



ARIZONA STATE SENATE
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FACT SHEET FOR H. B. 2615

officeholder expense accounts; surplus monies

Purpose

Permits a person who holds statewide or legislative office (officeholder) to donate monies from their officeholder account to a political committee or 501(c)(4) organization.

Background

Statute permits officeholders to receive and spend monies to defray the costs of performing the duties of their office through an officeholder account. Contributions to an officeholder account may only be made by individuals and are limited to \$150 per individual in an election cycle. An officeholder may also contribute his or her own private monies to a maximum of 30% of the statutory limit for an officeholder account. Contributions may not be received after April 30th of an election year.

2013-2014 OFFICEHOLDER EXPENSE ACCOUNT LIMITS		
A.R.S. § 41-133	Limit	Individuals only
Governor	\$102,980	\$150
Secretary of State	\$54,110	\$150
Attorney General	\$54,110	\$150
Treasurer	\$27,080	\$150
Superintendent of Public Instruction	\$27,080	\$150
Corporation Commission	\$27,080	\$150
Mine Inspector	\$27,080	\$150
Legislature	\$10,320	\$150

(Source: Secretary of State, azsos.gov)

Monies in an officeholder account may be used for office equipment, travel, meeting with constituents, subscriptions to informational services and other expenses related to duties of the office. Officeholder account monies are not permitted to be expended for campaign purposes. Under current statute, any balance of the officeholder account remaining after April 30th of an election year must be paid to the state General Fund or carried forward for another term of office (A.R.S. § 41-133).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

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Provisions

1. Permits monies remaining in an officeholder account after April 30th of an election year to be donated to another person's political committee or a 501(c)(4) organization.
2. Prohibits donations of officeholder account monies to an exploratory committee or a candidate's campaign committee.
3. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

House Action

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