

## Chapter 2.130 KERN COUNTY CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM ORDINANCE

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### 2.130.010 Name.

[Chapter 2.130](#) shall be known and may be cited as the "Kern County Campaign Finance Reform."

*(Ord. A-341 § 2 (part), 2003)*

### 2.130.020 Purpose.

The purpose of this ordinance is to promote public trust in governmental institutions and the electoral process, to negate the appearance of corruption, and to curtail the financial strength of certain individuals or organizations from permitting them to exercise a disproportionate or controlling influence on the election of Kern County candidates. To further these purposes, this ordinance is designed to protect individual voters by reducing the potential influence and appearance of influence resulting from large campaign contributions and, thereby, promote the integrity of the process of electing Kern County candidates and the integrity of Kern County government.

*(Ord. A-341 § 2 (part), 2003)*

### **2.130.030 Relation to the Political Reform Act of 1974.**

This ordinance is intended to supplement the Political Reform Act of 1974 as amended. Unless a word or term is specifically defined in this ordinance or the contrary is stated or clearly appears from the context, words and terms shall have the same meaning as when they are used in Title 9 of the California Government Code, in which the Political Reform Act of 1974 is codified, and as supplemented by the Regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission as set forth in Title 2, Division 6 of the California Code of Regulations, as the same may be from time to time amended.

*(Ord. A-341 § 2 (part), 2003)*

### **2.130.040 Definitions.**

- A. "Carry-over" means the carry-over of contributions raised in connection with one election for county office to pay expenditures incurred in connection with a subsequent election for the same elective county office.
- B. "County candidate" means any individual who is a candidate for supervisor, sheriff-coroner-public administrator, district attorney, auditor-controller-county clerk, assessor-recorder, treasurer-tax collector, or superintendent of schools or, in the event any of the listed consolidated county offices are separated, any of the separated offices.
- C. "Intra-candidate transfer" means the transfer of contributions for a subsequent election of the same candidate seeking a different office.
- D. "Inter-candidate transfer" means the transfer of contributions from the controlled committee of one candidate to a committee supporting or opposing any other county candidate or elective county officer.
- E. "Elective county officer" means any individual who is a supervisor, sheriff-coroner-public administrator, district attorney, auditor-controller-county clerk, assessor-recorder, treasurer-tax collector, or superintendent of schools, whether appointed or elected or, in the event any of the listed consolidated county offices are separated, any individual occupying a separated office.
- F. "Person" means an individual, proprietorship, firm, partnership, joint venture, syndicate, business trust, company, corporation, limited liability company, association, committee and any other organization or group of persons acting in concert.

*(Ord. G-7065 § 2, 2004; Ord. A-341 § 2 (part), 2003)*

### **2.130.050 Contribution limitations**

- A. Except as provided in Section 2.130.120, no person, other than political committees, shall contribute to any county candidate or to an elective county officer or to the controlled committee of such a candidate or elective county officer, as defined in Government Code Section 82016, and no such county candidate, elective county officer or candidate-controlled committee shall accept from any such person, amounts totaling more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each of the following elections for which the individual is a candidate: a primary election, a general (runoff) election, a special election, a special runoff election, a recall election, or a recall replacement election.
- B. Except as provided in Section 2.130.120, no political committee of two or more persons, as defined in Section 82013 of the Government Code, shall make a contribution or contributions to any county candidate or to an elective county officer or to the controlled committee of such

a county candidate or elective county officer, and no such candidate, elective county officer or controlled committee shall accept from any such committee, a contribution or contributions totaling more than one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) for each of the following elections for which the individual is a candidate: a primary election, a general (runoff) election, a special election, a special runoff election, a recall election, or a recall replacement election.

- C. Any person supporting or opposing a county candidate or candidates at a primary election, a general (runoff) election, a special election, a special runoff election, or a recall election, or a recall replacement election shall do so in accordance with this ordinance and any related regulation.
- D. The contribution limit provisions of this section shall not apply to a county candidate's contribution of his or her personal funds to his or her own campaign committee, but shall apply to contributions from a spouse.

