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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senator LYNCH

1 AN ACT concerning campaign contributions and amending P.L.1993,
2 c.65.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. Section 18 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.3) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 18. a. No individual, other than an individual who is a candidate,
10 no corporation of any kind organized and incorporated under the laws
11 of this State or any other state or any country other than the United
12 States, no labor organization of any kind which exists or is constituted
13 for the purpose, in whole or in part, of collective bargaining, or of
14 dealing with employers concerning the grievances, terms or conditions
15 of employment, or of other mutual aid or protection in connection with
16 employment, or any group shall: (1) pay or make any contribution of
17 money or other thing of value to a candidate who has established only
18 a candidate committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy campaign
19 treasurer or candidate committee which in the aggregate
20 exceeds[~~\$1,500~~] \$1,800 per election, or (2) pay or make any
21 contribution of money or other thing of value to candidates who have
22 established only a joint candidates committee, their campaign
23 treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or joint candidates committee,
24 which in the aggregate exceeds[~~\$1,500~~] \$1,800 per election per
25 candidate, or (3) pay or make any contribution of money or other thing
26 of value to a candidate who has established both a candidate
27 committee and a joint candidates committee, the campaign treasurers,
28 deputy campaign treasurers, or candidate committee or joint
29 candidates committee, which in the aggregate exceeds[~~\$1,500~~] \$1,800
30 per election. No candidate who has established only a candidate
31 committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or
32 candidate committee shall knowingly accept from an individual, other

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 than an individual who is a candidate, a corporation of any kind
2 organized and incorporated under the laws of this State or any other
3 state or any country other than the United States, a labor organization
4 of any kind which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or
5 in part, of collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers
6 concerning the grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of
7 other mutual aid or protection in connection with employment, or any
8 group any contribution of money or other thing of value which in the
9 aggregate exceeds[\$1,500] \$1,800 per election, and no candidates
10 who have established only a joint candidates committee, or their
11 campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or joint candidates
12 committee, shall knowingly accept from any such source any
13 contribution of money or other thing of value which in the aggregate
14 exceeds[\$1,500] \$1,800 per election per candidate, and no candidate
15 who has established both a candidate committee and a joint candidates
16 committee, the campaign treasurers, deputy campaign treasurers, or
17 candidate committee or joint candidates committee shall knowingly
18 accept from any such source any contribution of money or other thing
19 of value which in the aggregate exceeds[\$1,500] \$1,800 per election.

20 b. (1) No political committee or continuing political committee
21 shall: (a) pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of
22 value to a candidate who has established only a candidate committee,
23 his campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or candidate
24 committee, other than a candidate for nomination for election or for
25 election for the office of Governor, which in the aggregate
26 exceeds[\$5,000] \$1,800 per election, or (b) pay or make any
27 contribution of money or other thing of value to candidates who have
28 established only a joint candidates committee, their campaign treasurer
29 or deputy campaign treasurer, or the joint candidates committee,
30 which in the aggregate exceeds[\$5,000] \$1,800 per election per
31 candidate, or (c) pay or make any contribution of money or other thing
32 of value to a candidate who has established both a candidate
33 committee and a joint candidates committee, the campaign treasurers,
34 deputy campaign treasurers, or candidate committee or joint
35 candidates committee, which in the aggregate exceeds[\$5,000] \$1,800
36 per election. No candidate who has established only a candidate
37 committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or
38 candidate committee, other than a candidate for nomination for
39 election or for election for the office of Governor, shall knowingly
40 accept from any political committee or continuing political committee
41 any contribution of money or other thing of value which in the
42 aggregate exceeds [\$5,000] \$1,800 per election, and no candidates
43 who have established only a joint candidates committee, their
44 campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or joint candidates
45 committee, shall knowingly accept from any such source any
46 contribution of money or other thing of value which in the aggregate

1 exceeds [~~\$5,000~~] \$1,800 per election per candidate, and no candidate
2 who has established both a candidate committee and a joint candidates
3 committee, the campaign treasurers, deputy campaign treasurers, or
4 candidate committee or joint candidates committee shall knowingly
5 accept from any such source any contribution of money or other thing
6 of value which in the aggregate exceeds [~~\$5,000~~] \$1,800 per election.

