



ADVISORY 2023-02

February 23, 2023

To: All County Boards of Elections
Board Members, Directors, and Deputy Directors

Re: Biennial Adjustment of Recount Charges/Campaign Contribution Limit Adjustment

BACKGROUND

I. BIENNIAL ADJUSTMENT OF RECOUNT CHARGES

Beginning February 25, 2023, the minimum deposit for a requested (non-automatic) recount will change to \$70.00 per precinct. The minimum charge for a requested recount remains \$5.00 per precinct, and the maximum charge for a requested recount will be \$70.00 per precinct.

II. CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMIT ADJUSTMENT

Beginning February 25, 2023, new maximum campaign contribution limits will apply.

SUMMARY

I. BIENNIAL ADJUSTMENT OF RECOUNT CHARGES

Pursuant to [R.C. 3515.072](#), in January of each odd-numbered year, the Secretary of State adjusts the minimum recount deposit and the amount required for a recount,¹ and the minimum and maximum charge per precinct for a recount.² The Secretary of State calculates the biennial adjustment according to a statutory formula based on the yearly average of the previous two years of the Consumer Price Index.³

Based on the Secretary of State's calculations in January 2023, as certified by the Auditor of State, there will be a change to the recount charges for the period beginning February 25, 2023 through February 24, 2025. The recount charges shall be as follows:

- The minimum recount deposit required by [R.C. 3515.03](#) will increase to \$70.00 per precinct.

¹ [R.C. 3515.03](#).

² [R.C. 3515.07](#).

³ [R.C. 3515.072\(A\)](#).

- The maximum recount charge required by [R.C. 3515.07](#) will increase to \$70.00 per precinct.
- The minimum recount charge required by [R.C. 3515.07](#) will remain at \$5.00 per precinct.

Pursuant to [R.C. 3515.072\(B\)](#), on or before February 25th of each odd-numbered year, the Secretary of State must create a report setting forth the recount charges and a summary of how the recount charges were calculated. This report, entitled *2023 Procedure and Findings for Recount Charges*, is attached to this Advisory.

II. CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMIT ADJUSTMENT

Pursuant to [R.C. 3517.102\(A\)](#), in January of each odd-numbered year, the Secretary of State adjusts each contribution limitation amount specified in [R.C. 3517.102](#), [3517.10\(B\)\(4\)\(e\)](#), and [3517.101\(B\)](#) based on the yearly average of the previous two years of the Consumer Price Index. The new maximum contribution limits will apply for the period beginning February 25, 2023 through February 24, 2025.

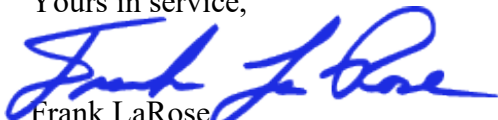
Pursuant to [R.C. 3517.104\(B\)\(3\)](#), the Secretary of State must issue a report setting forth the new maximum contribution limits. This report, entitled *2023 Adjusted Campaign Contribution Limits*, is also attached to this Advisory.

- Appendix A of the report contains a summary of each new adjusted contribution limit in [R.C. 3517.102](#), [3517.10\(B\)\(4\)\(e\)](#), and [3517.101\(B\)](#). The new contribution limits are highlighted in bold.
- Appendix B of the report is an overview chart showing Ohio's new campaign contribution limit amounts effective as of February 25, 2023.

The updated Contribution Limit Chart for public distribution may be found on the Secretary of State's website here: [Current Limit Chart \(Effective February 25, 2023, PDF\)](#).

If you have any questions regarding this Advisory, please contact the Secretary of State's elections counsel at (614) 728-8789.

Yours in service,


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