



1 (4) The contribution does not exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00).

2 (d2) Any contribution, or portion thereof, made under subsection (d1) of this section that  
3 is not submitted for reimbursement in accordance with subsection (d1) of this section shall be  
4 treated as a contribution for purposes of this section. Any contribution, or portion thereof, made  
5 under subsection (d1) of this section that is not reimbursed in accordance with subsection (d1)  
6 of this section shall be treated as a contribution for purposes of this section.

7 (e) Except as provided in subsections (e2), (e3), and (e4) of this section, and except for  
8 contributions to political party executive committees by candidates or candidate campaign  
9 committees and contributions by political party executive committees to candidates and  
10 candidate campaign committees, this section shall not apply to any national, State, district or  
11 county executive committee of any political party. For the purposes of this section only, the  
12 term "political party" means only those political parties officially recognized under  
13 G.S. 163-96. As used in this section, "candidate campaign committee" is as defined in  
14 G.S. 163-278.38Z(3).

15 (e1) No referendum committee which received any contribution from a corporation,  
16 labor union, insurance company, business entity, or professional association may make any  
17 contribution to another referendum committee, to a candidate or to a political committee.

18 (e2) In order to make meaningful the provisions of Article 22D of this Chapter, the  
19 following provisions shall apply with respect to candidates for justice of the Supreme Court and  
20 judge of the Court of Appeals:

21 (1) No candidate shall accept, and no contributor shall make to that candidate, a  
22 contribution in any election exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000) except  
23 as provided for elsewhere in this subsection.

24 (2) A candidate may accept, and a family contributor may make to that  
25 candidate, a contribution not exceeding two thousand dollars (\$2,000) in an  
26 election if the contributor is that candidate's parent, child, brother, or sister.

27 (3) Repealed by Session Laws 2008-150, s. 7(a), effective August 2, 2008.

28 As used in this subsection, "candidate" is also a political committee authorized by the  
29 candidate for that candidate's election. Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit a candidate or  
30 the spouse of that candidate from making a contribution or loan secured entirely by that  
31 individual's assets to that candidate's own campaign.

32 (e3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this section, no  
33 candidate for superior court judge or district court judge shall accept, and no contributor shall  
34 make to that candidate, a contribution in any election exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000),  
35 except as provided in subsection (c) of this section. As used in this subsection, "candidate" is  
36 also a political committee authorized by the candidate for that candidate's election. Nothing in  
37 this subsection shall prohibit a candidate or the spouse of that candidate from making a  
38 contribution or loan secured entirely by that individual's assets to that candidate's own  
39 campaign.

40 (e4) In order to make meaningful the provisions of the North Carolina Voter-Owned  
41 Elections Act, as set forth in Article 22J of this Chapter, no candidate for an office subject to  
42 that Article shall accept, and no contributor shall make to that candidate, a contribution during  
43 the period beginning 21 days before the day of the general election and ending the day after the  
44 general election if that contribution causes the candidate to exceed the "trigger for matching  
45 funds" defined in G.S. 163-278.96(17). As used in this subsection, the term "candidate" also  
46 includes "candidate campaign committee" as defined in G.S. 163-278.38Z(3). Nothing in this  
47 subsection shall prohibit a candidate from making a contribution or loan secured entirely by  
48 that candidate's assets to that candidate's own campaign or to a political committee, the  
49 principal purpose of which is to support that candidate's campaign. This subsection applies with  
50 respect to a candidate only if both of the following statements are true regarding that candidate:

- 1           (1) That candidate is opposed in the general election by a certified candidate as  
2           defined in Article 22J of this Chapter.  
3           (2) That certified candidate has not received the maximum matching funds  
4           available under G.S. 163-278.99B(c).

5           The recipient of a contribution that apparently violates this subsection has three days to  
6           return the contribution or file a detailed statement with the State Board of Elections explaining  
7           why the contribution does not violate this subsection.

8           (e5) The contribution limits of subsections (a) and (b) of this section do not apply to  
9           contributions made to an independent expenditure political committee. For purposes of this  
10          section, an "independent expenditure political committee" is a political committee whose  
11          treasurer makes and abides by a certification to the State Board of Elections that the political  
12          committee does not and will not make contributions, directly or indirectly, to candidates or to  
13          political committees that make contributions to candidates. The State Board of Elections shall  
14          provide forms for implementation of this subsection. This subsection shall not apply to a  
15          candidate or a political committee controlled by a candidate. The exception of this subsection is  
16          in addition to any other exception provided by law.

17          (f) Any individual, candidate, political committee, referendum committee, or other  
18          entity that violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor."

19           **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective January 1, 2010, and applies to all  
20          contributions made or accepted on or after that date.