this limit has been adjusted upward to reflect inflation and now stands at \$37,000. The bill would rescind the prior inflation adjustments and cap contributions at \$25,000, while allowing for future inflation adjustments.

The amendment also limits the amount that an individual, corporation, labor organization, or other group may contribute to a political committee (other than one organized to advocate the passage or defeat of a public question) to \$7,200 per election and to a continuing political committee to \$7,200 per year. These are the same limits which currently apply to contributions to these committees by another such committee, a candidate committee, or a national political party committee. Under existing law, unlimited amounts may be contributed to a political committee or a continuing political committee by individuals, corporations, or labor organizations.

Finally, the bill updates certain contribution limits in N.J.S.A.19:44A-11.5 to reflect prior inflation adjustments.

[Second Reprint]
SENATE, No. 2577

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
209th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED NOVEMBER 26, 2001

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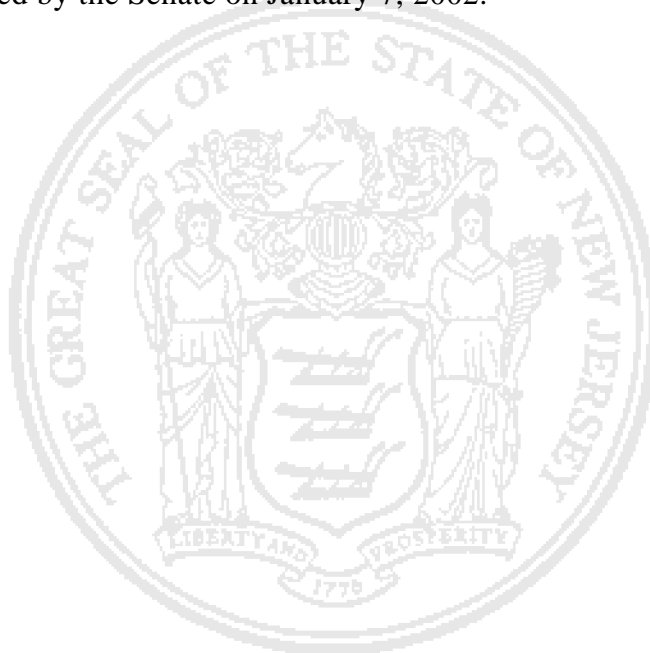
Assemblyman Gregg

SYNOPSIS

Limits contributions to legislative leadership committees, State political party committees, political committees and continuing political committees; permits contributions by certain business entities.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As amended by the Senate on January 7, 2002.



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1 AN ACT concerning ¹[limits on certain]¹ ²limits on certain² political
2 contributions and amending ¹R.S.19:34-45 and¹ P.L.1993, c.65.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

6
7 ¹1. R.S.19:34-45 is amended to read as follows:

8 19:34-45. No corporation carrying on the business of a bank,
9 savings bank, co-operative bank, trust, trustee, savings indemnity, safe
10 deposit, insurance, railroad, street railway, telephone, telegraph, gas,
11 electric light, heat or power, canal or aqueduct company, or having the
12 right to condemn land, or to exercise franchises in public ways granted
13 by the state or any county or municipality, and no corporation, person,
14 trustee or trustees, owning or holding the majority of stock in any such
15 corporation, shall pay or contribute money or thing of value in order
16 to aid or promote the nomination or election of any person, or in order
17 to aid or promote the interests, success or defeat of any political party.

18 The provisions of this section shall not apply to any corporation
19 carrying on the business of a co-generation facility, as defined in
20 subsection c. of section 1 of P.L.2000, c.156 (C.54:15B-2.2), or to
21 any corporation carrying on the business of a retail seller that extends
22 credit, pursuant to the provisions of the "Retail Installment Sales Act
23 of 1960" P.L.1960, c.40 (C.17:16C-1 et seq.), or to any corporation,
24 person, trustee or trustees, owning or holding the majority of stock in
25 either such corporation.¹

26 (cf: R.S.19:34-45)

27
28 ¹[1. Section 19 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.4) is amended to
29 read as follows:

30 19. a. (1) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2) of this
31 subsection, no individual, no corporation of any kind organized and
32 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
33 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any kind
34 which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
35 collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the
36 grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid
37 or protection in connection with employment, no political committee,
38 continuing political committee, candidate committee or joint
39 candidates committee or any other group, shall pay or make any
40 contribution of money or other thing of value to the campaign
41 treasurer, deputy treasurer or other representative of the State

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Assembly floor amendments adopted January 3, 2002.

² Senate floor amendments adopted January 7, 2002.

1 committee of a political party or the campaign treasurer, deputy
2 campaign treasurer or other representative of any legislative leadership
3 committee, which in the aggregate exceeds \$25,000 per year, or in the
4 case of a joint candidates committee when that is the only committee
5 established by the candidates, \$25,000 per year per candidate in the
6 joint candidates committee, or in the case of a candidate committee
7 and a joint candidates committee when both are established by a
8 candidate, \$25,000 per year from that candidate. No campaign
9 treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or other representative of the
10 State committee of a political party or campaign treasurer, deputy
11 campaign treasurer or other representative of any legislative leadership
12 committee shall knowingly accept from an individual, a corporation of
13 any kind organized and incorporated under the laws of this State or
14 any other state or any country other than the United States, a labor
15 organization of any kind which exists or is constituted for the purpose,
16 in whole or in part, of collective bargaining, or of dealing with
17 employers concerning the grievances, terms or conditions of
18 employment, or of other mutual aid or protection in connection with
19 employment, a political committee, a continuing political committee,
20 a candidate committee or a joint candidates committee or any other
21 group, any contribution of money or other thing of value which in the
22 aggregate exceeds \$25,000 per year, or in the case of a joint
23 candidates committee when that is the only committee established by
24 the candidates, \$25,000 per year per candidate in the joint candidates
25 committee, or in the case of a candidate committee and a joint
26 candidates committee when both are established by a candidate,
27 \$25,000 per year from that candidate.

28 Adjustments to the limits established in this paragraph which have
29 been made by the Election Law Enforcement Commission, pursuant to
30 section 22 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-7.2), prior to the effective
31 date of P.L. , c. (C.) (now pending before the Legislature as
32 this bill) are rescinded. The limits established in this paragraph shall
33 remain as stated in this paragraph until subsequently adjusted by the
34 commission in the manner prescribed by section 22 of P.L.1993, c.65
35 (C.19:44A-7.2).

36 (2) No national committee of a political party shall pay or make
37 any contribution of money or other thing of value to the campaign
38 treasurer, deputy treasurer or other representative of the State
39 committee of a political party which in the aggregate exceeds \$50,000
40 per year, and no campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or
41 other representative of the State committee of a political party shall
42 knowingly accept from the national committee of a political party any
43 contribution of money or other thing of value which in the aggregate
44 exceeds \$50,000 per year.

45 b. No individual, no corporation of any kind organized and
46 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any

1 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any kind
2 which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
3 collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the
4 grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid
5 or protection in connection with employment, no political committee,
6 continuing political committee, candidate committee or joint
7 candidates committee or any other group, shall pay or make any
8 contribution of money or other thing of value to any county committee
9 of a political party, which in the aggregate exceeds \$25,000 per year,
10 or in the case of a joint candidates committee when that is the only
11 committee established by the candidates, \$25,000 per year per
12 candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a
13 candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when both are
14 established by a candidate, \$25,000 per year from that candidate. No
15 campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or other representative
16 of a county committee of a political party shall knowingly accept from
17 an individual, a corporation of any kind organized and incorporated
18 under the laws of this State or any other state or any country other
19 than the United States, a labor organization of any kind which exists
20 or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of collective
21 bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the grievances,
22 terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid or
23 protection in connection with employment, a political committee, a
24 continuing political committee, a candidate committee or a joint
25 candidates committee or any other group, any contribution of money
26 or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds \$25,000 per
27 year, or in the case of a joint candidates committee when that is the
28 only committee established by the candidates, \$25,000 per year per
29 candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a
30 candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when both are
31 established by a candidate, \$25,000 per year from that candidate.

32 c. No individual, no corporation of any kind organized and
33 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
34 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any kind
35 which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
36 collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the
37 grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid
38 or protection in connection with employment, no political committee,
39 continuing political committee, candidate committee or joint
40 candidates committee or any other group shall pay or make any
41 contribution of money or other thing of value to any municipal
42 committee of a political party, which in the aggregate exceeds \$5,000
43 per year, or in the case of a joint candidates committee when that is
44 the only committee established by the candidates, \$5,000 per year per
45 candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a
46 candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when both are

1 established by a candidate, \$5,000 per year from that candidate. No
2 campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or other representative
3 of a municipal committee of a political party shall knowingly accept
4 from an individual, a corporation of any kind organized and
5 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
6 country other than the United States, a labor organization of any kind
7 which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
8 collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the
9 grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid
10 or protection in connection with employment, a political committee,
11 a continuing political committee, a candidate committee or a joint
12 candidates committee or any other group, any contribution of money
13 or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds \$5,000 per
14 year, or in the case of a joint candidates committee when that is the
15 only committee established by the candidates, \$5,000 per year per
16 candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a
17 candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when both are
18 established by a candidate, \$5,000 per year from that candidate.

19 No county committee of a political party in any county shall pay or
20 make any contribution of money or other thing of value to a municipal
21 committee of a political party in a municipality not located in that
22 county which in the aggregate exceeds the amount of aggregate
23 contributions which, under this subsection, a continuing political
24 committee is permitted to pay or make to a municipal committee of a
25 political party. No campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or
26 other representative of a municipal committee of a political party in
27 any municipality shall knowingly accept from any county committee of
28 a political party in any county other than the county in which the
29 municipality is located any contribution of money or other thing of
30 value which in the aggregate exceeds the amount of contributions
31 permitted to be so paid or made under that subsection.

32 d. For the purpose of determining the amount of a contribution to
33 be attributed as given by each candidate in a joint candidates
34 committee, the amount of the contribution by such a committee shall
35 be divided equally among all the candidates in the committee.

36 (cf: P.L.1993, c.65, s.19)]¹

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38 ¹[2. Section 20 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.5) is amended to
39 read as follows:

40 20. a. No candidate who has established only a candidate
41 committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy treasurer or candidate
42 committee shall pay or make any contribution of money or other thing
43 of value to a political committee, other than a political committee
44 which is organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat
45 of a public question in any election, or a continuing political
46 committee, which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a

1 political committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per election, or in the case of a
2 continuing political committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per year, and no
3 candidates who have established only a joint candidates committee,
4 their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or joint
5 candidates committee shall pay or make any contribution of money or
6 other thing of value to such a political committee or continuing
7 political committee which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such
8 a political committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per election per candidate in
9 the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a continuing political
10 committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per year per candidate in the joint
11 candidates committee, and no candidate who has established both a
12 candidate committee and a joint candidates committee shall pay or
13 make any contribution of money or other thing of value which in the
14 aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~
15 \$7,200 per election from that candidate, or in the case of a continuing
16 political committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per year from that candidate.
17 No political committee, other than a political committee which is
18 organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a public
19 question in any election, or a continuing political committee, shall
20 knowingly accept from a candidate who has established only a
21 candidate committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy treasurer or
22 candidate committee, any contribution of money or other thing of
23 value which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political
24 committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per election, or in the case of a
25 continuing political committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per year, and no such
26 political committee or continuing political committee shall knowingly
27 accept from candidates who have established only a joint candidates
28 committee, their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or
29 joint candidates committee, any contribution of money or other thing
30 of value which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political
31 committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per election per candidate in the joint
32 candidates committee, or in the case of a continuing political
33 committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per year per candidate in the joint
34 candidates committee, and no such political committee or continuing
35 political committee shall knowingly accept from a candidate who has
36 established both a candidate committee and a joint candidates
37 committee any contribution of money or other thing of value which in
38 the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political committee,
39 ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per election from that candidate, or in the case of a
40 continuing political committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per year from that
41 candidate. For the purpose of determining the amount of a
42 contribution to be attributed as given by each candidate in a joint
43 candidates committee, the amount of the contribution by such a
44 committee shall be divided equally among all the candidates in the
45 committee.

1 b. No political committee, other than a political committee which
2 is organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a
3 public question in any election, and no continuing political committee
4 shall pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value to
5 another political committee, other than a political committee which is
6 organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a public
7 question in any election, or another continuing political committee
8 which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of a recipient continuing
9 political committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per year, or in the case of a
10 recipient political committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per election. No
11 political committee, other than a political committee which is
12 organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a public
13 question in any election, and no continuing political committee shall
14 knowingly accept from another political committee, other than a
15 political committee which is organized to, or does, aid or promote the
16 passage or defeat of a public question in any election, or another
17 continuing political committee any contribution of money or other
18 thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of a
19 recipient continuing political committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per year, or
20 in the case of a recipient political committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per
21 election.

