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Bill Number: H. 3197 Introduced on January 12, 2021
Author: B. Newton
Subject: Campaign Contribution Limits
Requestor: House Judiciary
RFA Analyst(s): Wren
Impact Date: April 13, 2021

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill increases certain campaign contribution limits received from individuals and political parties and specifies that there is no spending limitation on political party expenditures through its party committees or legislative caucus committees that benefit party candidates. The bill will have no expenditure impact on the State Ethics Commission since it does not alter the duties or responsibilities of the commission.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill increases the campaign contribution limit that a candidate for statewide office and statewide candidates elected jointly may receive from an individual from \$3,500 to \$7,000. The bill also increases the campaign contribution limit that a candidate for any other office may receive from an individual from \$1,000 to \$2,000. Additionally, the bill increases the campaign contribution limit that a candidate for any office other than a statewide office may accept from a political party through its party committees or legislative caucus from \$5,000 to \$10,000. Further, the bill specifies that there is no spending limitation on political party expenditures through its party committees or legislative caucus committees that benefit party candidates, provided that the expenditures are not campaign contributions given to candidates.

The State Ethics Commission indicates that this bill does not alter the duties or responsibilities of the commission. Therefore, the bill will have no expenditure impact on the commission.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

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N/A

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