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**Introduction**

Anyone with a serious interest in political finance is likely to have heard, made, debunked, or wondered about claims that campaign finance laws “make a difference”. These claims may be about the influence that money has on who decides to run, how candidates campaign, who wins, how they behave in office, which donors or spending organizations wield power in the political system, and what policies come out in the end. These outcomes may be related to the laws for contributions, disclosure, public financing, or any of the dozens of the other provisions that may govern money in politics. Assessing the claims rigorously will often require a researcher to consider the way the rules in multiple jurisdictions have worked over time. Scholars typically have gathered information about the laws on an *ad hoc* basis to serve the needs of specific projects. These efforts can be time consuming, and the resulting collections are often not quite what the next scholar needs for the next research question – which typically means the next scholar will have to start over again.

The CFI historical database of state laws is meant to make such research easier. It is an extensive summary of the provisions in each of the fifty states’ campaign finance laws since 1996. (When combined with an earlier database for legislative elections constructed by Keith Hamm and Robert Hogan, some of the information can be taken back to 1976. More information about the Hamm and Hogan data set is available on the same website page as this codebook.) The summaries in this database take the form of hundreds of fields for each of the states, every two years. They include citations to the then-contemporary state codes for those who want to consult the underlying text, but the database standardizes most fields to facilitate comparative research. The fields themselves are descriptions of the statute law in effect for the election to be held that year or the state’s next regular election year. (For states with odd-numbered year elections, the laws in effect for an election will be listed with the preceding even-numbered year.)

The effort in this project was to present the facial meanings of statutes and not to rely on administrative interpretations. A lawyer advising a client therefore will normally need more detailed information than is available here. Judicial interpretations also are not included, with the exception of definitive rulings declaring a provision to be unconstitutional. If a law passed and was declared unconstitutional before an election, the law that was actually in effect for the election appears in the database.

This codebook describes all of the fields in the full database, which is available at no charge for downloading in standard electronic formats. A subset of the full database is also available in a visualized format on the Campaign Finance Institute’s website. The data behind these visualized components may also be downloaded in standard formats, in much smaller files. The fields included in the visualized version are marked with an asterisk in the full codebook. Visualized fields appear in the section of this codebook for Contribution Limits, Other Restrictions, Disclosure, and Public Financing/Tax Credits. There were no visualizations for the codebook’s first section (Definitions) or last (Agencies).

The fields in the full database come in six major sections:

(a) Definitions

This section offers definitions of many of the key technical terms used in campaign finance law – such as what counts as a contribution or expenditure in each state, what is a political committee or what is a political party. This is the most text-heavy section of the database. Because the entries do not lend themselves readily to shorthand summaries or yes/no answers, none of these appear in the online visualized version of the database.

(b) Contribution limits

This section is the longest in the codebook. It includes limits on contributions that come FROM individuals, political parties, political action committees (PACs), and others, and that go TO candidates (legislative and gubernatorial), political parties, PACs and others. It also includes prohibitions on corporate and labor contributions.

(c) Other restrictions

This section includes prohibitions on *expenditures* by corporations and labor unions, other prohibitions, and rules for contributions during a legislative session and for contributions by donors who do business with the state.

(d) Disclosure – by whom and of what

This section describes who is required to disclose the sources of their money and how they spend it, as well as the thresholds for reporting a specific donor’s name, address and employer. It includes the requirements for candidates, parties, PACs and ballot initiative committees. Disclosure rules for independent spending and electioneering are included, as are the rules for mandatory electronic filing, advertising disclaimers, and disclosure to corporate shareholders.

(e) Public financing and tax credits.

Included here is the type of public funding available to candidates and political parties (if any) and associated spending limits (if any). Also included are fields describing tax deductions for political contributions, tax credits, or refunds/rebates.

(f) Agencies

Included here are the agencies responsible for administering the campaign finance laws in each state. This could include separate bodies for regulation, compliance, public financing, disclosure and other functions.

These sections will be described in the pages that follow. First will be a table of contents, with each line acting as a link to the detailed material. Each major section will begin with paragraphs describing what is there, followed by a detailed description of every one of the database’s hundreds of fields.

**1. DEFINITIONS**

Laws often begin with sections defining the terms as they are to be used in a statute, rather than interspersing the definitions later. This database follows a similar practice.

The first three fields create an identifier for each record in the full database. Each record is uniquely identified by a code made up of the state’s two-letter abbreviation immediately followed by four digits to signify the year.

The remaining fields in this section define a series of technical terms, including statutory exemptions. Explanations are also provided, together with citations.

IDENTIFIER TEXT

This is a six-place TEXT identifier that combines the “STATE” variable (below) with the “YEAR” variable. Each state-year combination in record in the database.

e.g. AL1996 refers to the Alabama state law in effect during 1996

STATE TEXT

A two-place TEXT abbreviation for each of the 50 states. e.g. AL refers to Alabama

YEAR INTEGER

The year in 4-place INTEGER format. Each set of laws is coded for the laws in effect during the indicated year. e.g. 1996 refers to the year 1996

LENGTHTERM\_H INTEGER

Number of years in a regular term of office for the House/Assembly

YEARNEXTELXN\_H INTEGER

Year of next regular election for the House/Assembly, starting with the year indicated in the “year” field.