22 c. No individual, no corporation of any kind organized and
23 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
24 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any kind
25 which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
26 collective bargaining, or of dealing with employees concerning the
27 grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid
28 or protection in connection with employment, nor any other group,
29 shall pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value to
30 a political committee, other than a political committee which is
31 organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a public
32 question in any election, or a continuing political committee, which in
33 the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political committee,
34 \$7,200 per election, or in the case of a continuing political committee,
35 \$7,200 per year, and no such political committee or continuing
36 political committee shall knowingly accept any contribution in excess
37 of those amounts from an individual or from such corporation, labor
38 organization, or other group.

39 (cf: P.L.1993, c.65, s.20).]¹

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41 ²[¹². Section 19 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.4) is amended to
42 read as follows:

43 19. a. (1) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2) of this
44 subsection, no individual, no corporation of any kind organized and
45 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
46 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any kind

1 which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
2 collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the
3 grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid
4 or protection in connection with employment, no political committee,
5 continuing political committee, candidate committee or joint
6 candidates committee or any other group, shall pay or make any
7 contribution of money or other thing of value to the campaign
8 treasurer, deputy treasurer or other representative of the State
9 committee of a political party or the campaign treasurer, deputy
10 campaign treasurer or other representative of any legislative leadership
11 committee, which in the aggregate exceeds \$25,000 per year in the
12 case of the State committee of a political party or \$20,000 per year in
13 the case of a legislative leadership committee, or in the case of a joint
14 candidates committee when that is the only committee established by
15 the candidates, \$25,000 per year per candidate in the joint candidates
16 committee in the case of the State committee of a political party or
17 \$20,000 per year per candidate in the case of a legislative leadership
18 committee, or in the case of a candidate committee and a joint
19 candidates committee when both are established by a candidate,
20 \$25,000 per year from that candidate in the case of the State
21 committee of a political party or \$20,000 per year from that candidate
22 in the case of a legislative leadership committee. No campaign
23 treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or other representative of the
24 State committee of a political party or campaign treasurer, deputy
25 campaign treasurer or other representative of any legislative leadership
26 committee shall knowingly accept from an individual, a corporation of
27 any kind organized and incorporated under the laws of this State or
28 any other state or any country other than the United States, a labor
29 organization of any kind which exists or is constituted for the purpose,
30 in whole or in part, of collective bargaining, or of dealing with
31 employers concerning the grievances, terms or conditions of
32 employment, or of other mutual aid or protection in connection with
33 employment, a political committee, a continuing political committee,
34 a candidate committee or a joint candidates committee or any other
35 group, any contribution of money or other thing of value which in the
36 aggregate exceeds \$25,000 per year in the case of the State committee
37 of a political party or \$20,000 per year in the case of a legislative
38 leadership committee, or in the case of a joint candidates committee
39 when that is the only committee established by the candidates, \$25,000
40 per year per candidate in the joint candidates committee in the case of
41 the State committee of a political party or \$20,000 per year per
42 candidate in the case of a legislative leadership committee, or in the
43 case of a candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when
44 both are established by a candidate, \$25,000 per year from that
45 candidate in the case of the State committee of a political party or
46 \$20,000 per year from that candidate in the case of a legislative

1 leadership committee.

2 (2) No national committee of a political party shall pay or make
3 any contribution of money or other thing of value to the campaign
4 treasurer, deputy treasurer or other representative of the State
5 committee of a political party which in the aggregate exceeds \$50,000
6 per year, and no campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or
7 other representative of the State committee of a political party shall
8 knowingly accept from the national committee of a political party any
9 contribution of money or other thing of value which in the aggregate
10 exceeds \$50,000 per year.

11 b. No individual, no corporation of any kind organized and
12 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
13 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any kind
14 which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
15 collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the
16 grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid
17 or protection in connection with employment, no political committee,
18 continuing political committee, candidate committee or joint
19 candidates committee or any other group, shall pay or make any
20 contribution of money or other thing of value to any county committee
21 of a political party, which in the aggregate exceeds \$25,000 per year,
22 or in the case of a joint candidates committee when that is the only
23 committee established by the candidates, \$25,000 per year per
24 candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a
25 candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when both are
26 established by a candidate, \$25,000 per year from that candidate. No
27 campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or other representative
28 of a county committee of a political party shall knowingly accept from
29 an individual, a corporation of any kind organized and incorporated
30 under the laws of this State or any other state or any country other
31 than the United States, a labor organization of any kind which exists
32 or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of collective
33 bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the grievances,
34 terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid or
35 protection in connection with employment, a political committee, a
36 continuing political committee, a candidate committee or a joint
37 candidates committee or any other group, any contribution of money
38 or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds \$25,000 per
39 year, or in the case of a joint candidates committee when that is the
40 only committee established by the candidates, \$25,000 per year per
41 candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a
42 candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when both are
43 established by a candidate, \$25,000 per year from that candidate.

44 c. No individual, no corporation of any kind organized and
45 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
46 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any kind

1 which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
2 collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the
3 grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid
4 or protection in connection with employment, no political committee,
5 continuing political committee, candidate committee or joint
6 candidates committee or any other group shall pay or make any
7 contribution of money or other thing of value to any municipal
8 committee of a political party, which in the aggregate exceeds \$5,000
9 per year, or in the case of a joint candidates committee when that is
10 the only committee established by the candidates, \$5,000 per year per
11 candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a
12 candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when both are
13 established by a candidate, \$5,000 per year from that candidate. No
14 campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or other representative
15 of a municipal committee of a political party shall knowingly accept
16 from an individual, a corporation of any kind organized and
17 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
18 country other than the United States, a labor organization of any kind
19 which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
20 collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the
21 grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid
22 or protection in connection with employment, a political committee,
23 a continuing political committee, a candidate committee or a joint
24 candidates committee or any other group, any contribution of money
25 or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds \$5,000 per
26 year, or in the case of a joint candidates committee when that is the
27 only committee established by the candidates, \$5,000 per year per
28 candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a
29 candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when both are
30 established by a candidate, \$5,000 per year from that candidate.

31 No county committee of a political party in any county shall pay or
32 make any contribution of money or other thing of value to a municipal
33 committee of a political party in a municipality not located in that
34 county which in the aggregate exceeds the amount of aggregate
35 contributions which, under this subsection, a continuing political
36 committee is permitted to pay or make to a municipal committee of a
37 political party. No campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or
38 other representative of a municipal committee of a political party in
39 any municipality shall knowingly accept from any county committee of
40 a political party in any county other than the county in which the
41 municipality is located any contribution of money or other thing of
42 value which in the aggregate exceeds the amount of contributions
43 permitted to be so paid or made under that subsection.

44 d. For the purpose of determining the amount of a contribution to
45 be attributed as given by each candidate in a joint candidates
46 committee, the amount of the contribution by such a committee shall

1 be divided equally among all the candidates in the committee.¹
2 (cf: P.L.1993, c.65, s.19)]²

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4 ²[¹3. Section 20 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.5) is amended to
5 read as follows:

6 20. a. No candidate who has established only a candidate
7 committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy treasurer or candidate
8 committee shall pay or make any contribution of money or other thing
9 of value to a political committee, other than a political committee
10 which is organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat
11 of a public question in any election, or a continuing political
12 committee, which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a
13 political committee, \$5,000 per election, or in the case of a continuing
14 political committee, \$5,000 per year, and no candidates who have
15 established only a joint candidates committee, their campaign
16 treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or joint candidates committee
17 shall pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value to
18 such a political committee or continuing political committee which in
19 the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political committee,
20 \$5,000 per election per candidate in the joint candidates committee, or
21 in the case of a continuing political committee, \$5,000 per year per
22 candidate in the joint candidates committee, and no candidate who has
23 established both a candidate committee and a joint candidates
24 committee shall pay or make any contribution of money or other thing
25 of value which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political
26 committee, \$5,000 per election from that candidate, or in the case of
27 a continuing political committee, \$5,000 per year from that candidate.
28 No political committee, other than a political committee which is
29 organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a public
30 question in any election, or a continuing political committee, shall
31 knowingly accept from a candidate who has established only a
32 candidate committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy treasurer or
33 candidate committee, any contribution of money or other thing of
34 value which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political
35 committee, \$5,000 per election, or in the case of a continuing political
36 committee, \$5,000 per year, and no such political committee or
37 continuing political committee shall knowingly accept from candidates
38 who have established only a joint candidates committee, their
39 campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or joint candidates
40 committee, any contribution of money or other thing of value which
41 in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political committee,
42 \$5,000 per election per candidate in the joint candidates committee, or
43 in the case of a continuing political committee, \$5,000 per year per
44 candidate in the joint candidates committee, and no such political
45 committee or continuing political committee shall knowingly accept
46 from a candidate who has established both a candidate committee and

1 a joint candidates committee any contribution of money or other thing
2 of value which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political
3 committee, \$5,000 per election from that candidate, or in the case of
4 a continuing political committee, \$5,000 per year from that candidate.
5 For the purpose of determining the amount of a contribution to be
6 attributed as given by each candidate in a joint candidates committee,
7 the amount of the contribution by such a committee shall be divided
8 equally among all the candidates in the committee.

9 b. No political committee, other than a political committee which
10 is organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a
11 public question in any election, and no continuing political committee
12 shall pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value to
13 another political committee, other than a political committee which is
14 organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a public
15 question in any election, or another continuing political committee
16 which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of a recipient continuing
17 political committee, \$5,000 per year, or in the case of a recipient
18 political committee, \$5,000 per election. No political committee,
19 other than a political committee which is organized to, or does, aid or
20 promote the passage or defeat of a public question in any election, and
21 no continuing political committee shall knowingly accept from another
22 political committee, other than a political committee which is
23 organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a public
24 question in any election, or another continuing political committee any
25 contribution of money or other thing of value which in the aggregate
26 exceeds, in the case of a recipient continuing political committee,
27 \$5,000 per year, or in the case of a recipient political committee,
28 \$5,000 per election.

29 c. No individual, no corporation of any kind organized and
30 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
31 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any kind
32 which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
33 collective bargaining, or of dealing with employees concerning the
34 grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid
35 or protection in connection with employment, or any other group, shall
36 pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value to a
37 political committee, other than a political committee which is
38 organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a public
39 question in any election, or a continuing political committee, which in
40 the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political committee,
41 \$20,000 per year, or in the case of a continuing political committee,
42 \$20,000 per year. No political committee, other than a political
43 committee which is organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage
44 or defeat of a public question in any election, and no continuing
45 political committee, shall knowingly accept any contribution which
46 exceeds, in the case of such a political committee, \$20,000 per year,

1 or in the case of a continuing political committee, \$20,000 per year
2 from an individual, corporation of any kind organized and
3 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
4 country other than the United States, a labor organization of any kind
5 which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
6 collective bargaining, or of dealing with employees concerning the
7 grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid
8 or protection in connection with employment, or any other group.¹
9 (cf: P.L.1993, c.65, s.20)]²

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11 ²2. Section 19 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.4) is amended to
12 read as follows:

13 19. a. (1) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2) of this
14 subsection, no individual, no corporation of any kind organized and
15 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
16 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any kind
17 which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
18 collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the
19 grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid
20 or protection in connection with employment, no political committee,
21 continuing political committee, candidate committee or joint
22 candidates committee or any other group, shall pay or make any
23 contribution of money or other thing of value to the campaign
24 treasurer, deputy treasurer or other representative of the State
25 committee of a political party or the campaign treasurer, deputy
26 campaign treasurer or other representative of any legislative leadership
27 committee, which in the aggregate exceeds \$25,000 per year, or in the
28 case of a joint candidates committee when that is the only committee
29 established by the candidates, \$25,000 per year per candidate in the
30 joint candidates committee, or in the case of a candidate committee
31 and a joint candidates committee when both are established by a
32 candidate, \$25,000 per year from that candidate. No campaign
33 treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or other representative of the
34 State committee of a political party or campaign treasurer, deputy
35 campaign treasurer or other representative of any legislative leadership
36 committee shall knowingly accept from an individual, a corporation of
37 any kind organized and incorporated under the laws of this State or
38 any other state or any country other than the United States, a labor
39 organization of any kind which exists or is constituted for the purpose,
40 in whole or in part, of collective bargaining, or of dealing with
41 employers concerning the grievances, terms or conditions of
42 employment, or of other mutual aid or protection in connection with
43 employment, a political committee, a continuing political committee,
44 a candidate committee or a joint candidates committee or any other
45 group, any contribution of money or other thing of value which in the
46 aggregate exceeds \$25,000 per year, or in the case of a joint

1 candidates committee when that is the only committee established by
2 the candidates, \$25,000 per year per candidate in the joint candidates
3 committee, or in the case of a candidate committee and a joint
4 candidates committee when both are established by a candidate,
5 \$25,000 per year from that candidate.