*(Ord. A-341 § 2 (part), 2003)*

### **2.130.060 Aggregation of contributions.**

For purposes of the limitations in this ordinance, the following shall apply:

- A. All contributions made by a sponsored committee to a county candidate or an elective county officer (or to a committee controlled by such candidate or officer) shall be combined with those contributions made by the sponsor(s) of the committee, and the combined amount shall not exceed the limits established in Section 2.130.050.
- B. Two (2) or more entities shall be treated as one (1) person when any of the following circumstances apply:
  - 1. The entities share the majority of members of their boards of directors;
  - 2. The entities share two (2) or more officers;
  - 3. The entities are owned or controlled by the same majority shareholder or shareholders; and
  - 4. The entities are in a parent-subsidary relationship.
- C. An individual and any general or limited partnership in which the individual has a fifty percent (50%) or more share, or an individual and any corporation in which the individual owns a controlling interest (fifty percent (50%) or more), shall be treated as one (1) person.
- D. No committee that supports or opposes a county candidate shall have as a majority of its officers individuals who serve as the majority of officers on any other committee which supports or opposes the same candidate. No such committee shall act in concert with, or solicit, or make contributions on behalf of any other committee. This provision shall not apply to treasurers of committees if these treasurers do not recommend or control in any way a decision on whether the candidate or candidates receive contributions.
- E. Contributions by a husband and wife shall not be aggregated.
- F. Contributions by children under eighteen (18) years of age shall be treated as contributions made by their parents or legal guardians, one-half (½) by each parent or one-half (½) by each legal guardian as applicable.

*(Ord. A-341 § 2 (part), 2003)*

### **2.130.070 Election cycles.**

- A. Primary and general (runoff) elections. For purposes of the limits of the ordinance codified in this chapter and reporting procedures, contributions and expenditures made at any time between the final date for making contributions to the last election for that same elective

county office and June 30 of the present election year (or March 31 of the present election year if the primary is held in March) shall be considered primary election contributions. If there is a general (runoff) election, then contributions made from July 1 through December 31 of the election year (or April 1 through December 31 of the election year if the primary is held in March) shall be considered general (runoff) election contributions. Contributions made after the end of such periods may be attributed to debt reduction for such elections, provided they are within the contributor's contribution limits as set forth in Section 2.130.050.

- B. Special and special runoff elections. For purposes of the limits applicable to special elections and special runoff elections, contributions made between the date on which a vacancy occurs in the office for which a special election is called and the date of the special election shall be considered special election contributions. Contributions between the day after the special election and the date of the special runoff election shall be considered special runoff election contributions. Contributions made after the date of such elections may be attributed to debt reduction for such elections, provided they are within the contributor's contribution limits as set forth in Section 2.130.050.
- C. Recall and recall replacement elections. For purposes of the limits applicable to recall and recall replacement elections, contributions made between the date on which a notice of intent to circulate recall petition is served on the elective county officer subject to the recall and the date of the recall election shall be considered recall election and recall replacement election contributions. Contributions made after the date of such election may be attributed to debt reduction for such elections, provided they are within the contribution limits set forth in Section 2.130.050.
- D. Contributions made or attributed to a primary, general (runoff), special, special runoff, recall or recall replacement election may be made at any time to the county candidate or elective officer to pay for:
  - 1. Attorney's fees for litigation or administrative action which arises directly out of a candidate's or elected officer's alleged violation of state or local campaign, disclosure, or election laws;
  - 2. For a fine or assessment imposed by any governmental agency for violations of this ordinance or the Political Reform Act of 1974;
  - 3. For a recount or contest of the validity of an election; or
  - 4. For any expense directly associated with an external audit or unresolved tax liability of the campaign by the county candidate or the candidate's controlled committee.

*(Ord. A-342 § 2, 2003; Ord. A-341 § 2 (part), 2003)*

### **2.130.080 Prohibition on multiple campaign committees.**

A county candidate or an elective county officer shall have no more than one (1) controlled campaign committee for election to a county office. Such a committee shall have only one (1) bank account out of which all qualified campaign and office holder expenses related to that county office shall be made. This section does not prevent a county candidate or an elective county officer from establishing another committee solely for the purpose of running for a state, federal, city, special district, or other county office or for opposing his or her recall, or primarily formed to support or oppose a ballot measure.

*(Ord. A-341 § 2 (part), 2003)*

### **2.130.090 Inter-candidate transfers.**

- A. No committee controlled by a county candidate or elective county officer shall make any

contributions to any other committee supporting or opposing any other county candidate or elective county officer that exceed the contribution limits of Section 2.130.050(A).

