

Labor Union Political Contributions: Treasury –vs.- Voluntary Funds

Two types of state laws govern contributions to candidates for state and local office:

- (A.) States that allow the use of union treasury (dues) funds for political purposes.
- (B.) States that prohibit the use of union treasury (dues) funds for political purposes.

A. State laws that allow contributions from union treasury (dues) funds:

Alabama	Iowa	Nevada
Arkansas	Kansas	New Jersey
California	Kentucky	New Mexico
Colorado	Louisiana	New York
Delaware	Maine	Oregon
District of Columbia	Maryland	Rhode Island
Florida	Massachusetts	Tennessee
Georgia	Minnesota	Vermont
Hawaii	Mississippi	Virginia
Idaho	Missouri	Washington
Illinois	Montana	Wisconsin
Indiana	Nebraska	

B. State laws that prohibit contributions from union treasury (dues) funds, but, allow contributions from a voluntary fund account:

Alaska	North Dakota	Texas
Arizona	Ohio	Utah
Connecticut	Oklahoma	Wyoming
Michigan	Pennsylvania	West Virginia
New Hampshire	South Carolina	
North Carolina	South Dakota	

(Note: In these 16 states, the money that a local contributes to candidates must be raised from personal voluntary contributions from individual IAFF members. In New Hampshire, the entire PAC effort, including the costs associated with raising the funds, must be financed by voluntary funds.)

WARNING: No contributions should be made on the basis of this document alone. Such decisions should be made only after a careful review of the appropriate state or local campaign finance laws and/or consultation with the appropriate finance law enforcement agency in that state.