7 (2) The limitation upon the knowing acceptance by a candidate,
8 campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, candidate committee
9 or joint candidates committee of any contribution of money or other
10 thing of value from a political committee or continuing political
11 committee under the provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection
12 shall also be applicable to the knowing acceptance of any such
13 contribution from the county committee of a political party by a
14 candidate or the campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer,
15 candidate committee or joint candidates committee of a candidate for
16 any elective public office in another county or, in the case of a
17 candidate for nomination for election or for election to the office of
18 member of the Legislature, in a legislative district in which, according
19 to the federal decennial census upon the basis of which legislative
20 districts shall have been established, less than 20% of the population
21 resides within the county of that county committee. In addition, all
22 contributor reporting requirements and other restrictions and
23 regulations applicable to a contribution of money or other thing of
24 value by a political committee or continuing political committee under
25 the provisions of P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-1 et al.) shall likewise be
26 applicable to the making or payment of such a contribution by such a
27 county committee.

28 The limitation upon the knowing acceptance by a candidate,
29 campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, candidate committee
30 or joint candidates committee of any contribution of money or other
31 thing of value from a political committee or continuing political
32 committee under the provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection,
33 except that the amount of any contribution of money or other thing of
34 value shall be in an amount which in the aggregate does not
35 exceed [~~\$25,000~~] \$10,000, shall also be applicable to the knowing
36 acceptance of any such contribution from the county committee of a
37 political party by a candidate, or the campaign treasurer, deputy
38 campaign treasurer, candidate committee or joint candidates
39 committee of a candidate, for nomination for election or for election
40 to the office of member of the Legislature in a legislative district in
41 which, according to the federal decennial census upon the basis of
42 which legislative districts shall have been established, at least 20% but
43 less than 40% of the population resides within the county of that
44 county committee. In addition, all contributor reporting requirements
45 and other restrictions and regulations applicable to a contribution of
46 money or other thing of value by a political committee or continuing

1 political committee under the provisions of P.L.1973, c.83
2 (C.19:44A-1 et al.) shall likewise be applicable to the making or
3 payment of such a contribution by such a county committee.

4 With respect to the limitations in this paragraph, the Legislature
5 finds and declares that:

6 (a) Persons making contributions to the county committee of a
7 political party have a right to expect that their money will be used, for
8 the most part, to support candidates for elective office who will most
9 directly represent the interest of that county;

10 (b) The practice of allowing a county committee to use funds
11 raised with this expectation to make unlimited contributions to
12 candidates for the Legislature who may have a limited, or even
13 nonexistent, connection with that county serves to undermine public
14 confidence in the integrity of the electoral process;

15 (c) Furthermore, the risk of actual or perceived corruption is raised
16 by the potential for contributors to circumvent limits on contributions
17 to candidates by funnelling money to candidates through county
18 committees;

19 (d) The State has a compelling interest in preventing the actuality
20 or appearance of corruption and in protecting public confidence in
21 democratic institutions by limiting amounts which a county committee
22 may contribute to legislative candidates whose districts are not located
23 in close proximity to that county; and

24 (e) It is, therefore, reasonable for the State to promote this
25 compelling interest by limiting the amount a county committee may
26 give to a legislative candidate based upon the degree to which the
27 population of the legislative district overlaps with the population of
28 that county.

