

SB 405 - VERSION ADOPTED BY BOTH BODIES

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SENATE BILL **405**

AN ACT relative to amounts reported by political committees.

SPONSORS: Sen. Gray, Dist 6

COMMITTEE: Election Law and Municipal Affairs

ANALYSIS

This bill increases the limits on certain campaign donations reported by political committees.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough]~~
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

AN ACT relative to amounts reported by political committees.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Reporting of Political Committees; Donations. Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA
2 664:6, I to read as follows:

3 I. Any political committee whose receipts or expenditures exceed \$1,000 in an election cycle
4 shall file with the secretary of state an itemized statement, in the form prescribed by the secretary of
5 state, signed by its chairman and treasurer. The \$1,000 threshold shall not apply to political
6 committees renewed under RSA 664:6, V; these political committees shall continue to file until a zero
7 balance is reported. Except as provided in paragraph VIII, the statement shall detail the full name
8 and postal address of each contributor in alphabetical order, the amount of the contribution, the date
9 it was received, and the aggregate total for each election cycle. For contributors who, in the
10 aggregate, donate [~~\$50~~] **\$200** or less in an election cycle, their personal identifying information shall
11 not be publicly available in the secretary of state's campaign finance system, and their personal
12 identifying information shall be exempt from disclosure under RSA 91-A. Any receipts from a
13 contributor with aggregate receipts of [~~\$50~~] **\$200** or under shall appear on the statements as
14 unitemized receipts. Any receipt that exceeds a contributor's aggregate total of [~~\$200~~] **\$1,000** for
15 each election cycle shall be reported with the contributor's occupation, the name of the contributor's
16 employer, and the city or town of the contributor's principal place of business, if any. The statement
17 shall also show each expenditure with the full name and postal address of the payee or promisee of
18 payment, the date paid or obligated, whichever occurred first, and the specific nature and amount of
19 each expenditure. Statements shall cover the period beginning the day after the last day covered in
20 the prior statement period up to and including the Sunday before the statement is due, except for the
21 statement in subparagraph (i) below which shall be inclusive through the Tuesday before the
22 statement is due. For a candidate or a political committee of a candidate, as defined in RSA 664,
23 where the candidate has not filed a declaration of candidacy or intent, as defined in RSA 655, for the
24 current election cycle, only subparagraphs (a), (b), (c), and (i) apply. Statements shall be filed not
25 later than 5:00 p.m. according to the following schedule:

26 2 Campaign Donations at Certain Public Activities; Donation Limits. Amend RSA 664:6, VIII to
27 read as follows:

28 VIII. Campaign donations at campaign booths at fairs, festivals, or other events, donations
29 to raffles, passing the hat, and other fundraising activities where individual donations do not exceed
30 [~~\$25~~] **\$50** and there is no expectation that an individual donor will exceed [~~\$50~~] **\$200** over the

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- 1 campaign cycle may be summarized on the candidate's financial report by providing the name of the
- 2 event, the location of the event, and the amount collected.
- 3 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.