- B. No contributions shall be accepted by any county candidate or elective county officer, or by any committee controlled by such county candidate or elective county officer, from any other committee controlled by any other federal, state, or local candidate or officeholder that exceed the contribution limits of Section 2.130.050(A).
- C. No county candidate or elective county officer shall make any contributions from his or her own personal funds to the candidacy of any other candidate for elective county office that exceed the contribution limits of Section 2.130.050(A).

*(Ord. 7065 § 3, 2004; Ord. G-7065 § 3, 2004; Ord. A-341 § 2 (part), 2003)*

### **2.130.095 Intra-candidate transfers and carry-overs.**

- A. A county candidate or elective county officer may transfer campaign funds from one controlled committee ("transferor committee") to a controlled committee for a subsequent election of the same candidate or officer ("transferee committee"). Contributions transferred shall be attributed to specific contributors using a "last in, first out" or "first in, first out" accounting methods and these attributed contributions, when aggregated with other contributions from the same contributor may not exceed the limits set forth in Section 2.130.050(A). Transferred contributions shall be deemed contributions made to the transferee committee in the election cycle in which such contributions are received by the transferee committee.

Any transfer of funds must be accompanied by a report disclosing the name, address, occupation and employer, and amount of contribution being transferred, for each person whose contributions are being transferred (the "transfer reports"). Said transfer report shall be prepared by the treasurer of the transferor committee and a copy thereof shall be submitted to the treasurer of the transferee committee at the time such contributions are transferred. A copy of the transfer report shall be filed with the campaign statement required to be filed by such transferee committee under the provisions of the Political Reform Act which campaign statement covers the period during which the transferred funds were received by the transferee committee.

The standard Form 460 Campaign Statement forms may be used to compile the transfer report as long as it is noted that it is the transfer report.

- B. Notwithstanding subsection (A) of this section, a county candidate or elective county officer may carry over contributions raised in connection with one election for an elective county office to pay campaign expenditures incurred in connection with a subsequent election for the same elective county office.
- C. This section shall not prohibit a county candidate from making a contribution from his or her own personal funds to his or her own candidacy.

*(Ord. A-343 § 2, 2003)*

### **2.130.100 Loans to county candidates and elective county officers and their controlled committees.**

- A. A loan shall be considered a contribution from the maker and the guarantor of the loan and shall be subject to the contribution limitations of this ordinance. This section does not apply to loans made by a county candidate or elective county officer to his or her controlled committee for elective county office.
- B. Every loan to a county candidate or elective county officer or his or her controlled committees

shall be by written agreement which shall be reported on the campaign statement after which the loan is first made. Each county candidate or elective county officer shall maintain in his or her committee's records a copy of the written loan agreement.

- C. The proceeds of a loan made to a county candidate or elective county officer by a commercial lending institution in the regular course of business on the same terms available to members of the public shall not be subject to the contribution limitations of this ordinance if the loan is made directly to the county candidate or elective county officer or his or her controlled committee. The guarantors of such a loan shall remain subject to the contribution limits of this ordinance.
- D. Extensions of credit (other than loans pursuant to subsection (C) of this section) for a period of more than thirty (30) days are subject to the contribution limitations of this ordinance. Provided, however, an ordinary account is stated as of the due date thereof, and an extension of credit shall not become a contribution if the vendor makes commercially reasonable efforts to collect on the obligation for which credit was extended.
- E. This section shall apply only to loans and extensions of credit used or intended for use for campaign purposes or which are otherwise connected with the holding of public office.

*(Ord. A-341 § 2 (part), 2003)*

### **2.130.110 Money, goods, or services received by officials treated as contributions.**

Any funds, property, goods, or services other than government funds, received by elective county officers which are used, or intended by the donor or by the recipient to be used, for campaign expenses (including legal expenses) or expenses related to holding public office, as described in [Article 4](#) of [Chapter 9](#) of the Government Code, commencing with Section 89510, shall be considered campaign contributions and shall be subject to the limitations of this ordinance. However, the contribution limits of Section 2.130.050 shall not apply to the county candidate or elective county officer's reimbursement for reasonable travel expenses related to holding public office.