29 (3) No candidate who has established only a candidate committee,
30 his campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or candidate
31 committee shall knowingly accept from the State committee of a
32 political party or the campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer
33 or other representative of that State committee, from legislative
34 leadership committees or the campaign treasurers, deputy campaign
35 treasurers or other representatives of such legislative leadership
36 committees, and from the county committees and municipal
37 committees of a political party or the campaign treasurers, deputy
38 campaign treasurers, or other representatives of such county and
39 municipal committees contributions of money or other thing of value
40 which cumulatively and in the aggregate exceed \$25,000 per election;
41 no candidates who have established only a joint candidates committee,
42 their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or joint
43 candidates committee, shall knowingly accept from all such sources
44 contributions of money or other thing of value which cumulatively and
45 in the aggregate exceed \$25,000 per election per candidate; and no
46 candidate who has established both a candidate committee and a joint

1 candidates committee, the campaign treasurers, deputy campaign
2 treasurers, or candidate committee or joint candidates committee shall
3 knowingly accept from all such sources contributions of money or
4 other thing of value which cumulatively and in the aggregate exceed
5 \$25,000 per election.

6 c. (1) No candidate who has established only a candidate
7 committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy treasurer or candidate
8 committee shall (a) pay or make any contribution of money or other
9 thing of value to another candidate who has established only a
10 candidate committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy campaign
11 treasurer or candidate committee, other than a candidate for
12 nomination for election or for election for the office of Governor,
13 which in the aggregate exceeds[~~\$5,000~~] \$1,800 per election, or (b)
14 pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value to
15 candidates who have established only a joint candidates committee,
16 their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or joint
17 candidates committee, which in the aggregate exceeds[~~\$5,000~~] \$1,800
18 per election per candidate in the recipient committee, or (c) pay or
19 make any contribution of money or other thing of value to a candidate
20 who has established both a candidate committee and a joint candidates
21 committee, the campaign treasurers, deputy campaign treasurers, or
22 candidate committee or joint candidates committee, which in the
23 aggregate exceeds[~~\$5,000~~] \$1,800 per election. No candidate who
24 has established only a candidate committee, his campaign treasurer,
25 deputy campaign treasurer or candidate committee, other than a
26 candidate for nomination for election or for election to the office of
27 the Governor, shall knowingly accept from another candidate who has
28 established only a candidate committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy
29 campaign treasurer or candidate committee, any contribution of money
30 or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds[~~\$5,000~~] \$1,800
31 per election, and no candidates who have established only a joint
32 candidates committee, their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign
33 treasurer, or joint candidates committee, shall knowingly accept from
34 any such source any contribution of money or other thing of value
35 which in the aggregate exceeds[~~\$5,000~~] \$1,800 per election per
36 candidate in the recipient committee, and no candidate who has
37 established both a candidate committee and a joint candidates
38 committee, the campaign treasurers, deputy campaign treasurers, or
39 candidate committee or joint candidates committee, shall knowingly
40 accept from any such source any contribution of money or other thing
41 of value which in the aggregate exceeds[~~\$5,000~~] \$1,800 per election.

42 (2) No candidates who have established only a joint candidates
43 committee, their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or
44 joint candidates committee shall (a) pay or make any contribution of
45 money or other thing of value to another candidate who has
46 established only a candidate committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy

