



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.



S2577 INVERSO

2

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

3

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.**

S2577 INVERSO

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

**S2577 INVERSO**

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

S2577 INVERSO

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)

15

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

**S2577 INVERSO**

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).

19

20     3. This act shall take effect immediately.

21

22

23

## STATEMENT

24

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

**S2577 INVERSO**

8

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:**

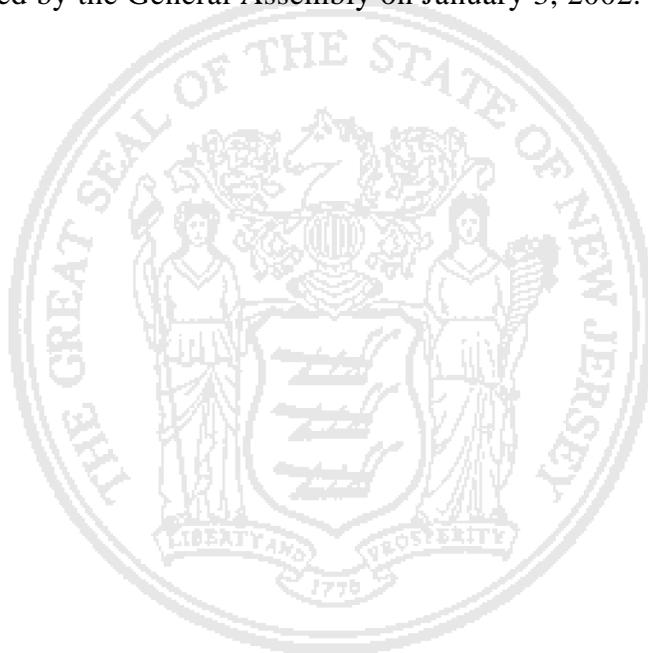
**Assemblyman Gregg**

**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 <sup>1</sup>[limits on certain]<sup>1</sup> political contributions and  
2 amending <sup>1</sup>R.S.19:34-45 and<sup>1</sup> P.L.1993, c.65.

3

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

6

7 <sup>1</sup>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 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.<sup>1</sup>

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

27

28 <sup>1</sup>[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:**

<sup>1</sup> 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)]<sup>1</sup>

37

38 <sup>1</sup>[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

**S2577 [1R] INVERSO**

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).]<sup>1</sup>

40

41       <sup>1</sup>2. 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.<sup>1</sup>  
2 (cf: P.L.1993, c.65, s.19)

3  
4 <sup>13.</sup> 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,

S2577 [1R] INVERSO

13

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.<sup>1</sup>  
9 (cf: P.L.1993, c.65, s.20)

10

11 <sup>1</sup>[3.] 4.<sup>1</sup> 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

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator PETER A. INVERSO**  
**District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

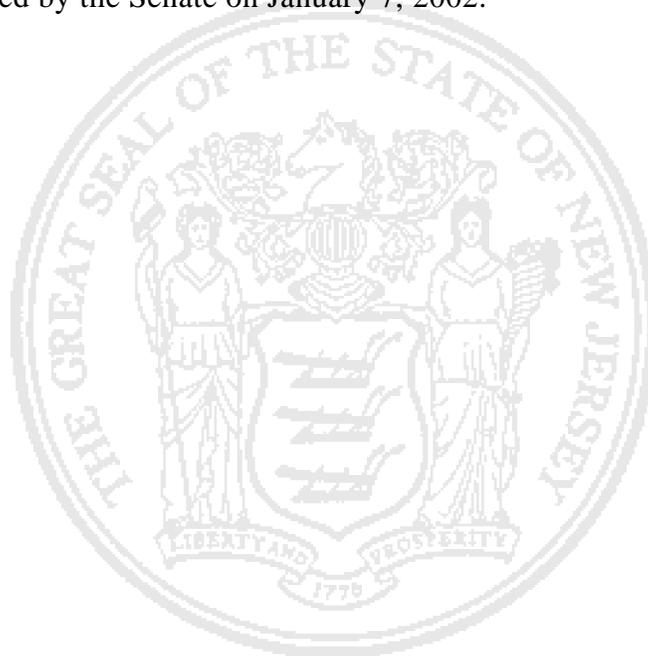
**Assemblyman Gregg**

**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.



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

S2577 [2R] INVERSO

2

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

3  
4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
5 of New Jersey:

6  
7 <sup>1</sup>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 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.<sup>1</sup>

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

27  
28 <sup>1</sup>[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:**

<sup>1</sup> Assembly floor amendments adopted January 3, 2002.