6 Adjustments to the limits established in this paragraph which have
7 been made by the Election Law Enforcement Commission, pursuant to
8 section 22 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-7.2), prior to the effective
9 date of P.L. ., c. (C.) (now pending before the Legislature as
10 this bill) are rescinded. The limits established in this paragraph shall
11 remain as stated in this paragraph until subsequently adjusted by the
12 commission in the manner prescribed by section 22 of P.L.1993, c.65
13 (C.19:44A-7.2).

14 (2) No national committee of a political party shall pay or make
15 any contribution of money or other thing of value to the campaign
16 treasurer, deputy treasurer or other representative of the State
17 committee of a political party which in the aggregate exceeds \$50,000
18 per year, and no campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or
19 other representative of the State committee of a political party shall
20 knowingly accept from the national committee of a political party any
21 contribution of money or other thing of value which in the aggregate
22 exceeds \$50,000 per year.

23 b. No individual, no corporation of any kind organized and
24 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
25 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any kind
26 which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
27 collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the
28 grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid
29 or protection in connection with employment, no political committee,
30 continuing political committee, candidate committee or joint
31 candidates committee or any other group, shall pay or make any
32 contribution of money or other thing of value to any county committee
33 of a political party, which in the aggregate exceeds \$25,000 per year,
34 or in the case of a joint candidates committee when that is the only
35 committee established by the candidates, \$25,000 per year per
36 candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a
37 candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when both are
38 established by a candidate, \$25,000 per year from that candidate. No
39 campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or other representative
40 of a county committee of a political party shall knowingly accept from
41 an individual, a corporation of any kind organized and incorporated
42 under the laws of this State or any other state or any country other
43 than the United States, a labor organization of any kind which exists
44 or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of collective
45 bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the grievances,
46 terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid or

1 protection in connection with employment, a political committee, a
2 continuing political committee, a candidate committee or a joint
3 candidates committee or any other group, any contribution of money
4 or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds \$25,000 per
5 year, or in the case of a joint candidates committee when that is the
6 only committee established by the candidates, \$25,000 per year per
7 candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a
8 candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when both are
9 established by a candidate, \$25,000 per year from that candidate.

10 c. No individual, no corporation of any kind organized and
11 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
12 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any kind
13 which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
14 collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the
15 grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid
16 or protection in connection with employment, no political committee,
17 continuing political committee, candidate committee or joint
18 candidates committee or any other group shall pay or make any
19 contribution of money or other thing of value to any municipal
20 committee of a political party, which in the aggregate exceeds \$5,000
21 per year, or in the case of a joint candidates committee when that is
22 the only committee established by the candidates, \$5,000 per year per
23 candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a
24 candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when both are
25 established by a candidate, \$5,000 per year from that candidate. No
26 campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or other representative
27 of a municipal committee of a political party shall knowingly accept
28 from an individual, a corporation of any kind organized and
29 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
30 country other than the United States, a labor organization of any kind
31 which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
32 collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the
33 grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid
34 or protection in connection with employment, a political committee,
35 a continuing political committee, a candidate committee or a joint
36 candidates committee or any other group, any contribution of money
37 or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds \$5,000 per
38 year, or in the case of a joint candidates committee when that is the
39 only committee established by the candidates, \$5,000 per year per
40 candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a
41 candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when both are
42 established by a candidate, \$5,000 per year from that candidate.

43 No county committee of a political party in any county shall pay or
44 make any contribution of money or other thing of value to a municipal
45 committee of a political party in a municipality not located in that
46 county which in the aggregate exceeds the amount of aggregate

1 contributions which, under this subsection, a continuing political
2 committee is permitted to pay or make to a municipal committee of a
3 political party. No campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or
4 other representative of a municipal committee of a political party in
5 any municipality shall knowingly accept from any county committee of
6 a political party in any county other than the county in which the
7 municipality is located any contribution of money or other thing of
8 value which in the aggregate exceeds the amount of contributions
9 permitted to be so paid or made under that subsection.

10 d. For the purpose of determining the amount of a contribution to
11 be attributed as given by each candidate in a joint candidates
12 committee, the amount of the contribution by such a committee shall
13 be divided equally among all the candidates in the committee.

14 (cf: P.L.1993, c.65, s.19)²

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16 ²3. Section 20 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.5) is amended to
17 read as follows:

18 20. a. No candidate who has established only a candidate
19 committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy treasurer or candidate
20 committee shall pay or make any contribution of money or other thing
21 of value to a political committee, other than a political committee
22 which is organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat
23 of a public question in any election, or a continuing political
24 committee, which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a
25 political committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per election, or in the case of a
26 continuing political committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per year, and no
27 candidates who have established only a joint candidates committee,
28 their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or joint
29 candidates committee shall pay or make any contribution of money or
30 other thing of value to such a political committee or continuing
31 political committee which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such
32 a political committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per election per candidate in
33 the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a continuing political
34 committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per year per candidate in the joint
35 candidates committee, and no candidate who has established both a
36 candidate committee and a joint candidates committee shall pay or
37 make any contribution of money or other thing of value which in the
38 aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~
39 \$7,200 per election from that candidate, or in the case of a continuing
40 political committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per year from that candidate.
41 No political committee, other than a political committee which is
42 organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a public
43 question in any election, or a continuing political committee, shall
44 knowingly accept from a candidate who has established only a
45 candidate committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy treasurer or
46 candidate committee, any contribution of money or other thing of

1 value which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political
2 committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per election, or in the case of a
3 continuing political committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per year, and no such
4 political committee or continuing political committee shall knowingly
5 accept from candidates who have established only a joint candidates
6 committee, their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or
7 joint candidates committee, any contribution of money or other thing
8 of value which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political
9 committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per election per candidate in the joint
10 candidates committee, or in the case of a continuing political
11 committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per year per candidate in the joint
12 candidates committee, and no such political committee or continuing
13 political committee shall knowingly accept from a candidate who has
14 established both a candidate committee and a joint candidates
15 committee any contribution of money or other thing of value which in
16 the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political committee,
17 ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per election from that candidate, or in the case of a
18 continuing political committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per year from that
19 candidate. For the purpose of determining the amount of a
20 contribution to be attributed as given by each candidate in a joint
21 candidates committee, the amount of the contribution by such a
22 committee shall be divided equally among all the candidates in the
23 committee.

24 b. No political committee, other than a political committee which
25 is organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a
26 public question in any election, and no continuing political committee
27 shall pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value to
28 another political committee, other than a political committee which is
29 organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a public
30 question in any election, or another continuing political committee
31 which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of a recipient continuing
32 political committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per year, or in the case of a
33 recipient political committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per election. No
34 political committee, other than a political committee which is
35 organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a public
36 question in any election, and no continuing political committee shall
37 knowingly accept from another political committee, other than a
38 political committee which is organized to, or does, aid or promote the
39 passage or defeat of a public question in any election, or another
40 continuing political committee any contribution of money or other
41 thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of a
42 recipient continuing political committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per year, or
43 in the case of a recipient political committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per
44 election.

45 c. No individual, no corporation of any kind organized and

1 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
2 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any kind
3 which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
4 collective bargaining, or of dealing with employees concerning the
5 grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid
6 or protection in connection with employment, nor any other group,
7 shall pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value to
8 a political committee, other than a political committee which is
9 organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a public
10 question in any election, or a continuing political committee, which in
11 the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political committee,
12 \$7,200 per election, or in the case of a continuing political committee,
13 \$7,200 per year, and no such political committee or continuing
14 political committee shall knowingly accept any contribution in excess
15 of those amounts from an individual or from such corporation, labor
16 organization, or other group.

17 (cf: P.L.1993, c.65, s.20).²

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19 ¹[3.] 4.¹ This act shall take effect immediately.

ASSEMBLY, No. 4013

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

209th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED NOVEMBER 29, 2001

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman GUY R. GREGG

District 24 (Sussex, Hunterdon and Morris)

SYNOPSIS

Limits contributions to legislative leadership committees and to certain political committees and continuing political committees; permits contributions to certain business entities.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



A4013 GREGG

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1 AN ACT concerning political contributions and amending R.S.19:34-
2 45 and P.L.1993, c.65.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. R.S.19:34-45 is amended to read as follows:

8 19:34-45. No corporation carrying on the business of a bank,
9 savings bank, co-operative bank, trust, trustee, savings indemnity, safe
10 deposit, insurance, railroad, street railway, telephone, telegraph, gas,
11 electric light, heat or power, canal or aqueduct company, or having the
12 right to condemn land, or to exercise franchises in public ways granted
13 by the state or any county or municipality, and no corporation, person,
14 trustee or trustees, owning or holding the majority of stock in any such
15 corporation, shall pay or contribute money or thing of value in order
16 to aid or promote the nomination or election of any person, or in order
17 to aid or promote the interests, success or defeat of any political party.

18 This section shall not apply to any co-generation facility, as defined
19 in subsection c. of section 1 of P.L.2000, c.156, or to any retail seller
20 that extends credit, pursuant to the provisions of the "Retail
21 Installment Sales Act of 1960" P.L.1960, c.40 (C.17:16C-1 et seq.).
22 (cf: R.S.19:34-45)

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24 2. Section 19 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.4) is amended to
25 read as follows:

26 19. a. (1) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2) of this
27 subsection, no individual, no corporation of any kind organized and
28 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
29 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any kind
30 which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
31 collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the
32 grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid
33 or protection in connection with employment, no political committee,
34 continuing political committee, candidate committee or joint
35 candidates committee or any other group, shall pay or make any
36 contribution of money or other thing of value to the campaign
37 treasurer, deputy treasurer or other representative of the State
38 committee of a political party or the campaign treasurer, deputy
39 campaign treasurer or other representative of any legislative leadership
40 committee, which in the aggregate exceeds \$25,000 per year in the
41 case of the State committee of a political party or \$20,000 per year in
42 the case of a legislative leadership committee, or in the case of a joint
43 candidates committee when that is the only committee established by

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 the candidates, \$25,000 per year per candidate in the joint candidates
2 committee in the case of the State committee of a political party or
3 \$20,000 per year in the case of a legislative leadership committee, or
4 in the case of a candidate committee and a joint candidates committee
5 when both are established by a candidate, \$25,000 per year from that
6 candidate in the case of the State committee of a political party or
7 \$20,000 per year in the case of a legislative leadership committee. No
8 campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or other representative
9 of the State committee of a political party or campaign treasurer,
10 deputy campaign treasurer or other representative of any legislative
11 leadership committee shall knowingly accept from an individual, a
12 corporation of any kind organized and incorporated under the laws of
13 this State or any other state or any country other than the United
14 States, a labor organization of any kind which exists or is constituted
15 for the purpose, in whole or in part, of collective bargaining, or of
16 dealing with employers concerning the grievances, terms or conditions
17 of employment, or of other mutual aid or protection in connection with
18 employment, a political committee, a continuing political committee,
19 a candidate committee or a joint candidates committee or any other
20 group, any contribution of money or other thing of value which in the
21 aggregate exceeds \$25,000 per year in the case of the State committee
22 of a political party or \$20,000 per year in the case of a legislative
23 leadership committee, or in the case of a joint candidates committee
24 when that is the only committee established by the candidates, \$25,000
25 per year per candidate in the joint candidates committee in the case of
26 the State committee of a political party or \$20,000 per year in the case
27 of a legislative leadership committee, or in the case of a candidate
28 committee and a joint candidates committee when both are established
29 by a candidate, \$25,000 per year from that candidate in the case of the
30 State committee of a political party or \$20,000 per year in the case of
31 a legislative leadership committee.

32 (2) No national committee of a political party shall pay or make
33 any contribution of money or other thing of value to the campaign
34 treasurer, deputy treasurer or other representative of the State
35 committee of a political party which in the aggregate exceeds \$50,000
36 per year, and no campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or
37 other representative of the State committee of a political party shall
38 knowingly accept from the national committee of a political party any
39 contribution of money or other thing of value which in the aggregate
40 exceeds \$50,000 per year.