1 campaign treasurer or candidate committee, other than a candidate for
2 nomination for election or for election for the office of Governor,
3 which in the aggregate exceeds, on the basis of each candidate in the
4 contributing joint candidates committee, [~~\$5,000~~] \$1,800 per election,
5 or (b) pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value
6 to candidates who have established only a joint candidates committee,
7 their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or joint
8 candidates committee, which in the aggregate exceeds, on the basis of
9 each candidate in the contributing joint candidates committee, [~~\$5,000~~]
10 \$1,800 per election per candidate in the recipient joint candidates
11 committee, or (c) pay or make any contribution of money or other
12 thing of value to a candidate who has established both a candidate
13 committee and a joint candidates committee, the campaign treasurers,
14 deputy campaign treasurers or candidate committee or joint candidates
15 committee, which in the aggregate exceeds, on the basis of each
16 candidate in the contributing joint candidates committee, [~~\$5,000~~]
17 \$1,800 per election. No candidate who has established only a
18 candidate committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy campaign
19 treasurer, or candidate committee, other than a candidate for
20 nomination for election or for election for the office of Governor, shall
21 knowingly accept from other candidates who have established only a
22 joint candidates committee, their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign
23 treasurer or joint candidates committee, any contribution of money or
24 other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds, on the basis of
25 each candidate in the contributing committee, [~~\$5,000~~] \$1,800 per
26 election, and no candidates who have established only a joint
27 candidates committee, their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign
28 treasurer, or joint candidates committee, shall knowingly accept from
29 any such source any contribution of money or other thing of value
30 which in the aggregate exceeds, on the basis of each candidate in the
31 contributing joint candidates committee, [~~\$5,000~~] \$1,800 per election
32 per candidate in the recipient joint candidates committee, and no
33 candidate who has established both a candidate committee and a joint
34 candidates committee, the campaign treasurers, deputy campaign
35 treasurers, or candidate committee or joint candidates committee, shall
36 knowingly accept from any such source any contribution of money or
37 other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds, on the basis of
38 each candidate in the contributing joint candidates committee, [~~\$5,000~~]
39 \$1,800 per election.

40 (3) No candidate who has established both a candidate committee
41 and a joint candidates committee, the campaign treasurers, deputy
42 campaign treasurers, or candidate committee or joint candidates
43 committee shall (a) pay or make any contribution of money or other
44 thing of value to another candidate who has established only a
45 candidate committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy campaign
46 treasurer or candidate committee, other than a candidate for

1 nomination for election or for election for the office of Governor,
2 which in the aggregate exceeds[~~\$5,000~~] \$1,800 per election, or (b)
3 pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value to
4 candidates who have established only a joint candidates committee,
5 their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or joint
6 candidates committee, which in the aggregate exceeds[~~\$5,000~~] \$1,800
7 per election per candidate in the recipient joint candidates committee,
8 or (c) pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value
9 to a candidate who has established both a candidate committee and a
10 joint candidates committee, the campaign treasurers, deputy campaign
11 treasurers, or candidate committee or joint candidates committee,
12 which in the aggregate exceeds[~~\$5,000~~] \$1,800 per election. No
13 candidate who has established only a candidate committee, his
14 campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or candidate
15 committee, other than a candidate for nomination for election or for
16 election for the office of Governor, shall knowingly accept from a
17 candidate who has established both a candidate committee and a joint
18 candidates committee, the campaign treasurers, deputy campaign
19 treasurers, or candidate committee or joint candidates committee, any
20 contribution of money or other thing of value which in the aggregate
21 exceeds[~~\$5,000~~] \$1,800 per election, and no candidates who have
22 established only a joint candidates committee, their campaign
23 treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or joint candidates committee,
24 shall knowingly accept from any such source any contribution of
25 money or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds[~~\$5,000~~]
26 \$1,800 per election per candidate in the recipient joint candidates
27 committee, and no candidate who has established both a candidate
28 committee and a joint candidates committee, the campaign treasurers,
29 deputy campaign treasurers, or candidate committee or joint
30 candidates committee shall knowingly accept from any such source any
31 contribution of money or other thing of value which in the aggregate
32 exceeds[~~\$5,000~~] \$1,800 per election.

33 (4) Expenditures by a candidate for nomination for election or for
34 election to the office of member of the Legislature or to an office of
35 a political subdivision of the State, or by the campaign treasurer,
36 deputy treasurer, candidate committee or joint candidates committee
37 of such a candidate, which are made in furtherance of the nomination
38 or election, respectively, of another candidate for the same office in
39 the same legislative district or the same political subdivision shall not
40 be construed to be subject to any limitation under this subsection; for
41 the purposes of this sentence, the offices of member of the State
42 Senate and member of the General Assembly shall be deemed to be the
43 same office.