LENGTHTERM\_S INTEGER

Number of years in a regular term of office for the Senate

YEARNEXTELXN\_S INTEGER

Year of next regular Senate election, starting with the year indicated in the “year” field.

LENGTHTERM\_G INTEGER

Number of years in a regular term of office for the Governor

YEARNEXTELXN\_G INTEGER

Next regular election for Governor, starting with the year indicated.

**Definitions of terms**

The first series of terms uses three different fields for each term.

One indicates whether the term is specifically defined in state law. The answer is are either yes or no.

The second provides a citation to the state code in effect for that year.

The third is a text field summarizing the definition, usually with quotations.

These three fields are repeated for each of the following terms: candidate, contribution, political party, political committee (PAC), and political expenditure.

The definition section ends with independent expenditures and electioneering.

The field names and descriptions are as follows.

CANDIDATE TEXT

Is the term specifically defined in state law? The answer choices are yes or no.

CANDIDATE\_CITATION TEXT

Citation to the statute in effect for that year in the state’s code.

CANDIDATE\_EXPLAINED MEMO

TEXT field summarizing the definition

CONTRIBUTION TEXT

Defined in statute? The answer choices are yes or no.

CANDIDATE\_CITATION TEXT

Citation to the statute in effect for that year in the state’s code.

CANDIDATE\_EXPLAINED MEMO

Text field summarizing the definition

POLITICALPARTY\_COMMITTEE TEXT

Is the term political party committee (or types of party committee) specifically defined in the state’s campaign finance law? The answer choices are yes or no.

POLITICALPARTY\_CITATION TEXT

Citation to the statute in effect for that year in the state’s code.

POLITICALPARTY\_EXPLAINED TEXT

Text field summarizing the definition

POLITICALCOMMITTEE\_PAC TEXT

Is the term specifically defined in state law? The answer choices are yes or no.

POLITICALCOMMITTEE\_CITATION TEXT

Citation to the statute in effect for that year in the state’s code.

POLITICALCOMMITTEE\_EXPLAINED MEMO

Text field summarizing the definition

POLITICALCOMMITTEE\_IE-ONLY TEXT

Does the law create a special category for committees that only make independent expenditures? The answer choices are yes or no.

POLITICALCOMMITTEEE\_IE-ONLY\_CITATION TEXT

Citation to the statute in effect for that year in the state’s code.

POLITICALCOMMITTEE\_IE-ONLY\_EXPLAINED MEMO

Text field summarizing the definition

POLITICALCOMMITTEE\_SPECIAL TEXT

Does the law create any other distinct category of PACs and treat them differently (such as small donor PACs)? The answer choices are yes or no.

POLITICALCOMMITTEEE\_SPECIAL\_CITATION TEXT

Citation to the statute in effect for that year in the state’s code.

POLITICALCOMMITTEE\_SPECIAL\_EXPLAINED MEMO

Text field summarizing the definition

POLITICALEXPENDITURE TEXT

Are political expenditures specifically defined in state law?

The answer choices are yes or no.

POLITICALEXPENDITURE\_CITATION TEXT

Citation to the statute in effect for that year in the state’s code.

POLITICALEXPENDITURE\_EXPLAINED MEMO

Text field summarizing the definition

INDEPENDENTEXPENDITURE TEXT

Are independent expenditures specifically defined in state law?

The answer choices are yes or no.

INDEXP\_CITATION TEXT

Citation to the statute in effect for that year in the state’s code.

INDEXP\_NAMELIKENESS TEXT

Does the definition refer to the presence of a candidate’s name or likeness?

The answer choices are yes or no.

INDEXPDEFN\_CONTENT TEXT

Does the statute’s definition refer to any other aspect of the speech’s content (for example, express advocacy)? The answer choices are yes or no.

INDEXPDEFN\_MEDIA TEXT

Does the statute’s definition limit the statute’s coverage to include only specific media, forms of communication, or actions? The answer choices are yes or no.

INDEXPDEFN\_EXCEPTIONS TEXT

Does the statutory definition exempt any speech (such as a media or Internet exemption) or does it attempt to distinguish political speech from issue speech? The answer choices are yes or no.

INDEXPDEFN\_EXPLAINED TEXT

Text field summarizing the definition

INDEXPDEFN\_TIMING TEXT

Does the definition refer to a specific time period during which the speech, advertising or spending occurs? The answer choices are yes or no.

**2. CONTRIBUTION LIMITS**

LIMITS: Many states put limits on the amount of political campaign contributions that donors may give to recipients. These limits typically will be different for various categories of donors (such as individuals, political parties, or political committees). They also may vary for candidates running for different offices and they may vary if the recipient is a political committee or party. The standard field name for this long set of fields will follow this format: <LABEL FOR THE TYPE OF DONOR> TO <LABEL FOR THE TYPE OF RECIPIENT>.

