



STATE OF MISSOURI
MISSOURI ETHICS COMMISSION
P.O. BOX 1254
JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI 65102

OPINION NO.

1994.09.130

314/751-2020
1-800/392-8660

October 14, 1994



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At the September 30, 1994 meeting of the Missouri Ethics Commission, your request for an opinion was presented to the Commission. Concerning Senate Bill 650 and its effective date of January 1, 1995, you asked if corporate contribution limits apply separately to subsidiary corporations or if all contributions were aggregated to the parent corporation. The Commission is of the opinion that the legislation did not specifically address that question. Therefore, each corporation is a separate legal identity and, therefore, each corporation must abide by the corporate limits set in the statute.

If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely,

Marion N. Sinnett

Marion N. Sinnett
Administrative Secretary

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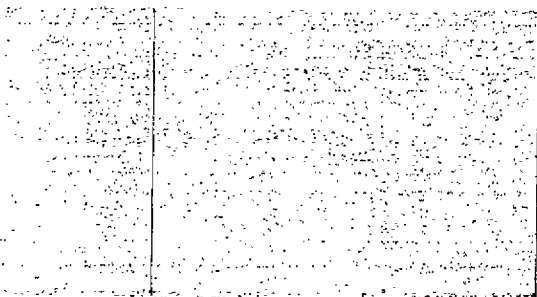


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The Missouri Ethics Commission, at its October 21, 1995 meeting discussed your request for an opinion. The following is in response to your question: *Can each separate banking corporation contribute the maximum amount to candidates?*

The Commission stated that they had previously answered this question in a letter of opinion of October 14, 1994, by stating each separate corporation must abide by the limits set by statute. Further, your attention is drawn to section 130.100(2) RSMo which states:

"No person, entity or committee shall make a contribution to any other persons, entities or committees for the purpose of contributing to a specific candidate which when added together or when added together with contributions made directly to the candidate or to the candidates committee, will have an aggregate value in excess of the limits stated in Section 1."

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Marion N. Sinnett in cursive.

Marion N. Sinnett
Administrative Secretary

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