44 d. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to impose
45 any limitation on contributions by a candidate, or by a corporation,
46 100% of the stock in which is owned by a candidate or the candidate's

1 spouse, child, parent or sibling residing in the same household, to that
2 candidate's campaign.

3 e. For the purpose of determining the amount of a contribution to
4 be attributed as given to or by each candidate in a joint candidates
5 committee, the amount of the contribution to or by such a committee
6 shall be divided equally among all the candidates in the committee.
7 (cf: P.L.1993, c.65, s.18)

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9 2. Section 19 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.4) is amended to
10 read as follows:

11 19. a. (1) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2) of this
12 subsection, no individual, no corporation of any kind organized and
13 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
14 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any kind
15 which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
16 collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the
17 grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid
18 or protection in connection with employment, no political committee,
19 continuing political committee, candidate committee or joint
20 candidates committee or any other group, shall pay or make any
21 contribution of money or other thing of value to the campaign
22 treasurer, deputy treasurer or other representative of the State
23 committee of a political party or the campaign treasurer, deputy
24 campaign treasurer or other representative of any legislative leadership
25 committee, which in the aggregate exceeds[~~\$25,000~~] \$1,800 per year,
26 or in the case of a joint candidates committee when that is the only
27 committee established by the candidates,[~~\$25,000~~] \$1,800 per year per
28 candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a
29 candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when both are
30 established by a candidate,[~~\$25,000~~] \$1,800 per year from that
31 candidate. No campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or other
32 representative of the State committee of a political party or campaign
33 treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or other representative of any
34 legislative leadership committee shall knowingly accept from an
35 individual, a corporation of any kind organized and incorporated under
36 the laws of this State or any other state or any country other than the
37 United States, a labor organization of any kind which exists or is
38 constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of collective
39 bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the grievances,
40 terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid or
41 protection in connection with employment, a political committee, a
42 continuing political committee, a candidate committee or a joint
43 candidates committee or any other group, any contribution of money
44 or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds[~~\$25,000~~]
45 \$1,800 per year, or in the case of a joint candidates committee when
46 that is the only committee established by the candidates, [~~\$25,000~~]

1 \$1,800 per year per candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in
2 the case of a candidate committee and a joint candidates committee
3 when both are established by a candidate, [~~\$25,000~~] \$1,800 per year
4 from that candidate.

5 (2) No national committee of a political party shall pay or make
6 any contribution of money or other thing of value to the campaign
7 treasurer, deputy treasurer or other representative of the State
8 committee of a political party which in the aggregate exceeds \$50,000
9 per year, and no campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or
10 other representative of the State committee of a political party shall
11 knowingly accept from the national committee of a political party any
12 contribution of money or other thing of value which in the aggregate
13 exceeds \$50,000 per year.

14 b. No individual, no corporation of any kind organized and
15 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
16 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any kind
17 which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
18 collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the
19 grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid
20 or protection in connection with employment, no political committee,
21 continuing political committee, candidate committee or joint
22 candidates committee or any other group, shall pay or make any
23 contribution of money or other thing of value to any county committee
24 of a political party, which in the aggregate exceeds [~~\$25,000~~] \$1,800
25 per year, or in the case of a joint candidates committee when that is
26 the only committee established by the candidates, [~~\$25,000~~] \$1,800 per
27 year per candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of
28 a candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when both are
29 established by a candidate, [~~\$25,000~~] \$1,800 per year from that
30 candidate. No campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or other
31 representative of a county committee of a political party shall
32 knowingly accept from an individual, a corporation of any kind
33 organized and incorporated under the laws of this State or any other
34 state or any country other than the United States, a labor organization
35 of any kind which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or
36 in part, of collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers
37 concerning the grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of
38 other mutual aid or protection in connection with employment, a
39 political committee, a continuing political committee, a candidate
40 committee or a joint candidates committee or any other group, any
41 contribution of money or other thing of value which in the aggregate
42 exceeds [~~\$25,000~~] \$1,800 per year, or in the case of a joint candidates
43 committee when that is the only committee established by the
44 candidates, [~~\$25,000~~] \$1,800 per year per candidate in the joint
45 candidates committee, or in the case of a candidate committee and a
46 joint candidates committee when both are established by a

