

**Preliminary Draft of Proposed Rules**  
**Colorado Department of State**  
**Rules Concerning Campaign and Political Finance**  
**8 CCR 1505-6**

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**Disclaimer:**

In accordance with the State Administrative Procedure Act, this draft is filed with the Department of State and submitted to the Department of Regulatory Agencies.<sup>1</sup>

This is a preliminary draft of the proposed rules that may be revised before the October 17, 2023, rulemaking hearing. If changes are made, a revised copy of the proposed rules will be available to the public and a copy will be posted on the Department of State’s website no later than **October 12, 2023**.<sup>2</sup>

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Sentence case	Retained/modified current rule language
SMALL CAPS	New language
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1 *Amendments to 8 CCR 1505-6 follow:*

2 *Amendment to Rule 1.5 to clarify that a committee refers to a political party committee, not the entire*  
3 *political party:*

4 1.5 “Committee” as used generally in these rules includes candidate committee, political committee,  
5 small donor committee, issue committee, small-scale issue committee, independent expenditure  
6 committee, political party COMMITTEE, and political organization.

7 *Amendments to Rule 10.17 concerning a grammatical error in section (a) and updating a numerical*  
8 *miscalculation from 2015 within section (i)’s table:*

9 10.17 Current adjusted limits

10 10.17.1 Adjusted limits made in the first quarter of 2023 and effective until the next adjustment is  
11 made in 2027:

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<sup>1</sup> Sections 24-4-103(2.5) and (3)(a), C.R.S. (2022). A draft must be submitted to the Department at the time that a notice of proposed rulemaking is filed with the Secretary of State.

<sup>2</sup> Section 24-4-103(4)(a), C.R.S. (2022). “[A]ny proposed rule or revised proposed rule by an agency which is to be considered at the public hearing...shall be made available to any person at least five days prior to said hearing.”

1 (a) There is no adjustment to the contribution limits on individual donations to small  
2 donor committees outlined in COLO. CONST. Article XXVIII, Section 2(14).

3 *[No changes to sections (b) through (h).]*

4 (i) This table contains the contribution limits listed in subsections (a)-(h).  
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Recipient:	Contributor:				
	Natural Person	Person, other than a natural person	Political committee	Small donor committee	Political party
Political committee	\$725 per election cycle	\$725 per election cycle			
Small donor committee	\$50 per year	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited
Governor (governor & lt. governor)	\$725 per election cycle*	\$725 per election cycle*	\$725 per election cycle*	\$7,825 per election cycle*	\$789,025789,060 per election cycle
Secretary of state, state treasurer, attorney general	\$725 per election cycle*	\$725 per election cycle*	\$725 per election cycle*	\$7,825 per election cycle*	\$157,750157,805 per election cycle
State senate	\$225 per election cycle*	\$225 per election cycle*	\$225 per election cycle*	\$3,100 per election cycle*	\$28,37528,395 per election cycle
State house of representatives, state board of education, regent of the University of Colorado, district attorney	\$225 per election cycle*	\$225 per election cycle*	\$225 per election cycle*	\$3,100 per election cycle*	\$20,47520,500 per election cycle
Political party	\$4,675 (\$3,875 at the state level) per year	\$4,675 (\$3,875 at the state level) per year	\$4,675 (\$3,875 at the state level) per year	\$23,600 (\$19,650 at the state level) per year	Transfers within a party may be made without limitation.
County candidate	\$1,425 per election cycle*	\$1,425 per election cycle*	\$1,425 per election cycle*	\$14,400 per election cycle*	\$25,475 per election cycle
School district director	\$2,500 per election cycle	\$2,500 per election cycle	\$2,500 per election cycle	\$25,000 per election cycle	\$2,500 per election cycle

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\* A candidate may accept the contribution limit for both the primary election and the general election.

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