# **Department of Legislative Services**

Maryland General Assembly 2003 Session

### FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 869

(Delegate Redmer, et al.)

Ways and Means

### **Campaign Finance - Contributions by Individuals - Limitations**

This bill increases the aggregate campaign contribution limit from \$10,000 to \$20,000 per four-year election cycle.

## **Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The modifications required to voter publications and candidate forms could be handled with existing resources of the State Board of Elections.

Local Effect: None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

## **Analysis**

**Current Law:** A person may not, either directly or indirectly, in an election cycle make aggregate contributions in excess of: (1) \$4,000 to any one campaign finance entity; or (2) \$10,000 to all campaign finance entities.

#### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

Cross File: None designated, although SB 214 is identical except for the title.

**Information Source(s):** Maryland State Board of Elections, State Ethics Commission, Department of Legislative Services

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