

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ETHICS, ELECTIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**SUGGESTED RECOMMENDATIONS**

**1. Increase aggregate contribution limits.**

**a. Double limits for all offices and committees.**

<b>Office Contribution Limits, for Each Primary or General Election by any political committee or any person except a party committee, the candidate or the candidate's spouse</b>	<b>Current Law (KSA 25-4153)</b>	<b>Amount if Doubled</b>
Offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor (as a pair), as well as other statewide elected officers	\$2,000	\$4,000
State Representative, district judge, district magistrate judge, district attorney, or candidate for local office (defined in KSA 25-4143 as [a]member of governing body of city of first class; [b] any elected office of a unified school district having 35,000 or more pupils regularly enrolled in preceding school year; [c] county; or[d] the board of public utilities)	500	1,000
State Senator or member of the State Board of Education	1,000	2,000
Any county officer whose district population exceeds 75,000	500	1,000

<b>Party Committee Contribution Limits, for Each Calendar Year</b>	<b>Current Law (KSA 25-4153)</b>	<b>Amount if Doubled</b>
To a state party committee by a person other than a national party committee or political committee	\$15,000	\$30,000
To any other party committee by a person other than a national party committee or a political committee	5,000	10,000
By a national party committee to a state party committee	25,000	50,000
By a national party committee to any other party committee	10,000	20,000
To a party committee by a political committee	5,000	10,000

**b. Remove limits entirely.**

**2. Allow for transferability of campaign fund balances after all debt has been retired.**

- a.** Adopt 2015 HB 2215, which would allow a candidate to transfer fund balances from the candidate's original campaign account either "up" or "down" (*i.e.*, to a different office regardless of whether it has higher or lower campaign contribution limits).
- b.** Define such transfers as "contributions" only for those amounts received in the current election cycle.