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**Montana Legislative Services Division**  
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**TO:** State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee

**FROM:** K. Virginia Aldrich

**DATE:** August 8, 2019

**RE:** Legislative Administrative Rule Review Report

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Pursuant to 5-5-228, MCA, the State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee is responsible for reviewing administrative rules within its jurisdiction. Staff for the State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee has prepared this report for informational purposes only. This report does not represent any action or opinion of the State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee and does not preclude additional action that may be taken by the State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee pursuant to its authority under the Montana Administrative Procedure Act (Title 2, chapter 4, MCA).

**MAR NOTICE NUMBER:** 44-2-235

**AGENCY/BOARD:** Commissioner of Political Practices

**RULE CLASSIFICATION:** (e.g. substantive/interpretive/emergency/temporary): Substantive

**SUBJECT:** Contribution Limits

**NOTICE DESCRIPTION:** (e.g. proposal notice/adoption notice): Notice of Proposed Amendment

**SUMMARY OF RULE(S):**

The Commissioner proposes to update the amount a legislative candidate can receive in aggregate contributions from all political committees (except political party committees). By statute, the Commissioner is required to adjust the amount by a statutory inflation formula and publish the revised amount in rule. The limits for a candidate for the House were revised from \$1,750 to \$1,850 and for a Senate candidate from \$2,850 to \$3,050 for the 2020 election cycle.

The Commissioner proposes to update the amount of the limits on total combined contributions by a political committee (other than a political party committee) or by an individual to a candidate. By statute, the Commissioner is also required to adjust these amounts for inflation and to publish the revised amount by rule. The limits for aggregate contributions are proposed to be revised as follows: joint filing for the governor/lieutenant governor from \$680 to \$710; for other statewide office from \$340 to \$360; and for all other public offices, the amount stayed the same due to the statutory formula (\$180). The Commissioner also proposes to update the amount of the limits on total combined contributions from political party committees to candidates as follows: joint filing for the governor/lieutenant governor from \$24,500 to \$25,600; other statewide office from \$8,850 to \$9,250; Public Service Commission from \$3,550 to \$3,700;

Senate from \$1,450 to \$1,500, and for all other public offices, the amount stayed the same due to the statutory formula (\$900).

**NOTES:** No public hearing is scheduled. The public comment period ends on September 6, 2019.

**FULL TEXT OF NOTICE:** The full text of the notice proposal and the amended proposal may be found online at <http://www.mtrules.org/>.

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