41 b. No individual, no corporation of any kind organized and
42 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
43 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any kind
44 which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
45 collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the
46 grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid

1 or protection in connection with employment, no political committee,
2 continuing political committee, candidate committee or joint
3 candidates committee or any other group, shall pay or make any
4 contribution of money or other thing of value to any county committee
5 of a political party, which in the aggregate exceeds \$25,000 per year,
6 or in the case of a joint candidates committee when that is the only
7 committee established by the candidates, \$25,000 per year per
8 candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a
9 candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when both are
10 established by a candidate, \$25,000 per year from that candidate. No
11 campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or other representative
12 of a county committee of a political party shall knowingly accept from
13 an individual, a corporation of any kind organized and incorporated
14 under the laws of this State or any other state or any country other
15 than the United States, a labor organization of any kind which exists
16 or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of collective
17 bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the grievances,
18 terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid or
19 protection in connection with employment, a political committee, a
20 continuing political committee, a candidate committee or a joint
21 candidates committee or any other group, any contribution of money
22 or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds \$25,000 per
23 year, or in the case of a joint candidates committee when that is the
24 only committee established by the candidates, \$25,000 per year per
25 candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a
26 candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when both are
27 established by a candidate, \$25,000 per year from that candidate.

28 c. No individual, no corporation of any kind organized and
29 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
30 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any kind
31 which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
32 collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the
33 grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid
34 or protection in connection with employment, no political committee,
35 continuing political committee, candidate committee or joint
36 candidates committee or any other group shall pay or make any
37 contribution of money or other thing of value to any municipal
38 committee of a political party, which in the aggregate exceeds \$5,000
39 per year, or in the case of a joint candidates committee when that is
40 the only committee established by the candidates, \$5,000 per year per
41 candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a
42 candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when both are
43 established by a candidate, \$5,000 per year from that candidate. No
44 campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or other representative
45 of a municipal committee of a political party shall knowingly accept
46 from an individual, a corporation of any kind organized and

1 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
2 country other than the United States, a labor organization of any kind
3 which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
4 collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the
5 grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid
6 or protection in connection with employment, a political committee,
7 a continuing political committee, a candidate committee or a joint
8 candidates committee or any other group, any contribution of money
9 or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds \$5,000 per
10 year, or in the case of a joint candidates committee when that is the
11 only committee established by the candidates, \$5,000 per year per
12 candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a
13 candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when both are
14 established by a candidate, \$5,000 per year from that candidate.

15 No county committee of a political party in any county shall pay or
16 make any contribution of money or other thing of value to a municipal
17 committee of a political party in a municipality not located in that
18 county which in the aggregate exceeds the amount of aggregate
19 contributions which, under this subsection, a continuing political
20 committee is permitted to pay or make to a municipal committee of a
21 political party. No campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or
22 other representative of a municipal committee of a political party in
23 any municipality shall knowingly accept from any county committee of
24 a political party in any county other than the county in which the
25 municipality is located any contribution of money or other thing of
26 value which in the aggregate exceeds the amount of contributions
27 permitted to be so paid or made under that subsection.

28 d. For the purpose of determining the amount of a contribution to
29 be attributed as given by each candidate in a joint candidates
30 committee, the amount of the contribution by such a committee shall
31 be divided equally among all the candidates in the committee.

32 (cf: P.L.1993, c.65, s.19)

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34 3. Section 20 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.5) is amended to
35 read as follows:

36 20. a. No candidate who has established only a candidate
37 committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy treasurer or candidate
38 committee shall pay or make any contribution of money or other thing
39 of value to a political committee, other than a political committee
40 which is organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat
41 of a public question in any election, or a continuing political
42 committee, which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a
43 political committee, \$5,000 per election, or in the case of a continuing
44 political committee, \$5,000 per year, and no candidates who have
45 established only a joint candidates committee, their campaign
46 treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or joint candidates committee

1 shall pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value to
2 such a political committee or continuing political committee which in
3 the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political committee,
4 \$5,000 per election per candidate in the joint candidates committee, or
5 in the case of a continuing political committee, \$5,000 per year per
6 candidate in the joint candidates committee, and no candidate who has
7 established both a candidate committee and a joint candidates
8 committee shall pay or make any contribution of money or other thing
9 of value which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political
10 committee, \$5,000 per election from that candidate, or in the case of
11 a continuing political committee, \$5,000 per year from that candidate.
12 No political committee, other than a political committee which is
13 organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a public
14 question in any election, or a continuing political committee, shall
15 knowingly accept from a candidate who has established only a
16 candidate committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy treasurer or
17 candidate committee, any contribution of money or other thing of
18 value which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political
19 committee, \$5,000 per election, or in the case of a continuing political
20 committee, \$5,000 per year, and no such political committee or
21 continuing political committee shall knowingly accept from candidates
22 who have established only a joint candidates committee, their
23 campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or joint candidates
24 committee, any contribution of money or other thing of value which
25 in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political committee,
26 \$5,000 per election per candidate in the joint candidates committee, or
27 in the case of a continuing political committee, \$5,000 per year per
28 candidate in the joint candidates committee, and no such political
29 committee or continuing political committee shall knowingly accept
30 from a candidate who has established both a candidate committee and
31 a joint candidates committee any contribution of money or other thing
32 of value which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political
33 committee, \$5,000 per election from that candidate, or in the case of
34 a continuing political committee, \$5,000 per year from that candidate.
35 For the purpose of determining the amount of a contribution to be
36 attributed as given by each candidate in a joint candidates committee,
37 the amount of the contribution by such a committee shall be divided
38 equally among all the candidates in the committee.

39 b. No political committee, other than a political committee which
40 is organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a
41 public question in any election, and no continuing political committee
42 shall pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value to
43 another political committee, other than a political committee which is
44 organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a public
45 question in any election, or another continuing political committee
46 which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of a recipient continuing

1 political committee, \$5,000 per year, or in the case of a recipient
2 political committee, \$5,000 per election. No political committee,
3 other than a political committee which is organized to, or does, aid or
4 promote the passage or defeat of a public question in any election, and
5 no continuing political committee shall knowingly accept from another
6 political committee, other than a political committee which is
7 organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a public
8 question in any election, or another continuing political committee any
9 contribution of money or other thing of value which in the aggregate
10 exceeds, in the case of a recipient continuing political committee,
11 \$5,000 per year, or in the case of a recipient political committee,
12 \$5,000 per election.

13 c. No individual, no corporation of any kind organized and
14 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
15 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any kind
16 which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
17 collective bargaining, or of dealing with employees concerning the
18 grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid
19 or protection in connection with employment, nor any other group,
20 shall pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value to
21 a political committee, other than a political committee which is
22 organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a public
23 question in any election, or a continuing political committee, other
24 than a candidate committee or joint candidates committee or both,
25 which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political
26 committee, \$20,000 per year, or in the case of a continuing political
27 committee, \$20,000 per year. No political committee, other than a
28 political committee which is organized to, or does, aid or promote the
29 passage or defeat of a public question in any election, and no
30 continuing political committee, other than a candidate committee or
31 joint candidates committee or both, shall knowingly accept any
32 contribution which exceeds, in the case of such a political committee,
33 \$20,000 per year, or in the case of a continuing political committee,
34 \$20,000 per year from an individual, corporation of any kind
35 organized and incorporated under the laws of this State or any other
36 state or any country other than the United States, a labor organization
37 of any kind which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or
38 in part, of collective bargaining, or of dealing with employees
39 concerning the grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of
40 other mutual aid or protection in connection with employment, or any
41 other group.

42 (cf: P.L.1993, c.65, s.20)

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44 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

The purpose of this bill is to make certain changes in current law regarding contributions that may be made to and accepted by certain committees and make clear that certain business entities are permitted to make contributions.

The bill would reduce the amount of a contribution that may be made to and accepted by a legislative leadership committee to \$20,000 (now \$25,000 in the statute but adjusted to \$37,000 by the Election Law Enforcement Commission based upon quadrennial adjustment). The limit would apply to contributions by an individual, corporation, labor organization, political committee, continuing political committee, candidate committee or joint candidates committee or both, or another group.

The bill also limits the amount that an individual, corporation, labor organization, or other group may contribute to a political committee (other than one organized to advocate the passage or defeat of a public question) to \$20,000 per election and to a continuing political committee (other than one which is also a candidates committee or a joint candidates or both) to \$20,000 per year. This limit is the same limit the bill places on legislative leadership committees. Under existing law, unlimited amounts may be contributed to a political committee or a continuing political committee by individuals, corporations, or labor organizations.

The bill makes clear that notwithstanding the provisions of R.S.19:34-35, which ban political contributions by certain regulated corporations, any co-generation facility, as defined in subsection c. of section 1 of P.L.2000, c.156, or any retail seller that extends credit, pursuant to the provisions of the "Retail Installment Sales Act of 1960" P.L.1960, c.40 (C.17:16C-1 et seq.), would be permitted to make such contributions.

ASSEMBLY STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 4013

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 6, 2001

The Assembly State Government Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 4013.

The purpose of this bill is to make certain changes in current law regarding political contributions that may be made to and accepted by certain committees and make clear that certain business entities are permitted to make contributions.

As amended, the bill would reduce the amount of a political contribution that may be made to and accepted by a legislative leadership committee to \$20,000 (now \$25,000 in the statute but set at \$37,000 by the Election Law Enforcement Commission due to quadrennial adjustment). The limit would apply to contributions by an individual, corporation, labor organization, political committee, continuing political committee, candidate committee or joint candidates committee or both, or another group.

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The bill makes clear that notwithstanding the provisions of R.S.19:34-35, which ban political contributions by certain regulated corporations, any co-generation facility, as defined in N.J.S.A.54:15B-2.2, or any retail seller that extends credit, pursuant to the provisions of the "Retail Installment Sales Act of 1960", N.J.S.A.17:16C-1 et seq., would be permitted to make such contributions.

The committee amended the bill to (1) delete amendatory language that incorrectly infers that a candidate committee and a joint candidates committee are a type of continuing political committee when, in fact, a continuing political committee and a candidates committee and a joint candidates committee are distinctly separate entities; and (2) add clarifying language regarding legal citations and who would be affected by the bill.

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 4013

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
209th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED NOVEMBER 29, 2001

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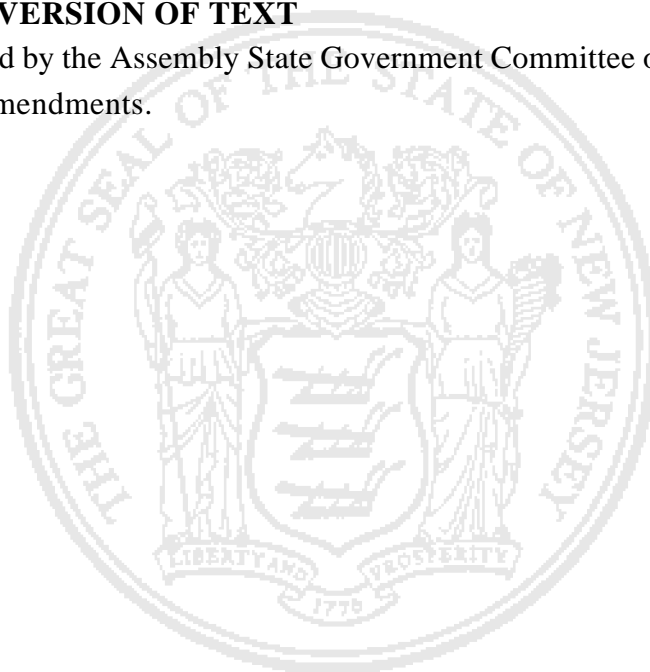
District 25 (Morris)

SYNOPSIS

Limits contributions to legislative leadership committees and to certain political committees and continuing political committees; permits contributions by certain business entities.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly State Government Committee on December 6, 2001, with amendments.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/8/2002)

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2 45 and P.L.1993, c.65.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. R.S.19:34-45 is amended to read as follows:

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9 savings bank, co-operative bank, trust, trustee, savings indemnity, safe
10 deposit, insurance, railroad, street railway, telephone, telegraph, gas,
11 electric light, heat or power, canal or aqueduct company, or having the
12 right to condemn land, or to exercise franchises in public ways granted
13 by the state or any county or municipality, and no corporation, person,
14 trustee or trustees, owning or holding the majority of stock in any such
15 corporation, shall pay or contribute money or thing of value in order
16 to aid or promote the nomination or election of any person, or in order
17 to aid or promote the interests, success or defeat of any political party.

