

2019-2020 CONTRIBUTIONS LIMITS

Candidates running for a state office and committees that make contributions to state candidates are limited in the amount of contributions they may accept from a single source. The contribution limits are different depending on the state office, the committee and the contributor. Contributions from affiliated entities are aggregated for purposes of the limits.

The charts below show the current limits per contributor for state offices and committees. The primary, general, special, and special run-off elections are considered separate elections. Contribution limits to candidates apply to each election.

2019-2020 Contribution Limits to State Candidates Per Election

Candidate or Officeholder	Contributor Sources		
	Person (individual, business entity, committee/PAC)	Small Contributor Committee (see definition below)	Political Party
Senate and Assembly	\$4,700	\$9,300	No Limit
CalPERS/CalSTRS	\$4,700	\$9,300	No Limit
Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Treasurer, Controller, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Insurance Commissioner, and Board of Equalization	\$7,800	\$15,500	No Limit
Governor	\$31,000	\$31,000	No Limit

Person – An individual, proprietorship, firm, partnership, joint venture, syndicate, business trust, company, corporation, limited liability company, association, committee and any other organization or group of persons acting in concert.

Small Contributor Committee – Any committee that meets all the following: 1) has been in existence for at least six months; 2) receives contributions from 100 or more persons; 3) no one person has contributed more than \$200 per calendar year; and 4) the committee makes contributions to five or more candidates.

2019-2020 Contribution Limits to Other State Committees Per Calendar Year

	Contributor Sources
Committee	Person (individual, business entity, committee/PAC)
Committee (PAC), other than a Political Party, that Contributes to State Candidates	\$7,800
Political Party – Candidate Support	\$38,800
Political Party – Non-Candidate Support	No Limit
Small Contributor Committee	\$200
Committee Account NOT for State Candidates	No Limit*

*Exceptions

- State committees (including political parties and PACs) may receive contributions in excess of the limits identified below if the contributions are not used to make contributions to state candidates and they are deposited into a separate restricted use account
- Contributions to ballot measure committees (including those controlled by a candidate) are not limited.

Contributions made to officeholder committees must be aggregated with any future election committee that officeholder may be seeking. If a candidate for state office is currently a state officeholder, contributions to the candidate's future election must be cumulated with contributions to his or her officeholder account for purposes of the limits. For example, if Assembly Member Smith is running in 2020 and has an officeholder account, you can give \$3,900 to his officeholder account but then may only give an additional \$800 towards his Primary election.

2019-2020 Contribution Limits to State Officeholder Committees Per Calendar Year

Committee	Contributor Sources	
	Any Source (Person, Small Contributor Committee or Political Party)	Aggregate from all Sources
Senate and Assembly	\$3,900	\$64,400
CalPERS/CalSTRS	\$3,900	\$64,400
Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Treasurer, Controller, Supt. of Public Instruction, Insurance Commissioner, and Board of Equalization	\$6,400	\$128,700
Governor	\$25,700	\$257,500

Exceptions

- Contributions raised for a legal defense fund are not subject to limits, but the amount raised must be reasonably necessary to cover attorney's fees and other legal costs related to the proceeding for which the fund is created.
- Contribution limits do not apply to a committee established by a state officeholder who is the target of a recall to oppose the qualification of the recall measure, and if the recall petition qualifies, the recall election.