*(Ord. A-341 § 2 (part), 2003)*

### **2.130.120 Voluntary expenditure ceilings.**

- A. In order to reduce the appearance of a corrupting influence from campaign contributions by reducing the demand for raising private money, the county of Kern hereby establishes voluntary expenditure ceilings for candidates for elective office.
- B. For candidates for the office of board of supervisors and for the controlled committees of candidates for the board of supervisors, a voluntary expenditure ceiling is established in the amount of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) of expenditures for the primary election and one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) of expenditures for the general election (if applicable). These ceilings shall also apply to any special, special runoff, recalls and recall replacement election.
- C. For candidates for the office of district attorney, county sheriff-coroner, public administrator, and county assessor-recorder, auditor-controller-county clerk, treasurer-tax collector, superintendent of schools, and for the controlled committees of such candidates, a voluntary expenditure ceiling is established in the amount of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00) of expenditures for the primary election and two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) of expenditures for the general election (if applicable). These ceilings shall also apply to any special, special runoff, recall, and recall replacement election. In the event any of the listed consolidated offices are separated, the voluntary expenditure ceilings established above shall apply to the candidates for the separated offices.

- D. Each candidate for such office shall file with the registrar of voters of the county a written statement of acceptance or rejection of the voluntary expenditure ceilings before accepting any contributions.
1. Candidates who accept the expenditure ceilings set forth in this section shall not be subject to the contribution limits of subsections (A) and (B) of Section 2.130.050, but such candidate and their controlled committee shall be subject to a contribution limit of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) from any person and three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) from any political committee for each election for which the person is a candidate.
  2. Candidates who decline to accept the voluntary expenditure ceilings set forth above shall be subject to the contribution limits established in Section 2.130.050.
  3. Any candidate who declined to accept the voluntary expenditure ceilings in this section but who nevertheless did not exceed the recommended spending limits in the primary, or special election, may file a statement of acceptance of the expenditure ceilings for the remainder of the election within fourteen (14) days following the primary or special election.
  4. Once a candidate exceeds the expenditure ceilings specified in this section, the other candidates for that office are no longer bound by their voluntary acceptance of the expenditure ceilings. Candidates must notify the registrar in writing, by personal delivery, guaranteed overnight delivery, telegram, mailgram, or facsimile within twenty-four (24) hours of exceeding the expenditure ceilings of this section. The registrar must notify the other candidates for that office in writing, by personal delivery, guaranteed overnight delivery, telegram, mailgram, or facsimile, of the notice given by the candidate exceeding the voluntary expenditure ceiling within the next twenty-four (24) hours.
- E. The registrar of voters shall issue a press release to be distributed to all general circulation newspapers in the county in a timely fashion, notifying the public of those candidates who have and have not accepted the voluntary expenditure ceilings.
- F. The registrar of voters shall waive the fee for publishing a ballot statement for each candidate for elective county office who accepts the voluntary expenditure ceilings, except for candidates running unopposed. The registrar of voters shall provide unopposed candidates the option to withdraw their ballot statements. Any unopposed candidate that does not withdraw will be charged the rate published by the registrar. In any event, all candidates' ballot statements will be posted on the registrar's website.
- G. The registrar of votes shall designate in the ballot pamphlet those candidates for elective county office who have voluntarily agreed to the expenditure ceilings.

*(Ord. A-341 § 2 (part), 2003)*

*(Ord. No. A-354, § 2, 12-10-13)*

### **2.130.130 Reporting of cumulative contributions**

Contributions received from any contributor during a reporting period which have a cumulative total of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or more when added to all other contributions received from such contributor during the same election cycle shall be itemized and reported, both as to individual contribution amounts received during the current reporting period and the total cumulative amount received during the election cycle. Such amounts shall be reported on the required form as provided by the Fair Political Practices Commission, or shall be reported on a separate schedule appended to the required campaign statement. The term "election cycle" as used in this section shall mean the applicable period described in Section 2.130.070.

*(Ord. A-341 § 2 (part), 2003)*

## **2.130.140 Kern County local campaign finance hearing panel.**

- A. There is created and established the Kern County local campaign finance hearing panel.
- B. The panel shall consist of five (5) members.
- C. The board of supervisors shall appoint the members of the panel. Each member of the board of supervisors shall nominate a member for appointment to the panel.
- D. Two (2) members shall either be an attorney-at-law who has been admitted to practice before the courts of this state for at least five (5) years prior to appointment or a retired attorney or judge. One of those members shall act as chairman of the Kern County local campaign finance hearing panel. all members shall be residents of the county of Kern.
- E. Each member shall serve for a term of three (3) years. If a panel member is unable to serve out his term, the member of the board of supervisors who nominated that member shall nominate a replacement to serve out the remainder of the unexpired term. Any member whose term has expired shall continue to serve as a member until a successor has been appointed and qualified.
- F. Members shall be compensated and reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in such amounts as provided by resolution adopted by the board of supervisors. The compensation provided shall be no less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per hearing day or partial hearing day.
- G. The panel may transact business, provided that three (3) members are present, including one of the members who is an attorney, retired attorney or judge.
- H. The clerk of the board of supervisors shall keep written minutes of its meetings, a copy of which shall be filed with the county clerk.
- I. The county clerk shall furnish the panel with such clerical, administrative and other personnel necessary to perform its duties and responsibilities.
- J. All meetings of the panel shall be subject to the Brown Act.
- K. The panel shall hear administrative actions arising out of alleged violations of this ordinance and conduct other business incidental or necessary to that duty.

