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## CONTRIBUTION LIMITS UP IN 2025

Candidates and committees will be able to raise more funds for New Jersey state and local elections due to higher contribution limits that took effect January 1, 2025, according to the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC).

Non-gubernatorial candidate committees can accept \$300 more for each election from donors who are individuals, corporations, unions, associations or other groups. The same committees will be able to take \$900 more for each election from candidate, political, continuing political, or national party committees.

**Table 1**  
**Changes in Contribution Limits to**  
**Non-Gubernatorial Candidate Committees**

Donor Type	Non- Gubernatorial Candidate Committee	
	2024	2025
Individual, corporation, union, association or group	\$5,200 per election	\$5,500 per election
Candidate, political, continuing political, or national party committee	\$16,400 per election	\$17,300 per election
Legislative leadership, state political party, county political party, municipal political party	No limits	No limits

Under a higher contribution limit that took effect in December, gubernatorial candidates can now accept \$5,800 per election- up \$900 from the limit that applied to the 2021 gubernatorial election.

Contribution limits that apply to political and continuing political committees, state, county and municipal party committees, and legislative leadership committees are also increasing (see Table 2).

Amanda S. Haines, ELEC’s Executive Director, said regular increases in contribution limits have been legislated to help offset inflation and provide an opportunity for candidates to raise sufficient funds for their political campaigns.

“The cost of political campaigns usually depends heavily on media spending. As a result, the inflation rate for political spending historically has outpaced the general inflation rate. Formulas used by ELEC to make periodic adjustments in contribution limits factor in this trend,” Haines said.

In 1992, legislation required ELEC to increase contribution limits for gubernatorial elections along with thresholds related to the Gubernatorial Public Financing Program every four years.

Quadrennial increases also were applied to contribution limits for non-gubernatorial candidates and committees until 2005, when the Legislature made these adjustments recommendations, not automatic increases.

Contribution limits that apply to non-gubernatorial candidates and committees remain unchanged until 2023.

A new law (P.L. 2023, c.30) signed by Governor Phil Murphy on April 3, 2023, raised non-gubernatorial contribution limits and made them effective for the general election.

It further required that those limits be inflation-adjusted every two years. This is the first time two-year adjustments have been applied.

Gubernatorial contribution limits and thresholds will continue to be adjusted every four years.

Table 2

2025 Contribution Limits for Non-Gubernatorial Candidates and Committees							
Entities Making Contributions	Candidate Committee	Political Committee	Continuing Political Committee	Legislative Leadership Committee	State Political Party Committee	County Political Party Committee	Municipal Political Party Committee
Individual to:	\$5,500 per election	\$15,200 per election	\$15,200 per year	\$79,000 per year	\$79,000 per year	\$79,000 per year	\$15,200 per year
Corporation or Union to:	\$5,500 per election	\$15,200 per election	\$15,200 per year	\$79,000 per year	\$79,000 per year	\$79,000 per year	\$15,200 per year
Association or Group to:	\$5,500 per election	\$15,200 per election	\$15,200 per year	\$79,000 per year	\$79,000 per year	\$79,000 per year	\$15,200 per year
Candidate Committee to:	\$17,300 per election	\$15,200 per election	\$15,200 per year	\$79,000 per year	\$79,000 per year	\$79,000 per year	\$15,200 per year
Political Committee to:	\$17,300 per election	\$15,200 per election	\$15,200 per year	\$79,000 per year	\$79,000 per year	\$79,000 per year	\$15,200 per year
Continuing Political Committee to:	\$17,300 per election	\$15,200 per election	\$15,200 per year	\$79,000 per year	\$79,000 per year	\$79,000 per year	\$15,200 per year
Legislative Leadership Committee to:				NO LIMITS			
State Political Party Committee to:				NO LIMITS			
County Political Party to:	NO LIMITS, EXCEPT THOSE SET FORTH IN <u>N.J.A.C. 19:25-11.7</u> FOR A COUNTY POLITICAL PARTY COMMITTEE						
Municipal Political Party to:				NO LIMITS			
National Political Party to:	\$17,300 per election	\$15,200 per election	\$15,200 per year	\$79,000 per year	\$152,000 per year	\$79,000 per year	\$15,200 per year
Housekeeping Accounts <sup>1</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$39,500 per year	\$39,500 per year	N/A

<sup>1</sup> Housekeeping account limits are equal to half the amount implemented for state or county political party committees. See N.J.S.A. 19:44A-10.2.