<sup>2</sup> 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)]<sup>1</sup>

37

38 <sup>1</sup>[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

**S2577 [2R] INVERSO**

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).]<sup>1</sup>

40

41       <sup>2</sup>[<sup>12</sup>. 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.<sup>1</sup>  
2 (cf: P.L.1993, c.65, s.19)]<sup>2</sup>

3  
4 <sup>2</sup>[<sup>1</sup>3. 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.<sup>1</sup>  
9 (cf: P.L.1993, c.65, s.20)]<sup>2</sup>

10  
11 <sup>2</sup>2. 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)<sup>2</sup>

15  
16 <sup>2</sup>3. 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).<sup>2</sup>

18

19 <sup>1</sup>[3.] 4.<sup>1</sup> 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

2

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

3

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

6

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)

23

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)

33

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)

43

44 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29  
30  
31

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.

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 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 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

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman GUY R. GREGG**

**District 24 (Sussex, Hunterdon and Morris)**

**Assemblyman RICK MERKT**

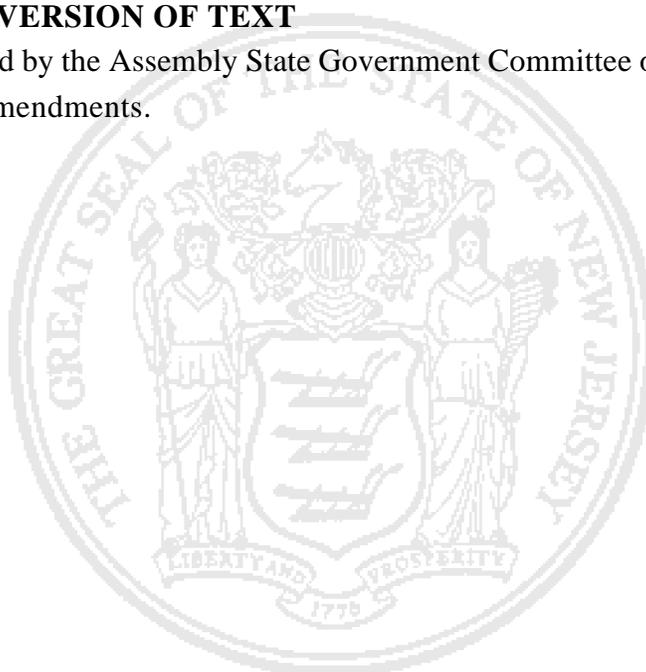
**District 25 (Morris)**

**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)**

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

3

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

6

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 <sup>1</sup>[This] The provisions of this<sup>1</sup> section shall not apply to any  
19 <sup>1</sup>corporation carrying on the business of a<sup>1</sup> co-generation facility, as  
20 defined in subsection c. of section 1 of P.L.2000, c.156<sup>1</sup>(C.54:15B-  
21 2.2)<sup>1</sup>, or to any<sup>1</sup> corporation carrying on the business of a<sup>1</sup> 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.)<sup>1</sup>,  
24 or to any corporation, person, trustee or trustees, owning or holding  
25 the majority of stock in either such corporation<sup>1</sup>.

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

27

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:**

<sup>1</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup>per candidate<sup>1</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup>from that  
14 candidate<sup>1</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup>per  
34 candidate<sup>1</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup>from that candidate<sup>1</sup> 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)

41

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, <sup>1</sup>[nor] or<sup>1</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup>[other than a candidate committee or joint candidates committee or  
33 both,]<sup>1</sup> 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, <sup>1</sup>[other than a candidate committee or  
39 joint candidates committee or both,]<sup>1</sup> 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)

5

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 <sup>1</sup>[limits on certain]<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>limits on certain<sup>2</sup> political  
2 contributions and amending <sup>1</sup>R.S.19:34-45 and<sup>1</sup> P.L.1993, c.65.

3

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

6

7 <sup>1</sup>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 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.<sup>1</sup>

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

27

28 <sup>1</sup>[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:**

<sup>1</sup> Assembly floor amendments adopted January 3, 2002.

<sup>2</sup> 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)]<sup>1</sup>

39

40 <sup>1</sup>[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).]<sup>1</sup>

42  
43 <sup>2</sup>[<sup>12</sup>. 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.<sup>1</sup>  
4 (cf: P.L.1993, c.65, s.19)]<sup>2</sup>

5  
6 <sup>2</sup>[<sup>1</sup>3. 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.<sup>1</sup>  
11 (cf: P.L.1993, c.65, s.20)]<sup>2</sup>

12

13 <sup>2</sup>2. 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)<sup>2</sup>

17

18 <sup>2</sup>3. 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).<sup>2</sup>

20

21 <sup>1</sup>[3.] 4.<sup>1</sup> This act shall take effect immediately.

22

23

24

25

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.