1 candidate, [~~\$25,000~~] \$1,800 per year from that candidate.
2 c. No individual, no corporation of any kind organized and
3 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
4 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any kind
5 which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of
6 collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the
7 grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid
8 or protection in connection with employment, no political committee,
9 continuing political committee, candidate committee or joint
10 candidates committee or any other group shall pay or make any
11 contribution of money or other thing of value to any municipal
12 committee of a political party, which in the aggregate exceeds [~~\$5,000~~]
13 \$1,800 per year, or in the case of a joint candidates committee when
14 that is the only committee established by the candidates, [~~\$5,000~~]
15 \$1,800 per year per candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in
16 the case of a candidate committee and a joint candidates committee
17 when both are established by a candidate, [~~\$5,000~~] \$1,800 per year
18 from that candidate. No campaign treasurer, deputy campaign
19 treasurer or other representative of a municipal committee of a
20 political party shall knowingly accept from an individual, a corporation
21 of any kind organized and incorporated under the laws of this State or
22 any other state or any country other than the United States, a labor
23 organization of any kind which exists or is constituted for the purpose,
24 in whole or in part, of collective bargaining, or of dealing with
25 employers concerning the grievances, terms or conditions of
26 employment, or of other mutual aid or protection in connection with
27 employment, a political committee, a continuing political committee,
28 a candidate committee or a joint candidates committee or any other
29 group, any contribution of money or other thing of value which in the
30 aggregate exceeds [~~\$5,000~~] \$1,800 per year, or in the case of a joint
31 candidates committee when that is the only committee established by
32 the candidates, [~~\$5,000~~] \$1,800 per year per candidate in the joint
33 candidates committee, or in the case of a candidate committee and a
34 joint candidates committee when both are established by a
35 candidate, [~~\$5,000~~] \$1,800 per year from that candidate.

36 No county committee of a political party in any county shall pay or
37 make any contribution of money or other thing of value to a municipal
38 committee of a political party in a municipality not located in that
39 county which in the aggregate exceeds the amount of aggregate
40 contributions which, under this subsection, a continuing political
41 committee is permitted to pay or make to a municipal committee of a
42 political party. No campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or
43 other representative of a municipal committee of a political party in
44 any municipality shall knowingly accept from any county committee
45 of a political party in any county other than the county in which the
46 municipality is located any contribution of money or other thing of

1 value which in the aggregate exceeds the amount of contributions
2 permitted to be so paid or made under that subsection.

3 d. For the purpose of determining the amount of a contribution to
4 be attributed as given by each candidate in a joint candidates
5 committee, the amount of the contribution by such a committee shall
6 be divided equally among all the candidates in the committee.

7 (cf: P.L.1993, c.65, s.19)

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9 3. Section 20 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.5) is amended to
10 read as follows:

11 20. a. No candidate who has established only a candidate
12 committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy treasurer or candidate
13 committee shall pay or make any contribution of money or other thing
14 of value to a political committee, other than a political committee
15 which is organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat
16 of a public question in any election, or a continuing political
17 committee, which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a
18 political committee,[\$5,000] \$1,800 per election, or in the case of a
19 continuing political committee,[\$5,000] \$1,800 per year, and no
20 candidates who have established only a joint candidates committee,
21 their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or joint
22 candidates committee shall pay or make any contribution of money or
23 other thing of value to such a political committee or continuing
24 political committee which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such
25 a political committee, [\$5,000] \$1,800 per election per candidate in
26 the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a continuing political
27 committee,[\$5,000] \$1,800 per year per candidate in the joint
28 candidates committee, and no candidate who has established both a
29 candidate committee and a joint candidates committee shall pay or
30 make any contribution of money or other thing of value which in the
31 aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political committee,[\$5,000]
32 \$1,800 per election from that candidate, or in the case of a continuing
33 political committee,[\$5,000] \$1,800 per year from that candidate. No
34 political committee, other than a political committee which is
35 organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a public
36 question in any election, or a continuing political committee, shall
37 knowingly accept from a candidate who has established only a
38 candidate committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy treasurer or
39 candidate committee, any contribution of money or other thing of
40 value which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political
41 committee,[\$5,000] \$1,800 per election, or in the case of a continuing
42 political committee,[\$5,000] \$1,800 per year, and no such political
43 committee or continuing political committee shall knowingly accept
44 from candidates who have established only a joint candidates
45 committee, their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or
46 joint candidates committee, any contribution of money or other thing