18 ¹[This] The provisions of this¹ section shall not apply to any
19 ¹corporation carrying on the business of a¹ co-generation facility, as
20 defined in subsection c. of section 1 of P.L.2000, c.156¹(C.54:15B-
21 2.2)¹, or to any¹ corporation carrying on the business of a¹ retail seller
22 that extends credit, pursuant to the provisions of the "Retail
23 Installment Sales Act of 1960" P.L.1960, c.40 (C.17:16C-1 et seq.)¹,
24 or to any corporation, person, trustee or trustees, owning or holding
25 the majority of stock in either such corporation¹.

26 (cf: R.S.19:34-45)

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28 2. Section 19 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.4) is amended to
29 read as follows:

30 19. a. (1) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2) of this
31 subsection, no individual, no corporation of any kind organized and
32 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
33 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any kind
34 which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
35 collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the
36 grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid
37 or protection in connection with employment, no political committee,
38 continuing political committee, candidate committee or joint
39 candidates committee or any other group, shall pay or make any
40 contribution of money or other thing of value to the campaign
41 treasurer, deputy treasurer or other representative of the State

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Assembly ASG committee amendments adopted December 6, 2001.

1 committee of a political party or the campaign treasurer, deputy
2 campaign treasurer or other representative of any legislative leadership
3 committee, which in the aggregate exceeds \$25,000 per year in the
4 case of the State committee of a political party or \$20,000 per year in
5 the case of a legislative leadership committee, or in the case of a joint
6 candidates committee when that is the only committee established by
7 the candidates, \$25,000 per year per candidate in the joint candidates
8 committee in the case of the State committee of a political party or
9 \$20,000 per year ¹per candidate¹ in the case of a legislative leadership
10 committee, or in the case of a candidate committee and a joint
11 candidates committee when both are established by a candidate,
12 \$25,000 per year from that candidate in the case of the State
13 committee of a political party or \$20,000 per year ¹from that
14 candidate¹ in the case of a legislative leadership committee. No
15 campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or other representative
16 of the State committee of a political party or campaign treasurer,
17 deputy campaign treasurer or other representative of any legislative
18 leadership committee shall knowingly accept from an individual, a
19 corporation of any kind organized and incorporated under the laws of
20 this State or any other state or any country other than the United
21 States, a labor organization of any kind which exists or is constituted
22 for the purpose, in whole or in part, of collective bargaining, or of
23 dealing with employers concerning the grievances, terms or conditions
24 of employment, or of other mutual aid or protection in connection with
25 employment, a political committee, a continuing political committee,
26 a candidate committee or a joint candidates committee or any other
27 group, any contribution of money or other thing of value which in the
28 aggregate exceeds \$25,000 per year in the case of the State committee
29 of a political party or \$20,000 per year in the case of a legislative
30 leadership committee, or in the case of a joint candidates committee
31 when that is the only committee established by the candidates, \$25,000
32 per year per candidate in the joint candidates committee in the case of
33 the State committee of a political party or \$20,000 per year ¹per
34 candidate¹ in the case of a legislative leadership committee, or in the
35 case of a candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when
36 both are established by a candidate, \$25,000 per year from that
37 candidate in the case of the State committee of a political party or
38 \$20,000 per year ¹from that candidate¹ in the case of a legislative
39 leadership committee.

40 (2) No national committee of a political party shall pay or make
41 any contribution of money or other thing of value to the campaign
42 treasurer, deputy treasurer or other representative of the State
43 committee of a political party which in the aggregate exceeds \$50,000
44 per year, and no campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or
45 other representative of the State committee of a political party shall
46 knowingly accept from the national committee of a political party any

1 contribution of money or other thing of value which in the aggregate
2 exceeds \$50,000 per year.

3 b. No individual, no corporation of any kind organized and
4 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
5 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any kind
6 which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
7 collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the
8 grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid
9 or protection in connection with employment, no political committee,
10 continuing political committee, candidate committee or joint
11 candidates committee or any other group, shall pay or make any
12 contribution of money or other thing of value to any county committee
13 of a political party, which in the aggregate exceeds \$25,000 per year,
14 or in the case of a joint candidates committee when that is the only
15 committee established by the candidates, \$25,000 per year per
16 candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a
17 candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when both are
18 established by a candidate, \$25,000 per year from that candidate. No
19 campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or other representative
20 of a county committee of a political party shall knowingly accept from
21 an individual, a corporation of any kind organized and incorporated
22 under the laws of this State or any other state or any country other
23 than the United States, a labor organization of any kind which exists
24 or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of collective
25 bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the grievances,
26 terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid or
27 protection in connection with employment, a political committee, a
28 continuing political committee, a candidate committee or a joint
29 candidates committee or any other group, any contribution of money
30 or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds \$25,000 per
31 year, or in the case of a joint candidates committee when that is the
32 only committee established by the candidates, \$25,000 per year per
33 candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a
34 candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when both are
35 established by a candidate, \$25,000 per year from that candidate.

36 c. No individual, no corporation of any kind organized and
37 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
38 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any kind
39 which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
40 collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the
41 grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid
42 or protection in connection with employment, no political committee,
43 continuing political committee, candidate committee or joint
44 candidates committee or any other group shall pay or make any
45 contribution of money or other thing of value to any municipal
46 committee of a political party, which in the aggregate exceeds \$5,000

1 per year, or in the case of a joint candidates committee when that is
2 the only committee established by the candidates, \$5,000 per year per
3 candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a
4 candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when both are
5 established by a candidate, \$5,000 per year from that candidate. No
6 campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or other representative
7 of a municipal committee of a political party shall knowingly accept
8 from an individual, a corporation of any kind organized and
9 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
10 country other than the United States, a labor organization of any kind
11 which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
12 collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the
13 grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid
14 or protection in connection with employment, a political committee,
15 a continuing political committee, a candidate committee or a joint
16 candidates committee or any other group, any contribution of money
17 or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds \$5,000 per
18 year, or in the case of a joint candidates committee when that is the
19 only committee established by the candidates, \$5,000 per year per
20 candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a
21 candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when both are
22 established by a candidate, \$5,000 per year from that candidate.

23 No county committee of a political party in any county shall pay or
24 make any contribution of money or other thing of value to a municipal
25 committee of a political party in a municipality not located in that
26 county which in the aggregate exceeds the amount of aggregate
27 contributions which, under this subsection, a continuing political
28 committee is permitted to pay or make to a municipal committee of a
29 political party. No campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or
30 other representative of a municipal committee of a political party in
31 any municipality shall knowingly accept from any county committee of
32 a political party in any county other than the county in which the
33 municipality is located any contribution of money or other thing of
34 value which in the aggregate exceeds the amount of contributions
35 permitted to be so paid or made under that subsection.

36 d. For the purpose of determining the amount of a contribution to
37 be attributed as given by each candidate in a joint candidates
38 committee, the amount of the contribution by such a committee shall
39 be divided equally among all the candidates in the committee.

40 (cf: P.L.1993, c.65, s.19)

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42 3. Section 20 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.5) is amended to
43 read as follows:

44 20. a. No candidate who has established only a candidate
45 committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy treasurer or candidate
46 committee shall pay or make any contribution of money or other thing

1 of value to a political committee, other than a political committee
2 which is organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat
3 of a public question in any election, or a continuing political
4 committee, which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a
5 political committee, \$5,000 per election, or in the case of a continuing
6 political committee, \$5,000 per year, and no candidates who have
7 established only a joint candidates committee, their campaign
8 treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or joint candidates committee
9 shall pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value to
10 such a political committee or continuing political committee which in
11 the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political committee,
12 \$5,000 per election per candidate in the joint candidates committee, or
13 in the case of a continuing political committee, \$5,000 per year per
14 candidate in the joint candidates committee, and no candidate who has
15 established both a candidate committee and a joint candidates
16 committee shall pay or make any contribution of money or other thing
17 of value which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political
18 committee, \$5,000 per election from that candidate, or in the case of
19 a continuing political committee, \$5,000 per year from that candidate.
20 No political committee, other than a political committee which is
21 organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a public
22 question in any election, or a continuing political committee, shall
23 knowingly accept from a candidate who has established only a
24 candidate committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy treasurer or
25 candidate committee, any contribution of money or other thing of
26 value which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political
27 committee, \$5,000 per election, or in the case of a continuing political
28 committee, \$5,000 per year, and no such political committee or
29 continuing political committee shall knowingly accept from candidates
30 who have established only a joint candidates committee, their
31 campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or joint candidates
32 committee, any contribution of money or other thing of value which
33 in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political committee,
34 \$5,000 per election per candidate in the joint candidates committee, or
35 in the case of a continuing political committee, \$5,000 per year per
36 candidate in the joint candidates committee, and no such political
37 committee or continuing political committee shall knowingly accept
38 from a candidate who has established both a candidate committee and
39 a joint candidates committee any contribution of money or other thing
40 of value which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political
41 committee, \$5,000 per election from that candidate, or in the case of
42 a continuing political committee, \$5,000 per year from that candidate.
43 For the purpose of determining the amount of a contribution to be
44 attributed as given by each candidate in a joint candidates committee,
45 the amount of the contribution by such a committee shall be divided
46 equally among all the candidates in the committee.

1 b. No political committee, other than a political committee which
2 is organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a
3 public question in any election, and no continuing political committee
4 shall pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value to
5 another political committee, other than a political committee which is
6 organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a public
7 question in any election, or another continuing political committee
8 which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of a recipient continuing
9 political committee, \$5,000 per year, or in the case of a recipient
10 political committee, \$5,000 per election. No political committee,
11 other than a political committee which is organized to, or does, aid or
12 promote the passage or defeat of a public question in any election, and
13 no continuing political committee shall knowingly accept from another
14 political committee, other than a political committee which is
15 organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a public
16 question in any election, or another continuing political committee any
17 contribution of money or other thing of value which in the aggregate
18 exceeds, in the case of a recipient continuing political committee,
19 \$5,000 per year, or in the case of a recipient political committee,
20 \$5,000 per election.

21 c. No individual, no corporation of any kind organized and
22 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
23 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any kind
24 which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
25 collective bargaining, or of dealing with employees concerning the
26 grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid
27 or protection in connection with employment, ¹[nor] or¹ any other
28 group, shall pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of
29 value to a political committee, other than a political committee which
30 is organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a
31 public question in any election, or a continuing political committee,
32 ¹[other than a candidate committee or joint candidates committee or
33 both,]¹ which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political
34 committee, \$20,000 per year, or in the case of a continuing political
35 committee, \$20,000 per year. No political committee, other than a
36 political committee which is organized to, or does, aid or promote the
37 passage or defeat of a public question in any election, and no
38 continuing political committee, ¹[other than a candidate committee or
39 joint candidates committee or both,]¹ shall knowingly accept any
40 contribution which exceeds, in the case of such a political committee,
41 \$20,000 per year, or in the case of a continuing political committee,
42 \$20,000 per year from an individual, corporation of any kind
43 organized and incorporated under the laws of this State or any other
44 state or any country other than the United States, a labor organization
45 of any kind which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or
46 in part, of collective bargaining, or of dealing with employees

1 concerning the grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of
2 other mutual aid or protection in connection with employment, or any
3 other group.

4 (cf: P.L.1993, c.65, s.20)

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6 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

P.L. 2001, CHAPTER 384, *approved January 8, 2002*

Senate, No. 2577 (*Second Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning ¹[limits on certain]¹ ²limits on certain² political
2 contributions and amending ¹R.S.19:34-45 and¹ P.L.1993, c.65.

3

4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 ¹1. R.S.19:34-45 is amended to read as follows:

8 19:34-45. No corporation carrying on the business of a bank,
9 savings bank, co-operative bank, trust, trustee, savings indemnity, safe
10 deposit, insurance, railroad, street railway, telephone, telegraph, gas,
11 electric light, heat or power, canal or aqueduct company, or having the
12 right to condemn land, or to exercise franchises in public ways granted
13 by the state or any county or municipality, and no corporation, person,
14 trustee or trustees, owning or holding the majority of stock in any such
15 corporation, shall pay or contribute money or thing of value in order
16 to aid or promote the nomination or election of any person, or in order
17 to aid or promote the interests, success or defeat of any political party.

18 The provisions of this section shall not apply to any corporation
19 carrying on the business of a co-generation facility, as defined in
20 subsection c. of section 1 of P.L.2000, c.156 (C.54:15B-2.2), or to
21 any corporation carrying on the business of a retail seller that extends
22 credit, pursuant to the provisions of the "Retail Installment Sales Act
23 of 1960" P.L.1960, c.40 (C.17:16C-1 et seq.), or to any corporation,
24 person, trustee or trustees, owning or holding the majority of stock in
25 either such corporation.¹

26 (cf: R.S.19:34-45)

27

28 ¹[1. Section 19 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.4) is amended to
29 read as follows:

30 19. a. (1) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2) of this
31 subsection, no individual, no corporation of any kind organized and
32 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
33 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any kind
34 which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
35 collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the
36 grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid
37 or protection in connection with employment, no political committee,
38 continuing political committee, candidate committee or joint
39 candidates committee or any other group, shall pay or make any

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Assembly floor amendments adopted January 3, 2002.

