

Federal Election Commission

§ 110.6

unrelated to any Federal election, campaign, or candidate.

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§ 110.5 Aggregate bi-annual contribution limitation for individuals (2 U.S.C. 441a(a)(3)).

(a) *Scope.* This section applies to all contributions made by any individual, except individuals prohibited from making contributions under 11 CFR 110.19 and 110.20 and 11 CFR part 115.

(b) *Bi-annual limitations.* (1) In the two-year period beginning on January 1 of an odd-numbered year and ending on December 31 of the next even-numbered year, no individual shall make contributions aggregating more than \$95,000, including no more than:

(i) \$37,500 in the case of contributions to candidates and the authorized committees of candidates; and

(ii) \$57,500 in the case of any other contributions, of which not more than \$37,500 may be attributable to contributions to political committees that are not political committees of any national political parties.

(2) Contributions to candidates made under the increased contribution limitations under 11 CFR part 400, during periods in which such candidates may accept such contributions, are not subject to the contribution limitations of paragraph (b)(1) of this section.

(3) The contribution limitations in paragraph (b)(1) of this section shall be increased by the percent difference in the price index in accordance with 11 CFR 110.17. The increased contribution limitations shall be in effect for the two calendar years starting on January 1 of the year in which the contribution limitations are increased.

(4) In every odd-numbered year, the Commission will publish in the FEDERAL REGISTER the amount of the contribution limitations in effect and place such information on the Commission's Web site.

(c) *Contributions made in a nonelection year.* (1) For the purposes of this section, *nonelection year* means a year other than the calendar year in which a particular election is held.

(2) For purposes of this section, any contribution to a candidate or his or her authorized committee with respect to a particular election made in a non-election year shall be considered to be made during the calendar year in which such election is held.

(3) For purposes of this section, any contribution to an unauthorized committee which is made in a nonelection year shall not be considered to be made during the calendar year in which an election is held unless:

(i) The political committee is a single candidate committee which has supported or anticipates supporting the candidate; or

(ii) The contribution is earmarked by the contributor for a particular candidate with respect to a particular election.

(d) *Independent expenditures.* The bi-annual limitation on contributions in this section applies to contributions made to persons, including political committees, making independent expenditures under 11 CFR part 109.

(e) *Contributions to delegates and delegate committees.* The bi-annual limitation on contributions in this section applies to contributions to delegate and delegate committees under 11 CFR 110.14.

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§ 110.6 Earmarked contributions (2 U.S.C. 441a(a)(8)).

(a) *General.* All contributions by a person made on behalf of or to a candidate, including contributions which are in any way earmarked or otherwise directed to the candidate through an intermediary or conduit, are contributions from the person to the candidate.

(b) *Definitions.* (1) For purposes of this section, *earmarked* means a designation, instruction, or encumbrance, whether direct or indirect, express or implied, oral or written, which results in all or any part of a contribution or expenditure being made to, or expended on behalf of, a clearly identified candidate or a candidate's authorized committee.

(2) For purposes of this section, *conduit or intermediary* means any person