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The Missouri Ethics Commission, at its January 23, 2020 meeting, took the following actions:

An Opinion was issued in response to the following:

Re: Conflict of Interest: 2020.01.CI.001

Contribution Limits for Candidates for Senate and House of Representatives for the August and November 2020 Election Cycle

State Senate: \$2,559

State House of Representatives: \$2,046

Article III, Section 2(c), contains campaign contribution limits and a methodology for regular adjustments. This new provision to the Missouri Constitution established the initial contribution limits and base year amounts as follows: \$2,500 for the office of state senator, and \$2,000 for the office of state representative. These limits are to “be adjusted on the first day of January in each even-numbered year hereafter by multiplying the base year amount by the cumulative Consumer Price Index and rounded to the nearest dollar amount, for all years after 2018.

The Missouri Ethics Commission calculated these contribution limits in accordance with this directive and determined that the following limits are in effect beginning January 1, 2020:

- For the office of state senator: \$2,559
- For the office of state representative: \$2,046

These contribution limits apply to the August 2020 Primary and November 2020 General Election

\$5.00 Gift Limit for Members of the General Assembly Remains the Same

Article III, Section 2(b), of the Missouri Constitution, prohibits members and employees of the general assembly from accepting “a gift of any tangible or intangible item, service, or thing of value from any paid lobbyist or lobbyist principal in excess of five dollars per occurrence.” That provision also provides for an annual adjustment based upon changes in the Consumer Price Index.

The dollar limitations of this section shall be increased or decreased each year by the percentage of increase or decrease from the end of the previous calendar year of the Consumer Price Index, or successor index and published by the U.S. Department of Labor, or its successor agency, and rounded to the nearest dollar amount.

The Missouri Ethics Commission has undertaken to make these calculations and determined that **the \$5.00 limit is unchanged for 2020.**