² Senate floor amendments adopted January 7, 2002.

1 contribution of money or other thing of value to the campaign
2 treasurer, deputy treasurer or other representative of the State
3 committee of a political party or the campaign treasurer, deputy
4 campaign treasurer or other representative of any legislative leadership
5 committee, which in the aggregate exceeds \$25,000 per year, or in the
6 case of a joint candidates committee when that is the only committee
7 established by the candidates, \$25,000 per year per candidate in the
8 joint candidates committee, or in the case of a candidate committee
9 and a joint candidates committee when both are established by a
10 candidate, \$25,000 per year from that candidate. No campaign
11 treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or other representative of the
12 State committee of a political party or campaign treasurer, deputy
13 campaign treasurer or other representative of any legislative leadership
14 committee shall knowingly accept from an individual, a corporation of
15 any kind organized and incorporated under the laws of this State or
16 any other state or any country other than the United States, a labor
17 organization of any kind which exists or is constituted for the purpose,
18 in whole or in part, of collective bargaining, or of dealing with
19 employers concerning the grievances, terms or conditions of
20 employment, or of other mutual aid or protection in connection with
21 employment, a political committee, a continuing political committee,
22 a candidate committee or a joint candidates committee or any other
23 group, any contribution of money or other thing of value which in the
24 aggregate exceeds \$25,000 per year, or in the case of a joint
25 candidates committee when that is the only committee established by
26 the candidates, \$25,000 per year per candidate in the joint candidates
27 committee, or in the case of a candidate committee and a joint
28 candidates committee when both are established by a candidate,
29 \$25,000 per year from that candidate.

30 Adjustments to the limits established in this paragraph which have
31 been made by the Election Law Enforcement Commission, pursuant to
32 section 22 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-7.2), prior to the effective
33 date of P.L. , c. (C.) (now pending before the Legislature as
34 this bill) are rescinded. The limits established in this paragraph shall
35 remain as stated in this paragraph until subsequently adjusted by the
36 commission in the manner prescribed by section 22 of P.L.1993, c.65
37 (C.19:44A-7.2).

38 (2) No national committee of a political party shall pay or make
39 any contribution of money or other thing of value to the campaign
40 treasurer, deputy treasurer or other representative of the State
41 committee of a political party which in the aggregate exceeds \$50,000
42 per year, and no campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or
43 other representative of the State committee of a political party shall
44 knowingly accept from the national committee of a political party any
45 contribution of money or other thing of value which in the aggregate
46 exceeds \$50,000 per year.

1 b. No individual, no corporation of any kind organized and
2 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
3 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any kind
4 which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
5 collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the
6 grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid
7 or protection in connection with employment, no political committee,
8 continuing political committee, candidate committee or joint
9 candidates committee or any other group, shall pay or make any
10 contribution of money or other thing of value to any county committee
11 of a political party, which in the aggregate exceeds \$25,000 per year,
12 or in the case of a joint candidates committee when that is the only
13 committee established by the candidates, \$25,000 per year per
14 candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a
15 candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when both are
16 established by a candidate, \$25,000 per year from that candidate. No
17 campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or other representative
18 of a county committee of a political party shall knowingly accept from
19 an individual, a corporation of any kind organized and incorporated
20 under the laws of this State or any other state or any country other
21 than the United States, a labor organization of any kind which exists
22 or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of collective
23 bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the grievances,
24 terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid or
25 protection in connection with employment, a political committee, a
26 continuing political committee, a candidate committee or a joint
27 candidates committee or any other group, any contribution of money
28 or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds \$25,000 per
29 year, or in the case of a joint candidates committee when that is the
30 only committee established by the candidates, \$25,000 per year per
31 candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a
32 candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when both are
33 established by a candidate, \$25,000 per year from that candidate.

34 c. No individual, no corporation of any kind organized and
35 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
36 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any kind
37 which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
38 collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the
39 grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid
40 or protection in connection with employment, no political committee,
41 continuing political committee, candidate committee or joint
42 candidates committee or any other group shall pay or make any
43 contribution of money or other thing of value to any municipal
44 committee of a political party, which in the aggregate exceeds \$5,000
45 per year, or in the case of a joint candidates committee when that is
46 the only committee established by the candidates, \$5,000 per year per

1 candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a
2 candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when both are
3 established by a candidate, \$5,000 per year from that candidate. No
4 campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or other representative
5 of a municipal committee of a political party shall knowingly accept
6 from an individual, a corporation of any kind organized and
7 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
8 country other than the United States, a labor organization of any kind
9 which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
10 collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the
11 grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid
12 or protection in connection with employment, a political committee,
13 a continuing political committee, a candidate committee or a joint
14 candidates committee or any other group, any contribution of money
15 or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds \$5,000 per
16 year, or in the case of a joint candidates committee when that is the
17 only committee established by the candidates, \$5,000 per year per
18 candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a
19 candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when both are
20 established by a candidate, \$5,000 per year from that candidate.

21 No county committee of a political party in any county shall pay or
22 make any contribution of money or other thing of value to a municipal
23 committee of a political party in a municipality not located in that
24 county which in the aggregate exceeds the amount of aggregate
25 contributions which, under this subsection, a continuing political
26 committee is permitted to pay or make to a municipal committee of a
27 political party. No campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or
28 other representative of a municipal committee of a political party in
29 any municipality shall knowingly accept from any county committee of
30 a political party in any county other than the county in which the
31 municipality is located any contribution of money or other thing of
32 value which in the aggregate exceeds the amount of contributions
33 permitted to be so paid or made under that subsection.

34 d. For the purpose of determining the amount of a contribution to
35 be attributed as given by each candidate in a joint candidates
36 committee, the amount of the contribution by such a committee shall
37 be divided equally among all the candidates in the committee.

38 (cf: P.L.1993, c.65, s.19)]¹

39

40 ¹[2. Section 20 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.5) is amended to
41 read as follows:

42 20. a. No candidate who has established only a candidate
43 committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy treasurer or candidate
44 committee shall pay or make any contribution of money or other thing
45 of value to a political committee, other than a political committee
46 which is organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat

1 of a public question in any election, or a continuing political
2 committee, which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a
3 political committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per election, or in the case of a
4 continuing political committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per year, and no
5 candidates who have established only a joint candidates committee,
6 their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or joint
7 candidates committee shall pay or make any contribution of money or
8 other thing of value to such a political committee or continuing
9 political committee which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such
10 a political committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per election per candidate in
11 the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a continuing political
12 committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per year per candidate in the joint
13 candidates committee, and no candidate who has established both a
14 candidate committee and a joint candidates committee shall pay or
15 make any contribution of money or other thing of value which in the
16 aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~
17 \$7,200 per election from that candidate, or in the case of a continuing
18 political committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per year from that candidate.
19 No political committee, other than a political committee which is
20 organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a public
21 question in any election, or a continuing political committee, shall
22 knowingly accept from a candidate who has established only a
23 candidate committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy treasurer or
24 candidate committee, any contribution of money or other thing of
25 value which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political
26 committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per election, or in the case of a
27 continuing political committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per year, and no such
28 political committee or continuing political committee shall knowingly
29 accept from candidates who have established only a joint candidates
30 committee, their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or
31 joint candidates committee, any contribution of money or other thing
32 of value which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political
33 committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per election per candidate in the joint
34 candidates committee, or in the case of a continuing political
35 committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per year per candidate in the joint
36 candidates committee, and no such political committee or continuing
37 political committee shall knowingly accept from a candidate who has
38 established both a candidate committee and a joint candidates
39 committee any contribution of money or other thing of value which in
40 the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political committee,
41 ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per election from that candidate, or in the case of a
42 continuing political committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per year from that
43 candidate. For the purpose of determining the amount of a
44 contribution to be attributed as given by each candidate in a joint
45 candidates committee, the amount of the contribution by such a

1 committee shall be divided equally among all the candidates in the
2 committee.

3 b. No political committee, other than a political committee which
4 is organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a
5 public question in any election, and no continuing political committee
6 shall pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value to
7 another political committee, other than a political committee which is
8 organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a public
9 question in any election, or another continuing political committee
10 which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of a recipient continuing
11 political committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per year, or in the case of a
12 recipient political committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per election. No
13 political committee, other than a political committee which is
14 organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a public
15 question in any election, and no continuing political committee shall
16 knowingly accept from another political committee, other than a
17 political committee which is organized to, or does, aid or promote the
18 passage or defeat of a public question in any election, or another
19 continuing political committee any contribution of money or other
20 thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of a
21 recipient continuing political committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per year, or
22 in the case of a recipient political committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per
23 election.

24 c. No individual, no corporation of any kind organized and
25 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
26 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any kind
27 which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
28 collective bargaining, or of dealing with employees concerning the
29 grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid
30 or protection in connection with employment, nor any other group,
31 shall pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value to
32 a political committee, other than a political committee which is
33 organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a public
34 question in any election, or a continuing political committee, which in
35 the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political committee,
36 \$7,200 per election, or in the case of a continuing political committee,
37 \$7,200 per year, and no such political committee or continuing
38 political committee shall knowingly accept any contribution in excess
39 of those amounts from an individual or from such corporation, labor
40 organization, or other group.
41 (cf: P.L.1993, c.65, s.20).]¹

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43 ²[¹². Section 19 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.4) is amended to
44 read as follows:

45 19. a. (1) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2) of this
46 subsection, no individual, no corporation of any kind organized and

1 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
2 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any kind
3 which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
4 collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the
5 grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid
6 or protection in connection with employment, no political committee,
7 continuing political committee, candidate committee or joint
8 candidates committee or any other group, shall pay or make any
9 contribution of money or other thing of value to the campaign
10 treasurer, deputy treasurer or other representative of the State
11 committee of a political party or the campaign treasurer, deputy
12 campaign treasurer or other representative of any legislative leadership
13 committee, which in the aggregate exceeds \$25,000 per year in the
14 case of the State committee of a political party or \$20,000 per year in
15 the case of a legislative leadership committee, or in the case of a joint
16 candidates committee when that is the only committee established by
17 the candidates, \$25,000 per year per candidate in the joint candidates
18 committee in the case of the State committee of a political party or
19 \$20,000 per year per candidate in the case of a legislative leadership
20 committee, or in the case of a candidate committee and a joint
21 candidates committee when both are established by a candidate,
22 \$25,000 per year from that candidate in the case of the State
23 committee of a political party or \$20,000 per year from that candidate
24 in the case of a legislative leadership committee. No campaign
25 treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or other representative of the
26 State committee of a political party or campaign treasurer, deputy
27 campaign treasurer or other representative of any legislative leadership
28 committee shall knowingly accept from an individual, a corporation of
29 any kind organized and incorporated under the laws of this State or
30 any other state or any country other than the United States, a labor
31 organization of any kind which exists or is constituted for the purpose,
32 in whole or in part, of collective bargaining, or of dealing with
33 employers concerning the grievances, terms or conditions of
34 employment, or of other mutual aid or protection in connection with
35 employment, a political committee, a continuing political committee,
36 a candidate committee or a joint candidates committee or any other
37 group, any contribution of money or other thing of value which in the
38 aggregate exceeds \$25,000 per year in the case of the State committee
39 of a political party or \$20,000 per year in the case of a legislative
40 leadership committee, or in the case of a joint candidates committee
41 when that is the only committee established by the candidates, \$25,000
42 per year per candidate in the joint candidates committee in the case of
43 the State committee of a political party or \$20,000 per year per
44 candidate in the case of a legislative leadership committee, or in the
45 case of a candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when
46 both are established by a candidate, \$25,000 per year from that

1 candidate in the case of the State committee of a political party or
2 \$20,000 per year from that candidate in the case of a legislative
3 leadership committee.

4 (2) No national committee of a political party shall pay or make
5 any contribution of money or other thing of value to the campaign
6 treasurer, deputy treasurer or other representative of the State
7 committee of a political party which in the aggregate exceeds \$50,000
8 per year, and no campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or
9 other representative of the State committee of a political party shall
10 knowingly accept from the national committee of a political party any
11 contribution of money or other thing of value which in the aggregate
12 exceeds \$50,000 per year.

