

# Texas



9 Overall Rank

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Texas	Overall Rank	To Governor	To State Senate	To State House	To Parties	To PACs
Individual Giving	1	1	1	1	1	1
		Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
PAC Giving	1	1	1	1	1	
		Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	
Party Giving	1	1	1	1		
		Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited		
Union Giving	50	50	50	50		
		Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited		
Corporate Giving	50	50	50	50		
		Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited		

Inflation Adjustment: N/A

Texas is one of 11 states that appropriately impose no limits on contributions from individuals, parties, and political committees to candidates, earning the state high marks in the Index and making it a lone star for freedom in the Southwest.

While the state is already one of the best places to speak about candidates and campaigns, room for improvement remains. Unlike a majority of states, Tex-

as prohibits both businesses and labor unions from making contributions to candidates. While unions and corporations are able to form and contribute to political committees, the red tape involved in doing so discourages groups – particularly small ones – from putting in the effort required to speak. Meanwhile, five states allow all manner of entities to make contributions without limit. Texans would hear more speech if their state followed suit.