*(Ord. A-346 § 2, 2006; Ord. A-341 § 2 (part), 2003)*

## **2.130.150 Administrative actions**

- A. Any person who intentionally or negligently violates any provision of this ordinance shall be subject to an administrative penalty, as described in Section 2.130.160, in an administrative action brought by a person registered to vote in Kern County.
- B. If two (2) or more persons are responsible for any violation, they shall be jointly and severally liable. Any person who purposely causes any other person to violate any provision of this ordinance or who aids and abets any other person in a violation is subject to the penalties in Section 2.130.160.
- C. Any person, before filing an accusation in accordance with this ordinance, must first file with the district attorney a written request for the district attorney's office to investigate the propriety of commencing a criminal proceeding. The district attorney shall respond within forty (40) days after receipt of the request indicating whether the district attorney will commence the criminal proceeding. If the district attorney answers in the affirmative, negotiates a stipulation agreement or initiates a criminal proceeding within fifty-five (55) days after notice of his decision to proceed, no further action may be brought unless the proceeding by the district attorney is dismissed without prejudice or the stipulated agreement is declared void by a court of competent jurisdiction.
- D. A hearing to determine whether to impose an administrative fine under this ordinance shall be



initiated by filing an accusation with the county clerk. The accusation shall be a written statement of charges which shall set forth in ordinary and concise language the acts or omissions with which the respondent is charged, to the end that the respondent will be able to prepare his defense. It shall specify the portion of the ordinance which the respondent is alleged to have violated, but shall not consist merely of charges phrased in the language of the ordinance. The accusation shall be verified. The verification may be on information and belief. Following the filing of an accusation, upon written request of the party filing the accusation, the respondent or the panel, the district attorney shall, to the extent permitted by law, provide both parties and the panel with a copy of all unprivileged documents relating to the request to investigate the propriety of commencing a criminal action.

- E. Upon receipt of the accusation, the county clerk shall provide a copy of the accusation to the respondent along with a notice of a prehearing. The respondent may, but is not required to file a written response to the accusation no later than ten (10) days prior to the prehearing date.
- F. The county clerk shall set a prehearing to be heard by the panel and shall provide notice of that prehearing to all parties at least twenty (20) days prior to the prehearing. The notice shall be written and shall be either personally delivered or sent by United States mail, registered, postage pre-paid.
- G. The parties shall attend the prehearing conference. At such conferences, the issues may be reviewed and the parties may be required to submit all documentary evidence and to designate which items may be introduced without objection. The parties may also be required to enter into a stipulation into the record as to those matters upon which they agree. At the prehearing, the chairman of the panel may issue orders relating to exchanges of information and other requirements necessary to ensure a fair hearing in compliance with the constitutional mandate of due process. At the prehearing, or any time thereafter, the panel may dismiss the accusation upon a finding that it is frivolous.
- H. Upon instruction by the chairman of the panel, the county clerk shall set a time and place of hearing. The county clerk shall provide notice of that hearing to all parties at least twenty (20) days prior to the hearing. The notice shall be written and shall be either personally delivered or sent by United States mail, registered, postage pre-paid.
- I. Notwithstanding any other term or condition of this ordinance, the panel may set a hearing on an expedited basis provided that it finds that an expedited hearing is reasonably necessary to enforce the terms of this chapter or to accomplish its purpose.
- J. At the hearing, the party filing the accusation shall have the burden of establishing the violation by a preponderance of the evidence. The respondent may present evidence in rebuttal or in mitigation of fines or penalties.
- K. All oral testimony shall be taken under oath or affirmation. The hearing need not be conducted according to the technical rules relating to evidence and witnesses. Any sort of relevant evidence may be admitted if it is the sort of evidence on which responsible persons are accustomed to rely in the conduct of serious affairs. Failure to enter timely objection to the evidence constitutes a waiver of the objection. Panel members may act only upon the basis of evidence properly admitted into the record.

