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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 limita-
tions

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

1 Section 1. Paragraphs a and b of subdivision 1 of section 14-114 of
2 the election law, as amended by chapter 659 of the laws of 1994, are
3 amended to read as follows:
4 a. In any election for a public office to be voted on by the voters of
5 the entire state, or for nomination to any such office, no contributor
6 may 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 nomination to public office, the product of the total number
10 of enrolled voters in the candidate's party in the state, excluding
11 voters in inactive status, multiplied by \$.005, but such amount shall be
12 not less than [four] TWO thousand dollars nor more than [twelve] SIX
13 thousand dollars as increased or decreased by the cost of living adjust-
14 ment described in paragraph c of this subdivision, and (ii) in the case
15 of any election to a public office, [twenty-five] NINE thousand FIVE
16 HUNDRED dollars as increased or decreased by the cost of living adjust-
17 ment described in paragraph c of this subdivision; provided however,
18 that the maximum amount which may be so contributed or accepted, in the
19 aggregate, from any candidate's child, parent, grandparent, brother and
20 sister, and the spouse of any such persons, shall not exceed in the case
21 of any nomination to public office an amount equivalent to the product
22 of the number of enrolled voters in the candidate's party in the state,
23 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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1 case of any election for a public office, an amount equivalent to the
2 product of the number of registered voters in the state excluding voters
3 in inactive status, multiplied by \$.025.

4 b. In any other election for party position or for election to a
5 public office or for nomination for any such office, no contributor may
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
12 voters in inactive status, multiplied by \$.05, and (ii) in the case of
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; in
20 the case of an election within the city of New York for the office of
21 mayor, public advocate or comptroller, [twenty-five] NINE thousand FIVE
22 HUNDRED dollars as increased or decreased by the cost of living adjust-
23 ment described in paragraph c of this subdivision; in the case of a
24 nomination for state senator, [four] SIX thousand dollars as increased
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
28 decreased by the cost of living adjustment described in paragraph c of
29 this subdivision; in the case of an election or nomination for a member
30 of the assembly, [twenty-five] THREE THOUSAND EIGHT hundred dollars as
31 increased or decreased by the cost of living adjustment described in
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
36 child, parent, grandparent, brother and sister, and the spouse of any
37 such persons, shall not exceed in the case of any election for party
38 position or nomination for public office an amount equivalent to the
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
41 by \$.25 and in the case of any election to public office, an amount
42 equivalent to the number of registered voters in the district, excluding
43 voters in inactive status, multiplied by \$.25; or twelve hundred fifty
44 dollars, whichever is greater, or in the case of a nomination or
45 election of a state senator, twenty thousand dollars, whichever is
46 greater, or in the case of a nomination or election of a member of the
47 assembly twelve thousand five hundred dollars, whichever is greater, but
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 succeed-
50 ing the date on which it shall have become a law.