

**Summary of Proposed Amendment to the Arkansas Ethics Commission's
Rules on Campaign Contribution Limit**

Pursuant to Act 1280 of 2015, Ark. Code Ann. §7-6-203(i) provides as follows:

1. The contribution limits under subdivision (a)(1)(A) and subdivision (b)(1) of this section shall be adjusted at the beginning of each odd-numbered year in an amount equal to the percentage certified to the Federal Election Commission by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor under 52 U.S.C. § 30116(c) as existing on January 1, 2015.
2. If the amount after adjustment under subdivision (i)(1) of this section is not a multiple of one hundred dollars (\$100), the Arkansas Ethics Commission shall round the amount to the nearest multiple of one hundred dollars (\$100).
3. The Arkansas Ethics Commission shall promulgate rules identifying the adjusted contribution limit under subdivision (i)(1) of this section.

On or about February 2, 2021, the Federal Election Commission announced updated contribution limits that have been indexed for inflation and are effective for the 2021-2022 federal elections.

This proposed amendment is necessary to adjust the campaign contribution limit from \$2,800 to \$2,900 for candidates for public office in Arkansas. The purpose of this Rule is to establish a campaign contribution limit and give the public clear guidance on that limit. The presumed intent of the mandated adjustment is to keep the contribution limit in line with the rising cost of running a campaign.