Panel members may not act or make a decision based upon information presented outside of the hearing or personal research. A full and fair hearing shall be accorded the accusation. There shall be reasonable opportunity for the presentation of evidence, for cross-examination of all witnesses, for argument and rebuttal.

- L. All hearings of the panel shall be recorded. Any party may, at his or her own expense, have the hearing reported by a stenographer. Only the clerk of the board may certify that the transcript or record of the hearing is accurate and complete. If a stenographic reporter is

present, the clerk of the board may designate the reporter's transcript as the official record.

- M. Following the hearing, the panel shall issue a written decision within ninety (90) days and shall issue an order consistent with its findings and determinations. The order shall indicate whether the respondent violated the ordinance and, if so, what penalty shall be imposed. The order may require the respondent to file or amend any report, refund any money received or spent in excess of the contribution or expenditure limits of this chapter, or to cease and desist from further violations of this ordinance.
- N. An appeal of the order shall be pursuant to Government Code Section 53069.4.

*(Ord. A-341 § 2 (part), 2003)*

### **2.130.160 Penalties.**

Any person who intentionally or negligently violates any provision of this ordinance shall be subject to an administrative penalty of up to three (3) times the amount the person failed to report properly or unlawfully contributed, expended, gave or received, or five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) per violation, whichever is greater.

*(Ord. A-341 § 2 (part), 2003)*

### **2.130.170 Statutes of limitations.**

Actions for violations of any provision of this ordinance shall be commenced within four (4) years after the date on which the violation occurred.

*(Ord. A-341 § 2 (part), 2003)*

### **2.130.180 Payment and collection.**

- A. Any person against whom an administrative penalty has been imposed shall pay the penalty immediately upon the order becoming final.
- B. In the event the person fails to pay the administrative penalty when due, the county may take any actions permitted by law or ordinance to collect the unpaid penalty, which shall accrue interest at a rate of ten percent (10%) per annum.
- C. In the event a civil action is commenced to collect the administrative penalty, the county shall be entitled to recover all costs associated with the collection of the penalty. Costs include, but are not limited to, staff time incurred in the collection of the penalty and those costs set forth in Code of Civil Procedure Section 685.010 et seq. and Section 1033.5.
- D. All amounts recovered under this ordinance shall be deposited with the county clerk to help defer the cost of administering this ordinance.

*(Ord. A-341 § 2 (part), 2003)*

### **2.130.190 Applicability of other laws.**

Nothing in this ordinance shall exempt any persons from applicable provisions of any other laws of this state or jurisdiction.

*(Ord. A-341 § 2 (part), 2003)*

### **2.130.200 Severability.**

If any provision of the ordinance, or the application of any such provision to any person or

circumstances, shall be held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance to the extent it can be given effect, or the application of such provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid, shall not be affected thereby, and to this extent the provisions of this ordinance are severable.

*(Ord. A-341 § 2 (part), 2003)*

### **2.130.210 Interpretation of chapter.**

This ordinance should be liberally construed to accomplish its purposes.

*(Ord. A-341 § 2 (part), 2003)*

### **2.130.220 Amendments and additional requirements.**

- A. The board of supervisors may by ordinance adjust the contribution limitations periodically to reflect any cumulative increase or decrease in the Consumer Price Index as announced by the United States Department of Labor since the last adjustment. Such adjustments shall be rounded off to the nearest hundred dollars (\$100.00) for the limitations on contributions and one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for limitations on expenditures.
- B. Except as specified in subsection (A) and (C) of this section, no amendment or repeal of any provision of this ordinance shall be effective unless the proposition of its amendment or repeal shall first have been submitted to the electors of the county and approved by a majority vote.
- C. Nothing in this ordinance prevents the Kern County Board of Supervisors from imposing additional filing and other requirements or otherwise modifying this ordinance provided that the additional requirements and modifications do not lessen the requirements and limitations imposed on any person, county candidate or elective county officer under the ordinance as enacted. The Kern County Board Of Supervisors may also adopt regulations to carry out the intent of this ordinance.

*(Ord. A-341 § 2 (part), 2003)*

### **2.130.230 Effective date.**

This act shall become effective on January 1, 2003.

*(Ord. A-341 § 2 (part), 2003)*