

May 27, 2016

Dear Fellow Montanans:

This is the third statement of Jonathan Motl, Montana Commissioner of Political Practices, as to the effect of the Order of the United States District Court for the District of Montana ruling that Montana’s statutory limits on contributions to candidates are unconstitutional. The limits struck down were enacted by initiative vote of Montanans in 1994. Please see the “previous Commissioner Letters”, below, to review the prior two statements.

The Commissioner through this statement and accompanying revised Policy reinstates inflation adjusted 1994 contribution limits for 2016 elections as applied to contributions from individuals and political committees, other than political parties.

I. 2016 Contribution limits for Individuals

Office	Contribution Limit – Per Election Cycle
Governor/Lieutenant Governor	\$1,990
Other Statewide offices	\$990
District Court Judge, PSC, State Senate	\$530
All other elected offices, including House	\$330

Please see accompanying Policy for an explanation of the calculation of amount and authority for setting these contribution limits.

**II. 2016 Contribution limits for Political Committees,
Other than Political Parties.**

Office	Contribution Limit – Per Election Cycle
Governor/Lieutenant Governor	\$10,610
Other Statewide offices	\$2,650
PSC	\$1,330
State Senate	\$800
All other elected offices, including House and District Court Judges	\$400

Please see accompanying Policy for an explanation of the calculation of amount and authority for setting these contribution limits.

III. 2016 Contribution Limits for Political Party Committees

On May 25, 2016 the Court issued its partial stay of its May 17, 2016 Order, thereby restoring existing limits for political party committees for the 2016 elections. Those limits were and are (44.11.227 ARM):

Office	Contribution Limit – Per Election
Governor/Lieutenant Governor	\$23,850
Other Statewide offices	\$8,600
PSC	\$3,450
State Senate	\$1,400
All other Elected Offices	\$850

Accompanying this statement is a copy of the pertinent policy adopted by the Commissioner’s Office. This Policy further addresses and explains the basis for reinstating or using the above limits.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Motl