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Introduced by M. of A. KAVANAGH, STEVENSON -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. RAIA, THIELE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Election Law

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to contribution limitations

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Paragraphs a and b of subdivision 1 of section 14-114 of the election law, as amended by chapter 659 of the laws of 1994, are amended to read as follows:

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a. In any election for a public office to be voted on by the voters of entire state, or for nomination to any such office, no contributor may make a contribution to any candidate or political committee, and no candidate or political committee may accept any contribution from any contributor, which is in the aggregate amount greater than: (i) in the case of any nomination to public office, the product of the total number in the candidate's party in the state, excluding enrolled voters voters in inactive status, multiplied by \$.005, but such amount shall be not less than [four] TWO thousand dollars nor more than [twelve] SIX thousand dollars as increased or decreased by the cost of living adjustment described in paragraph c of this subdivision, and (ii) in the case of any election to a public office, [twenty-five] NINE thousand FIVE HUNDRED dollars as increased or decreased by the cost of living adjustment described in paragraph c of this subdivision; provided however, that the maximum amount which may be so contributed or accepted, in the aggregate, from any candidate's child, parent, grandparent, brother sister, and the spouse of any such persons, shall not exceed in the case any nomination to public office an amount equivalent to the product of the number of enrolled voters in the candidate's party in the state, excluding voters in inactive status, multiplied by \$.025, and in the

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [] is old law to be omitted.

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case of any election for a public office, an amount equivalent to the product of the number of registered voters in the state excluding voters in inactive status, multiplied by \$.025.

3 In any other election for party position or for election to a public office or for nomination for any such office, no contributor may 5 6 make a contribution to any candidate or political committee and no 7 candidate or political committee may accept any contribution from any 8 contributor, which is in the aggregate amount greater than: (i) in the 9 case of any election for party position, or for nomination to public 10 office, the product of the total number of enrolled voters in the candi-11 date's party in the district in which he is a candidate, excluding voters in inactive status, multiplied by \$.05, and (ii) in the 12 13 any election for a public office, the product of the total number of 14 registered voters in the district, excluding voters in inactive status, 15 multiplied by \$.05, however in the case of a nomination within the city 16 of New York for the office of mayor, public advocate or comptroller, 17 such amount shall be not less than [four] TWO thousand dollars nor more 18 than [twelve] SIX thousand dollars as increased or decreased by the cost 19 of living adjustment described in paragraph c of this subdivision; the case of an election within the city of New York for the office of 20 mayor, public advocate or comptroller, [twenty-five] NINE thousand FIVE 21 22 HUNDRED dollars as increased or decreased by the cost of living adjustment described in paragraph c of this subdivision; in the case of 23 nomination for state senator, [four] SIX thousand dollars as increased 24 25 or decreased by the cost of living adjustment described in paragraph c 26 of this subdivision; in the case of an election for state senator, [six] 27 NINE thousand [two] FIVE hundred [fifty] dollars as increased or decreased by the cost of living adjustment described in paragraph c 28 29 subdivision; in the case of an election or nomination for a member 30 of the assembly, [twenty-five] THREE THOUSAND EIGHT hundred dollars as increased or decreased by the cost of living adjustment described in 31 32 paragraph c of this subdivision; but in no event shall any such maximum 33 exceed [fifty] NINE thousand FIVE HUNDRED dollars or be less than one 34 thousand dollars; provided however, that the maximum amount which may be 35 so contributed or accepted, in the aggregate, from any candidate's child, parent, grandparent, brother and sister, and the spouse of any 36 37 such persons, shall not exceed in the case of any election for party position or nomination for public office an amount equivalent to the 38 39 number of enrolled voters in the candidate's party in the district in 40 which he is a candidate, excluding voters in inactive status, multiplied \$.25 and in the case of any election to public office, an amount 41 by equivalent to the number of registered voters in the district, excluding 42 voters in inactive status, multiplied by \$.25; or twelve hundred fifty 43 44 dollars, whichever is greater, or in the case of a nomination or 45 election of a state senator, twenty thousand dollars, whichever is in the case of a nomination or election of a member of the 46 greater, or assembly twelve thousand five hundred dollars, whichever is greater, but 47 48 in no event shall any such maximum exceed one hundred thousand dollars. 49

S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.