

HB 1514 -- ETHICS

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This bill sets the same campaign finance limits of \$2,600 per primary or general election, adjusted annually for inflation, for political subdivisions, special districts, and local candidate positions of all types as the current campaign finance limits on statewide officials, legislators, and certain committees. The Missouri Ethics Commission is granted power to investigate and remedy complaints in the same way that it currently enforces campaign finance limits under the Constitution of Missouri. A complaint cannot be filed during the 15-day period prior to an election. The bill contains a civil penalty of 200% to 500% of misappropriated funds for instances where the bill's provisions are knowingly violated or where the source of funding is knowingly concealed. This civil penalty is identical to that currently imposed for violations of campaign finance law involving statewide elected officials or legislators or certain committees under the Constitution of Missouri.