13 b. No individual, no corporation of any kind organized and
14 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
15 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any kind
16 which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
17 collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the
18 grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid
19 or protection in connection with employment, no political committee,
20 continuing political committee, candidate committee or joint
21 candidates committee or any other group, shall pay or make any
22 contribution of money or other thing of value to any county committee
23 of a political party, which in the aggregate exceeds \$25,000 per year,
24 or in the case of a joint candidates committee when that is the only
25 committee established by the candidates, \$25,000 per year per
26 candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a
27 candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when both are
28 established by a candidate, \$25,000 per year from that candidate. No
29 campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or other representative
30 of a county committee of a political party shall knowingly accept from
31 an individual, a corporation of any kind organized and incorporated
32 under the laws of this State or any other state or any country other
33 than the United States, a labor organization of any kind which exists
34 or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of collective
35 bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the grievances,
36 terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid or
37 protection in connection with employment, a political committee, a
38 continuing political committee, a candidate committee or a joint
39 candidates committee or any other group, any contribution of money
40 or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds \$25,000 per
41 year, or in the case of a joint candidates committee when that is the
42 only committee established by the candidates, \$25,000 per year per
43 candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a
44 candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when both are
45 established by a candidate, \$25,000 per year from that candidate.

46 c. No individual, no corporation of any kind organized and

1 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
2 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any kind
3 which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
4 collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the
5 grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid
6 or protection in connection with employment, no political committee,
7 continuing political committee, candidate committee or joint
8 candidates committee or any other group shall pay or make any
9 contribution of money or other thing of value to any municipal
10 committee of a political party, which in the aggregate exceeds \$5,000
11 per year, or in the case of a joint candidates committee when that is
12 the only committee established by the candidates, \$5,000 per year per
13 candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a
14 candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when both are
15 established by a candidate, \$5,000 per year from that candidate. No
16 campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or other representative
17 of a municipal committee of a political party shall knowingly accept
18 from an individual, a corporation of any kind organized and
19 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
20 country other than the United States, a labor organization of any kind
21 which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
22 collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the
23 grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid
24 or protection in connection with employment, a political committee,
25 a continuing political committee, a candidate committee or a joint
26 candidates committee or any other group, any contribution of money
27 or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds \$5,000 per
28 year, or in the case of a joint candidates committee when that is the
29 only committee established by the candidates, \$5,000 per year per
30 candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a
31 candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when both are
32 established by a candidate, \$5,000 per year from that candidate.

33 No county committee of a political party in any county shall pay or
34 make any contribution of money or other thing of value to a municipal
35 committee of a political party in a municipality not located in that
36 county which in the aggregate exceeds the amount of aggregate
37 contributions which, under this subsection, a continuing political
38 committee is permitted to pay or make to a municipal committee of a
39 political party. No campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or
40 other representative of a municipal committee of a political party in
41 any municipality shall knowingly accept from any county committee of
42 a political party in any county other than the county in which the
43 municipality is located any contribution of money or other thing of
44 value which in the aggregate exceeds the amount of contributions
45 permitted to be so paid or made under that subsection.

46 d. For the purpose of determining the amount of a contribution to

1 be attributed as given by each candidate in a joint candidates
2 committee, the amount of the contribution by such a committee shall
3 be divided equally among all the candidates in the committee.¹
4 (cf: P.L.1993, c.65, s.19)]²

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6 ²[¹3. Section 20 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.5) is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 20. a. No candidate who has established only a candidate
9 committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy treasurer or candidate
10 committee shall pay or make any contribution of money or other thing
11 of value to a political committee, other than a political committee
12 which is organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat
13 of a public question in any election, or a continuing political
14 committee, which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a
15 political committee, \$5,000 per election, or in the case of a continuing
16 political committee, \$5,000 per year, and no candidates who have
17 established only a joint candidates committee, their campaign
18 treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or joint candidates committee
19 shall pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value to
20 such a political committee or continuing political committee which in
21 the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political committee,
22 \$5,000 per election per candidate in the joint candidates committee, or
23 in the case of a continuing political committee, \$5,000 per year per
24 candidate in the joint candidates committee, and no candidate who has
25 established both a candidate committee and a joint candidates
26 committee shall pay or make any contribution of money or other thing
27 of value which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political
28 committee, \$5,000 per election from that candidate, or in the case of
29 a continuing political committee, \$5,000 per year from that candidate.
30 No political committee, other than a political committee which is
31 organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a public
32 question in any election, or a continuing political committee, shall
33 knowingly accept from a candidate who has established only a
34 candidate committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy treasurer or
35 candidate committee, any contribution of money or other thing of
36 value which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political
37 committee, \$5,000 per election, or in the case of a continuing political
38 committee, \$5,000 per year, and no such political committee or
39 continuing political committee shall knowingly accept from candidates
40 who have established only a joint candidates committee, their
41 campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or joint candidates
42 committee, any contribution of money or other thing of value which
43 in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political committee,
44 \$5,000 per election per candidate in the joint candidates committee, or
45 in the case of a continuing political committee, \$5,000 per year per
46 candidate in the joint candidates committee, and no such political

1 committee or continuing political committee shall knowingly accept
2 from a candidate who has established both a candidate committee and
3 a joint candidates committee any contribution of money or other thing
4 of value which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political
5 committee, \$5,000 per election from that candidate, or in the case of
6 a continuing political committee, \$5,000 per year from that candidate.
7 For the purpose of determining the amount of a contribution to be
8 attributed as given by each candidate in a joint candidates committee,
9 the amount of the contribution by such a committee shall be divided
10 equally among all the candidates in the committee.

11 b. No political committee, other than a political committee which
12 is organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a
13 public question in any election, and no continuing political committee
14 shall pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value to
15 another political committee, other than a political committee which is
16 organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a public
17 question in any election, or another continuing political committee
18 which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of a recipient continuing
19 political committee, \$5,000 per year, or in the case of a recipient
20 political committee, \$5,000 per election. No political committee,
21 other than a political committee which is organized to, or does, aid or
22 promote the passage or defeat of a public question in any election, and
23 no continuing political committee shall knowingly accept from another
24 political committee, other than a political committee which is
25 organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a public
26 question in any election, or another continuing political committee any
27 contribution of money or other thing of value which in the aggregate
28 exceeds, in the case of a recipient continuing political committee,
29 \$5,000 per year, or in the case of a recipient political committee,
30 \$5,000 per election.

31 c. No individual, no corporation of any kind organized and
32 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
33 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any kind
34 which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
35 collective bargaining, or of dealing with employees concerning the
36 grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid
37 or protection in connection with employment, or any other group, shall
38 pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value to a
39 political committee, other than a political committee which is
40 organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a public
41 question in any election, or a continuing political committee, which in
42 the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political committee,
43 \$20,000 per year, or in the case of a continuing political committee,
44 \$20,000 per year. No political committee, other than a political
45 committee which is organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage
46 or defeat of a public question in any election, and no continuing

1 political committee, shall knowingly accept any contribution which
2 exceeds, in the case of such a political committee, \$20,000 per year,
3 or in the case of a continuing political committee, \$20,000 per year
4 from an individual, corporation of any kind organized and
5 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
6 country other than the United States, a labor organization of any kind
7 which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
8 collective bargaining, or of dealing with employees concerning the
9 grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid
10 or protection in connection with employment, or any other group.¹
11 (cf: P.L.1993, c.65, s.20)]²

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13 ²2. Section 19 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.4) is amended to
14 read as follows:

15 19. a. (1) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2) of this
16 subsection, no individual, no corporation of any kind organized and
17 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
18 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any kind
19 which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
20 collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the
21 grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid
22 or protection in connection with employment, no political committee,
23 continuing political committee, candidate committee or joint
24 candidates committee or any other group, shall pay or make any
25 contribution of money or other thing of value to the campaign
26 treasurer, deputy treasurer or other representative of the State
27 committee of a political party or the campaign treasurer, deputy
28 campaign treasurer or other representative of any legislative leadership
29 committee, which in the aggregate exceeds \$25,000 per year, or in the
30 case of a joint candidates committee when that is the only committee
31 established by the candidates, \$25,000 per year per candidate in the
32 joint candidates committee, or in the case of a candidate committee
33 and a joint candidates committee when both are established by a
34 candidate, \$25,000 per year from that candidate. No campaign
35 treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or other representative of the
36 State committee of a political party or campaign treasurer, deputy
37 campaign treasurer or other representative of any legislative leadership
38 committee shall knowingly accept from an individual, a corporation of
39 any kind organized and incorporated under the laws of this State or
40 any other state or any country other than the United States, a labor
41 organization of any kind which exists or is constituted for the purpose,
42 in whole or in part, of collective bargaining, or of dealing with
43 employers concerning the grievances, terms or conditions of
44 employment, or of other mutual aid or protection in connection with
45 employment, a political committee, a continuing political committee,
46 a candidate committee or a joint candidates committee or any other

1 group, any contribution of money or other thing of value which in the
2 aggregate exceeds \$25,000 per year, or in the case of a joint
3 candidates committee when that is the only committee established by
4 the candidates, \$25,000 per year per candidate in the joint candidates
5 committee, or in the case of a candidate committee and a joint
6 candidates committee when both are established by a candidate,
7 \$25,000 per year from that candidate.

8 Adjustments to the limits established in this paragraph which have
9 been made by the Election Law Enforcement Commission, pursuant to
10 section 22 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-7.2), prior to the effective
11 date of P.L. , c. (C.) (now pending before the Legislature as
12 this bill) are rescinded. The limits established in this paragraph shall
13 remain as stated in this paragraph until subsequently adjusted by the
14 commission in the manner prescribed by section 22 of P.L.1993, c.65
15 (C.19:44A-7.2).

16 (2) No national committee of a political party shall pay or make
17 any contribution of money or other thing of value to the campaign
18 treasurer, deputy treasurer or other representative of the State
19 committee of a political party which in the aggregate exceeds \$50,000
20 per year, and no campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or
21 other representative of the State committee of a political party shall
22 knowingly accept from the national committee of a political party any
23 contribution of money or other thing of value which in the aggregate
24 exceeds \$50,000 per year.

25 b. No individual, no corporation of any kind organized and
26 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
27 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any kind
28 which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
29 collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the
30 grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid
31 or protection in connection with employment, no political committee,
32 continuing political committee, candidate committee or joint
33 candidates committee or any other group, shall pay or make any
34 contribution of money or other thing of value to any county committee
35 of a political party, which in the aggregate exceeds \$25,000 per year,
36 or in the case of a joint candidates committee when that is the only
37 committee established by the candidates, \$25,000 per year per
38 candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a
39 candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when both are
40 established by a candidate, \$25,000 per year from that candidate. No
41 campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or other representative
42 of a county committee of a political party shall knowingly accept from
43 an individual, a corporation of any kind organized and incorporated
44 under the laws of this State or any other state or any country other
45 than the United States, a labor organization of any kind which exists
46 or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of collective

1 bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the grievances,
2 terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid or
3 protection in connection with employment, a political committee, a
4 continuing political committee, a candidate committee or a joint
5 candidates committee or any other group, any contribution of money
6 or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds \$25,000 per
7 year, or in the case of a joint candidates committee when that is the
8 only committee established by the candidates, \$25,000 per year per
9 candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a
10 candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when both are
11 established by a candidate, \$25,000 per year from that candidate.

12 c. No individual, no corporation of any kind organized and
13 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
14 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any kind
15 which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
16 collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the
17 grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid
18 or protection in connection with employment, no political committee,
19 continuing political committee, candidate committee or joint
20 candidates committee or any other group shall pay or make any
21 contribution of money or other thing of value to any municipal
22 committee of a political party, which in the aggregate exceeds \$5,000
23 per year, or in the case of a joint candidates committee when that is
24 the only committee established by the candidates, \$5,000 per year per
25 candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a
26 candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when both are
27 established by a candidate, \$5,000 per year from that candidate. No
28 campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or other representative
29 of a municipal committee of a political party shall knowingly accept
30 from an individual, a corporation of any kind organized and
31 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
32 country other than the United States, a labor organization of any kind
33 which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
34 collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the
35 grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid
36 or protection in connection with employment, a political committee,
37 a continuing political committee, a candidate committee or a joint
38 candidates committee or any other group, any contribution of money
39 or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds \$5,000 per
40 year, or in the case of a joint candidates committee when that is the
41 only committee established by the candidates, \$5,000 per year per
42 candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a
43 candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when both are
44 established by a candidate, \$5,000 per year from that candidate.

