

# CONTRIBUTION LIMITS

## FOR

### LOCAL OFFICES

All candidates running for elected office must abide by contribution limits that vary depending on the office sought and the population of the district. The only contributor not subject to limits is the candidate contributing to his or her own election. To determine the limits for a candidate for local office, see the guidelines below and *check with the local clerk to get the current and exact amounts*.

Contribution limitations apply cumulatively to the entire primary and election campaign in which the candidate participates, whether or not there is a contested primary election.

#### **Limit on Contributions from an Individual** - 11.26(1)(d), Stats.

The greater of \$250 or \$.01 times the number of inhabitants of the county, town, city, village or district according to the latest federal census, but not more than \$3,000. (Check with the filing officer.)

<u>Population in District</u>	<u>Maximum Contribution</u>
• Equal to or greater than 300,000	\$3,000
• Greater than 25,000 and less than 300,000	\$ .01 times population
• Equal to or less than 25,000	\$ 250

If the candidate has claimed an exemption from filing campaign finance reports, the maximum contribution is \$100 per calendar year, regardless of the population. *The candidate's contributions to their own campaign do count toward the total receipts of \$1,000 or less in a calendar year. The \$100 limit on contributions from a single source does not apply to contributions from a candidate's personal funds for his or her own campaign.*

#### **Limit on Contributions from a PAC or Other Candidate Committee** - 11.26(2)(e), Stats.

The greater of \$200 or \$.0075 times the number of inhabitants of the county, town, city, village or district according to the latest federal census, but not more than \$2,500. (Check with the filing officer.)

<u>Population in District</u>	<u>Maximum Contribution</u>
• Equal to or greater than 333,334	\$2,500
• Greater than 26,667 and less than 333,334	\$.0075 times population
• Equal to or less than 26,667	\$ 200

If the candidate has claimed an exemption from filing campaign finance reports, the maximum contribution is \$100 in the calendar year, regardless of the population.

**45% LIMIT - Total Contributions a Candidate May Receive from All Political Action Committees - 11.26(9)(b), Stats.**

This is the maximum amount of contributions a candidate may receive from all PACs per campaign period. (Check with filing officer.)

Candidates in Milwaukee County:

- County Executive \$121,275
- Other Countywide Offices 48,521
- County Supervisor 7,763

Candidates in Milwaukee City:

- Mayor \$121,298
- City Attorney 72,776
- Other Citywide Offices 48,521
- Alderperson 7,763

Candidates in Other Counties:

- 45% of the greater of:
- a. \$1,075; or
  - b. 53.91% of annual salary for the office sought, rounded to nearest \$25; or
  - c. 32.35 cents per inhabitant of the jurisdiction or district.
  - d. The amount of a, b or c may not exceed \$43,125.

After calculation, the contribution limit is no less than \$483.75 and no more than \$19,406.

**65% LIMIT - Total Contributions a Candidate May Receive From All Committees Including other Candidate Committees and Political Party Committees - 11.26(9)(b), Stats.**

This is the maximum amount of contributions a candidate may receive from all political committees including candidate committees, political party and legislative campaign committees per campaign period. (Check with filing officer.)

Candidates in Milwaukee County:

- County Executive \$175,175
- Other Countywide Offices 70,086
- County Supervisor 11,213

Candidates in Milwaukee City:

- Mayor \$175,208
- City Attorney 105,121
- Other Citywide Offices 70,086
- Alderperson 11,213

Candidates in Other Counties:

- 65% of the greater of:
- a. \$1,075; or
  - b. 53.91% of annual salary for the office sought, rounded to nearest \$25; or
  - c. 32.35 cents per inhabitant of the jurisdiction or district.
  - d. The amount of a, b or c may not exceed \$43,125.

After calculation, the contribution limit is no less than \$698.75 and no more than \$28,031.

***Remember – always check with the local clerk to get the current and exact amounts.***