

HB 2056 -- ETHICS

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This bill changes ethics laws. In its main provisions, the bill:

(1) Prohibits members of the General Assembly who vacate their office for any reason from registering as lobbyists until one full session of the General Assembly has occurred after the office is vacated (Section 21.431);

(2) Enacts campaign finance contribution limits per election period. The limits apply to all types of committees, but not to candidates who self-fund their own candidate committees (Section 130.039);

(3) Limits the amount of aggregate contributions made by any single contributor in a calendar year to any political party committee to not more than thirty-two thousand four hundred dollars (Section 130.039);

(4) Requires contributions from persons under fourteen years of age to be considered made by the parents or guardians of such person and to be attributed toward any contribution limits prescribed in this chapter (Section 130.039);

(5) Requires contributions received and expenditures made before January 1, 2017, shall be reported as a separate account and under the laws in effect at the time such contributions are received or expenditures made. Contributions received and expenditures made on or after January 1, 2017, shall be reported under the provisions of this chapter as a separate account from the other separate account described in this subsection (Section 130.039);

(6) Imposes penalties for noncompliance with the bill's limits (Section 130.039); and

(7) Requires any individual currently holding office as a State Representative, State Senator, or any candidate for such office or such individual's campaign committee to electronically report any contribution equal to or exceeding five hundred dollars made by any contributor to his or her campaign committee during the regular legislative session of the General Assembly or any time when legislation from the regular legislative session awaits gubernatorial action, within forty-eight hours of receiving the contribution. The Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Treasurer, Attorney General, Secretary of State, or Auditor or any candidate for such office or such person's campaign committee shall electronically report any contribution equal to or exceeding five

hundred dollars made by any contributor to his or her campaign committee during the regular legislative session or any time when legislation from the regular legislative session awaits gubernatorial action, within forty-eight hours of receiving the contribution. Reporting will be made to the Missouri Ethics Commission as specified in the bill (Section 130.044).