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Advisory Statement of the Missouri Ethics Commission
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The Missouri Supreme Court issued its decision in Trout v. Missouri, et. al, Case No. SC8476, on Thursday, July 19, 2007 at 4:00 p.m., concerning a challenge to HB 1900, the campaign finance reform bill. The Supreme Court's decision invalidates the amendments to Section 130.032 RSMo. As of the date of the decision, candidates should no longer accept contributions in excess of the applicable limits provided by Section 130.032, RSMo (2000).

The individual contribution limits in effect at this time for candidates are as follows:

1. Statewide office: \$1,275.00
2. State Senate: \$650.00
3. State Representative: \$325.00
4. Any other elective office, including a judicial office:
 - a) if the population of the electoral district, ward or other unit according to the latest decennial census is:
 - under 100,000: \$325.00
 - 100,000 but less than 250,000: \$650.00
 - At least 250,000 : \$1,275.00

Political party committee contribution limits are as follows:

1. Statewide office: \$12,775.00
2. State Senate: \$6,400.00
3. State Representative: \$3,200.00

4. Any other elective office, including a judicial office:
 - a) if the population of the electoral district, ward or other unit according to the latest decennial census is:
 - under 100,000: \$3,250.00
 - 100,000 but less than 250,000: \$6,500.00
 - At least 250,000 : \$12,750.00