



Montana Legislative Services Division
Legal Services Office

TO: State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee
FROM: K. Virginia Aldrich
RE: Legislative Administrative Rule Review Report
DATE: October 17, 2013

Pursuant to 5-5-228, MCA, the State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee is responsible for reviewing administrative rules within its jurisdiction. Staff for the State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee has prepared this report for informational purposes only. This report does not represent any action or opinion of the State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee and does not preclude additional action that may be taken by the State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee pursuant to its authority under the Montana Administrative Procedure Act (Title 2, chapter 4, MCA).

MAR NOTICE NUMBER: 44-2-193

AGENCY/BOARD: Commissioner of Political Practices

RULE CLASSIFICATION: (e.g. substantive/interpretative/emergency/temporary): Substantive

SUBJECT: Limitations on Individual and Political Party Contributions

NOTICE DESCRIPTION: (e.g. proposal notice/adoption notice):
Notice of proposed amendment

SUMMARY OF RULE(S):

The Commissioner of Political Practices is proposing to amend one rule by updating the amounts candidates are allowed to receive from individuals and political parties during an election cycle. The Commissioner is required to adjust the limitation by using an inflation factor every odd-numbered year after June.

In response to public comments, the Commissioner's Office has indicated that in the rule adoption notice, it will delete section 15-30-101 from the implementing statute list (now renumbered and no longer relating to the rule). In addition, the Commissioner's office will clarify that contributions under this rule in subsection (1) relate to limits for candidates receiving contributions from political committees as well as individuals. The citation in subsection (3) relating to in-kind contributions will be updated from 13-37-218 to 13-37-216. Lastly, the public comment period ends 2 days after the proposed adoption period, so the Commissioner's office will allow the public the full comment period before adopting the proposed rule on November 19, 2013. Because the rule comment period is still open, the Commissioner's office has indicated that further changes in the adoption notice in response to comments may occur.

NOTES: (e.g. hearing dates)

No public hearing is contemplated. The public comment period ends on November 18, 2013.