

Assembly Bill 571 – Political Reform Act of 1974 – Campaign Contribution Limits

An act to amend and repeal Sections 10003 and 10202 of the Elections Code, and to amend Section 85301 of, to amend, repeal, and add Sections 85305, 85306, 85307, 85315, 85316, 85317, and 85318 of, and to add Section 85702.5 to, the Government Code, relating to the Political Reform Act of 1974.

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AB 571, Mullin. Political Reform Act of 1974: contribution limits.

The Political Reform Act of 1974 prohibits a person, other than a small contributor committee or political party committee, from making to a candidate for elective state office, for statewide elective office, or for the office of Governor, and prohibits those candidates from accepting from a person, a contribution totaling more than a specified amount per election. For a candidate for elective state office other than a candidate for statewide elective office, the limitation on contributions is \$3,000 per election, as that amount is adjusted by the Fair Political Practices Commission in January of every odd-numbered year. *(As of January 2021, contribution limit per election is \$4,900 through 2022)*

That limit can be increased in future years by the FPPC. For additional information, please see: <https://www.fppc.ca.gov/learn/Contribution-Limits-City-and-County-Candidates.html>

This bill, commencing January 1, 2021, instead would prohibit a person from making to a candidate for elective county or city office, and would prohibit a candidate for elective county or city office from accepting from a person, a contribution totaling more than the amount set forth in the act for limitations on contributions to a candidate for elective state office. This bill would also authorize a county or city to impose a limitation that is different from the limitation imposed by this bill. This bill would make specified provisions of the act relating to contribution limitations applicable to a candidate for an elective county or city office.

For more information visit the California Legislative Information website:
https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB571

The City of South El Monte City Council at a Regular Meeting adopted Resolution No. 20-130, Adopting the State Mandated Campaign Contribution Limits set by AB 571.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-130