1 of value which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political
2 committee,[\$5,000] \$1,800 per election per candidate in the joint
3 candidates committee, or in the case of a continuing political
4 committee,[\$5,000] \$1,800 per year per candidate in the joint
5 candidates committee, and no such political committee or continuing
6 political committee shall knowingly accept from a candidate who has
7 established both a candidate committee and a joint candidates
8 committee any contribution of money or other thing of value which in
9 the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political
10 committee,[\$5,000] \$1,800 per election from that candidate, or in the
11 case of a continuing political committee,[\$5,000] \$1,800 per year from
12 that candidate. For the purpose of determining the amount of a
13 contribution to be attributed as given by each candidate in a joint
14 candidates committee, the amount of the contribution by such a
15 committee shall be divided equally among all the candidates in the
16 committee.

17 b. No political committee, other than a political committee which
18 is organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a
19 public question in any election, and no continuing political committee
20 shall pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value to
21 another political committee, other than a political committee which is
22 organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a public
23 question in any election, or another continuing political committee
24 which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of a recipient continuing
25 political committee,[\$5,000] \$1,800 per year, or in the case of a
26 recipient political committee,[\$5,000] \$1,800 per election. No
27 political committee, other than a political committee which is
28 organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a public
29 question in any election, and no continuing political committee shall
30 knowingly accept from another political committee, other than a
31 political committee which is organized to, or does, aid or promote the
32 passage or defeat of a public question in any election, or another
33 continuing political committee any contribution of money or other
34 thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of a
35 recipient continuing political committee,[\$5,000] \$1,800 per year, or
36 in the case of a recipient political committee,[\$5,000] \$1,800 per
37 election.

38 (cf: P.L.1993, c.65, s.20)

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40 4. This act shall take effect immediately, but, in the case of
41 limitations applicable to contributions that may be made per year, shall
42 be inoperative until January 1, 1995, and, in the case of limitations
43 applicable to contributions that may be made per election, shall be
44 inoperative with respect to any election held prior to January 1, 1995.

STATEMENT

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3 This bill amends the 1993 statute that imposed different limits on
4 political and campaign contributions. The bill replaces these different
5 limits with a uniform limit of \$1,800 per election in the case of
6 contributions to political organizations that operate on an
7 election-cycle basis (candidates, their committees, and independent
8 political committees) or \$1,800 per year in the case of contributions
9 to political organizations that operate on an ongoing year-round basis
10 (PACs, party committees, and legislative leadership committees). In
11 addition, the bill (1) reduces from \$25,000 to \$10,000 the amount a
12 candidate for the Legislature may accept from the county committee
13 in a county in the candidate's legislative district which contains at least
14 20% but less than 40% of the population of the district, and (2)
15 provides that the cumulative amounts of contributions which a
16 candidate may receive from legislative leadership committees and the
17 State and all county and municipal party committees of a political
18 party shall not exceed in the aggregate \$25,000 per election.

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23 Replaces various limits on amounts of certain political and campaign
24 contributions with uniform limit of \$1,800; limits candidate's receipts
25 from State, county and municipal party and legislative leadership
26 committees to \$25,000 per election.