45 No county committee of a political party in any county shall pay or
46 make any contribution of money or other thing of value to a municipal

1 committee of a political party in a municipality not located in that
2 county which in the aggregate exceeds the amount of aggregate
3 contributions which, under this subsection, a continuing political
4 committee is permitted to pay or make to a municipal committee of a
5 political party. No campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or
6 other representative of a municipal committee of a political party in
7 any municipality shall knowingly accept from any county committee of
8 a political party in any county other than the county in which the
9 municipality is located any contribution of money or other thing of
10 value which in the aggregate exceeds the amount of contributions
11 permitted to be so paid or made under that subsection.

12 d. For the purpose of determining the amount of a contribution to
13 be attributed as given by each candidate in a joint candidates
14 committee, the amount of the contribution by such a committee shall
15 be divided equally among all the candidates in the committee.

16 (cf: P.L.1993, c.65, s.19)²

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18 ²3. Section 20 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.5) is amended to
19 read as follows:

20 20. a. No candidate who has established only a candidate
21 committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy treasurer or candidate
22 committee shall pay or make any contribution of money or other thing
23 of value to a political committee, other than a political committee
24 which is organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat
25 of a public question in any election, or a continuing political
26 committee, which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a
27 political committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per election, or in the case of a
28 continuing political committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per year, and no
29 candidates who have established only a joint candidates committee,
30 their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or joint
31 candidates committee shall pay or make any contribution of money or
32 other thing of value to such a political committee or continuing
33 political committee which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such
34 a political committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per election per candidate in
35 the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a continuing political
36 committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per year per candidate in the joint
37 candidates committee, and no candidate who has established both a
38 candidate committee and a joint candidates committee shall pay or
39 make any contribution of money or other thing of value which in the
40 aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~
41 \$7,200 per election from that candidate, or in the case of a continuing
42 political committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per year from that candidate.
43 No political committee, other than a political committee which is
44 organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a public
45 question in any election, or a continuing political committee, shall
46 knowingly accept from a candidate who has established only a

1 candidate committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy treasurer or
2 candidate committee, any contribution of money or other thing of
3 value which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political
4 committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per election, or in the case of a
5 continuing political committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per year, and no such
6 political committee or continuing political committee shall knowingly
7 accept from candidates who have established only a joint candidates
8 committee, their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or
9 joint candidates committee, any contribution of money or other thing
10 of value which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political
11 committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per election per candidate in the joint
12 candidates committee, or in the case of a continuing political
13 committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per year per candidate in the joint
14 candidates committee, and no such political committee or continuing
15 political committee shall knowingly accept from a candidate who has
16 established both a candidate committee and a joint candidates
17 committee any contribution of money or other thing of value which in
18 the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political committee,
19 ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per election from that candidate, or in the case of a
20 continuing political committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per year from that
21 candidate. For the purpose of determining the amount of a
22 contribution to be attributed as given by each candidate in a joint
23 candidates committee, the amount of the contribution by such a
24 committee shall be divided equally among all the candidates in the
25 committee.

26 b. No political committee, other than a political committee which
27 is organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a
28 public question in any election, and no continuing political committee
29 shall pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value to
30 another political committee, other than a political committee which is
31 organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a public
32 question in any election, or another continuing political committee
33 which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of a recipient continuing
34 political committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per year, or in the case of a
35 recipient political committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per election. No
36 political committee, other than a political committee which is
37 organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a public
38 question in any election, and no continuing political committee shall
39 knowingly accept from another political committee, other than a
40 political committee which is organized to, or does, aid or promote the
41 passage or defeat of a public question in any election, or another
42 continuing political committee any contribution of money or other
43 thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of a
44 recipient continuing political committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per year, or
45 in the case of a recipient political committee, ~~[\$5,000]~~ \$7,200 per

1 election.

2 c. No individual, no corporation of any kind organized and
3 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
4 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any kind
5 which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
6 collective bargaining, or of dealing with employees concerning the
7 grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid
8 or protection in connection with employment, nor any other group,
9 shall pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value to
10 a political committee, other than a political committee which is
11 organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a public
12 question in any election, or a continuing political committee, which in
13 the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political committee,
14 \$7,200 per election, or in the case of a continuing political committee,
15 \$7,200 per year, and no such political committee or continuing
16 political committee shall knowingly accept any contribution in excess
17 of those amounts from an individual or from such corporation, labor
18 organization, or other group.

19 (cf: P.L.1993, c.65, s.20).²

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21 ¹[3.] 4.¹ This act shall take effect immediately.

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26 Limits contributions to legislative leadership committees, State
27 political party committees, political committees and continuing
28 political committees; permits contributions by certain business entities.

CHAPTER 384

AN ACT concerning limits on certain political contributions and amending R.S.19:34-45 and P.L.1993, c.65.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. R.S.19:34-45 is amended to read as follows:

Contributions by certain corporations.

19:34-45. No corporation carrying on the business of a bank, savings bank, co-operative bank, trust, trustee, savings indemnity, safe deposit, insurance, railroad, street railway, telephone, telegraph, gas, electric light, heat or power, canal or aqueduct company, or having the right to condemn land, or to exercise franchises in public ways granted by the state or any county or municipality, and no corporation, person, trustee or trustees, owning or holding the majority of stock in any such corporation, shall pay or contribute money or thing of value in order to aid or promote the nomination or election of any person, or in order to aid or promote the interests, success or defeat of any political party.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to any corporation carrying on the business of a co-generation facility, as defined in subsection c. of section 1 of P.L.2000, c.156 (C.54:15B-2.2), or to any corporation carrying on the business of a retail seller that extends credit, pursuant to the provisions of the "Retail Installment Sales Act of 1960" P.L.1960, c.40 (C.17:16C-1 et seq.), or to any corporation, person, trustee or trustees, owning or holding the majority of stock in either such corporation.

2. Section 19 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.4) is amended to read as follows:

C.19:44A-11.4 Contributions to political party, leadership committees; limitations.

19. a. (1) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, no individual, no corporation of any kind organized and incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any country other than the United States, no labor organization of any kind which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid or protection in connection with employment, no political committee, continuing political committee, candidate committee or joint candidates committee or any other group, shall pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value to the campaign treasurer, deputy treasurer or other representative of the State committee of a political party or the campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or other representative of any legislative leadership committee, which in the aggregate exceeds \$25,000 per year, or in the case of a joint candidates committee when that is the only committee established by the candidates, \$25,000 per year per candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when both are established by a candidate, \$25,000 per year from that candidate. No campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or other representative of the State committee of a political party or campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or other representative of any legislative leadership committee shall knowingly accept from an individual, a corporation of any kind organized and incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any country other than the United States, a labor organization of any kind which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid or protection in connection with employment, a political committee, a continuing political committee, a candidate committee or a joint candidates committee or any other group, any contribution of money or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds \$25,000 per year, or in the case of a joint candidates committee when that is the only committee established by the candidates, \$25,000 per year per candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when both are established by a candidate, \$25,000 per year from that candidate.

Adjustments to the limits established in this paragraph which have been made by the Election Law Enforcement Commission, pursuant to section 22 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-7.2), prior to the effective date of P.L.2001, c.384 are rescinded. The limits established in this paragraph

shall remain as stated in this paragraph until subsequently adjusted by the commission in the manner prescribed by section 22 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-7.2).

(2) No national committee of a political party shall pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value to the campaign treasurer, deputy treasurer or other representative of the State committee of a political party which in the aggregate exceeds \$50,000 per year, and no campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or other representative of the State committee of a political party shall knowingly accept from the national committee of a political party any contribution of money or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds \$50,000 per year.

b. No individual, no corporation of any kind organized and incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any country other than the United States, no labor organization of any kind which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid or protection in connection with employment, no political committee, continuing political committee, candidate committee or joint candidates committee or any other group, shall pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value to any county committee of a political party, which in the aggregate exceeds \$25,000 per year, or in the case of a joint candidates committee when that is the only committee established by the candidates, \$25,000 per year per candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when both are established by a candidate, \$25,000 per year from that candidate. No campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or other representative of a county committee of a political party shall knowingly accept from an individual, a corporation of any kind organized and incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any country other than the United States, a labor organization of any kind which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid or protection in connection with employment, a political committee, a continuing political committee, a candidate committee or a joint candidates committee or any other group, any contribution of money or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds \$25,000 per year, or in the case of a joint candidates committee when that is the only committee established by the candidates, \$25,000 per year per candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when both are established by a candidate, \$25,000 per year from that candidate.

c. No individual, no corporation of any kind organized and incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any country other than the United States, no labor organization of any kind which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid or protection in connection with employment, no political committee, continuing political committee, candidate committee or joint candidates committee or any other group shall pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value to any municipal committee of a political party, which in the aggregate exceeds \$5,000 per year, or in the case of a joint candidates committee when that is the only committee established by the candidates, \$5,000 per year per candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when both are established by a candidate, \$5,000 per year from that candidate. No campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or other representative of a municipal committee of a political party shall knowingly accept from an individual, a corporation of any kind organized and incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any country other than the United States, a labor organization of any kind which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid or protection in connection with employment, a political committee, a continuing political committee, a candidate committee or a joint candidates committee or any other group, any contribution of money or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds \$5,000 per year, or in the case of a joint candidates committee when that is the only committee established by the candidates, \$5,000 per year per candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when both are

established by a candidate, \$5,000 per year from that candidate.

No county committee of a political party in any county shall pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value to a municipal committee of a political party in a municipality not located in that county which in the aggregate exceeds the amount of aggregate contributions which, under this subsection, a continuing political committee is permitted to pay or make to a municipal committee of a political party. No campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or other representative of a municipal committee of a political party in any municipality shall knowingly accept from any county committee of a political party in any county other than the county in which the municipality is located any contribution of money or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds the amount of contributions permitted to be so paid or made under that subsection.

d. For the purpose of determining the amount of a contribution to be attributed as given by each candidate in a joint candidates committee, the amount of the contribution by such a committee shall be divided equally among all the candidates in the committee.

3. Section 20 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.5) is amended to read as follows:

C.19:44A-11.5 Contributions to political and continuing political committees; limitations.

20. a. No candidate who has established only a candidate committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy treasurer or candidate committee shall pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value to a political committee, other than a political committee which is organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a public question in any election, or a continuing political committee, which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political committee, \$7,200 per election, or in the case of a continuing political committee, \$7,200 per year, and no candidates who have established only a joint candidates committee, their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or joint candidates committee shall pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value to such a political committee or continuing political committee which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political committee, \$7,200 per election per candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a continuing political committee, \$7,200 per year per candidate in the joint candidates committee, and no candidate who has established both a candidate committee and a joint candidates committee shall pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political committee, \$7,200 per election from that candidate, or in the case of a continuing political committee, \$7,200 per year from that candidate. No political committee, other than a political committee which is organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a public question in any election, or a continuing political committee, shall knowingly accept from a candidate who has established only a candidate committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy treasurer or candidate committee, any contribution of money or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political committee, \$7,200 per election, or in the case of a continuing political committee, \$7,200 per year, and no such political committee or continuing political committee shall knowingly accept from candidates who have established only a joint candidates committee, their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or joint candidates committee, any contribution of money or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political committee, \$7,200 per election per candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a continuing political committee, \$7,200 per year per candidate in the joint candidates committee, and no such political committee or continuing political committee shall knowingly accept from a candidate who has established both a candidate committee and a joint candidates committee any contribution of money or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political committee, \$7,200 per election from that candidate, or in the case of a continuing political committee, \$7,200 per year from that candidate. For the purpose of determining the amount of a contribution to be attributed as given by each candidate in a joint candidates committee, the amount of the contribution by such a committee shall be divided equally among all the candidates in the committee.

b. No political committee, other than a political committee which is organized to, or does,

aid or promote the passage or defeat of a public question in any election, and no continuing political committee shall pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value to another political committee, other than a political committee which is organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a public question in any election, or another continuing political committee which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of a recipient continuing political committee, \$7,200 per year, or in the case of a recipient political committee, \$7,200 per election. No political committee, other than a political committee which is organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a public question in any election, and no continuing political committee shall knowingly accept from another political committee, other than a political committee which is organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a public question in any election, or another continuing political committee any contribution of money or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of a recipient continuing political committee, \$7,200 per year, or in the case of a recipient political committee, \$7,200 per election.

c. No individual, no corporation of any kind organized and incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any country other than the United States, no labor organization of any kind which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of collective bargaining, or of dealing with employees concerning the grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid or protection in connection with employment, nor any other group, shall pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value to a political committee, other than a political committee which is organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a public question in any election, or a continuing political committee, which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political committee, \$7,200 per election, or in the case of a continuing political committee, \$7,200 per year, and no such political committee or continuing political committee shall knowingly accept any contribution in excess of those amounts from an individual or from such corporation, labor organization, or other group.

4. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved January 8, 2002.