



ADVISORY 2021-02

February 23, 2021

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

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

SUMMARY

I. BIENNIAL ADJUSTMENT OF RECOUNT CHARGES

Beginning February 25, 2021, the security deposit for a requested (non-automatic) recount will change to \$65.00 per precinct. The minimum charge for a requested recount remains \$5.00 per precinct, and the maximum charge for a requested recount will be \$65.00 per precinct.

II. CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMIT ADJUSTMENT

Beginning February 25, 2021, new maximum contribution limits will apply.

DETAILS

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 security deposit and 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 formula³ based on the yearly average of the previous two years of the Consumer Price Index.

Based on the Secretary of State's calculations in January 2021, boards of elections are hereby advised that there will be a change to the recount charges for the period beginning February 25, 2021 through February 24, 2023. The recount charges shall be as follows:

- The minimum recount security deposit required by [R.C. 3515.03](#) shall be increased to \$65.00 per precinct.
- The maximum recount charge required by [R.C. 3515.07](#) shall be increased to \$65.00 per precinct.

¹ [R.C. 3515.03](#).

² [R.C. 3515.07](#).

³ [R.C. 3515.072\(A\)](#).

- The minimum recount charge required by [R.C. 3515.07](#) shall 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 summary of how the recount charges were calculated. This report, entitled *2021 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, 2021 through February 24, 2023.

Pursuant to [R.C. 3517.104\(B\)\(3\)](#), the Secretary of State must issue a report setting forth the new maximum contribution limits for the amounts specified above. This report, entitled *2021 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 setting forth Ohio's new campaign contribution limit amounts effective as of February 25, 2021.

The updated Contribution Limit Chart for public distribution may be found on the Secretary of State's website here: [Current Limit Chart \(Effective February 25, 2021, PDF\)](#).

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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