COLAs: Because many state laws include cost of living adjustments (COLAs) for their contribution limits, a series of fields appear before the limits to indicate whether the state’s law uses COLAs. If yes, the limits reported for any given year will be for the adjusted amount, including COLAs.

TIME PERIODS AND STANDARDIZATION: Where limits exist, the statute typically will say that a recipient may accept no more than a specific amount in the aggregate from a particular donor over the course of designated time period. The law will then say whether the limit is per year, per election, or per election cycle. If a donor is allowed to give a certain amount *per year*, then the donor may give twice as much during a two year election cycle. In some states, the donor may give six times during a six year term of office. However, if the law says that the limit is *per election*, then the donor typically may give that amount only once for a primary (even during a four-year or six-year term) and then again for a general election. This database presents the limits as they exist in state law, together with the time period in the law.

However, the database also creates a new field indicating the maximum amount that a donor may give over the course of a two-year election cycle during which there are two elections (a primary and general election, with no runoff or special election). This computed number lets the states’ limits be compared directly to one another. It is the field we recommend using for comparative analysis. It is also the field chosen for visualization.

If a user is interested in how much a candidate may raise during a full term in office in one of the few states that express their contribution limits as being “per year”, then the user should take the unstandardized contribution limit and multiply it by the number of years in a term. The number of years in a term may be found in the Definitions section of the database. One caution: sometimes a state may change a contribution limit in the middle of a four-year or six-year term of office. During a transitional period, the earlier contribution limit may apply to the earlier years with the later limit covering later years. This database only covers the two year period for each listed year in the database. Years in which a state changes its contribution limit may be seen easily in the database’s visualization tool. The information is also available in the full database download.

SPECIAL LIMITS: This section indicates whether a state has special limits on contributions from lobbyists or people who do business with the government. The section also includes entries showing whether there is a ceiling on the aggregate amount a donor may give to all recipients combined.

PROHIBITIONS: Some states have prohibited contributions by certain entities (such as corporations, labor unions or foreign nationals). These are indicated at the end of the section on contributions, along with prohibitions that apply only to specific time periods (such as during a legislative session).

The fields for the contribution section of the database are as follows.

Field names with an asterisk (\*) and highlighted are also included in the visualized website version.

CONTRIBLIMIT\_CITATION TEXT

Citation(s) to provision(s) in the then-current state code covering contribution limits.

COLA TEXT

Does the law adjust limits for inflation?

COLA\_WHICH TEXT

Which contributions covered by cola?

COLA\_BASEYEAR INTEGER

Which is the base year if contributions are adjusted for inflation?

ADJUSTMENT\_OTHER TEXT

Does the law use some index other than inflation to adjust the limits, such as population or voters?

ADJUSTMENT\_OTHER\_EXPLAINED MEMO   
ADJUSTMENT\_OTHER\_BASEYEAR INTEGER

Which is the year in which the basis for adjusting the limits went into effect?

PRIMARY\_GENERAL\_DIFFERENCE TEXT  
Does the law use different limits for primaries and general elections?

PRIMARY\_GENERAL\_DIFFERENCE\_EXPLAINED MEMO

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

**INDIVIDUALTOCAND** TEXT

Does the state place a limit on how much an individual may give to a candidate? Answers are: Limited, Unlimited, Prohibited, Other. If the answer is “unlimited”, the subsequent fields are left blank. If the answer is “unlimited”, the subsequent fields are left blank.

**Individuals to candidates for the House/Assembly**:

INDIVIDUALTOCANDLIMIT\_H INTEGER

How much is the limit in the law (including the cola for this year if applicable)?

[Zero where a contribution is prohibited. Blank where unlimited.]

INDIVIDUALTOCANDLIMIT\_H\_PERIOD TEXT

Choices are: Per election, per election cycle, per year, other.

**\***INDIVIDUALTOCANDLIMIT\_H\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum amount an individual may give to a House/Assembly candidate over the course of two years?

INDIVIDUALTOCANDLIMIT\_H\_EXPLAINED MEMO

Explanatory notes, if needed.

**Individuals to Senate candidates**:

INDIVIDUALTOCANDLIMIT\_S INTEGER

How much is the limit in the law (including the cola for this year if applicable)?

[Zero where a contribution is prohibited. Blank where unlimited.]

INDIVIDUALTOCANDLIMIT\_S\_PERIOD TEXT

Choices are: Per election, per election cycle, per year, other.

**\***INDIVIDUALTOCANDLIMIT\_S\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum amount an individual may give to a Senate candidate over the course of two years?

INDIVIDUALTOCANDLIMIT\_S\_EXPLAINED MEMO

Explanatory notes, if needed.

**Individuals to gubernatorial candidates:**

INDIVIDUALTOCANDLIMIT\_G INTEGER

How much is the limit in the law (including the cola for this year if applicable)?

[Zero where a contribution is prohibited. Blank where unlimited.]

INDIVIDUALTOCANDLIMIT\_G\_PERIOD TEXT

Choices are: Per election, per election cycle, per year, other.

**\***INDIVIDUALTOCANDLIMIT\_G\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum amount an individual may give to a Gubernatorial candidate over the course of two years?

INDIVIDUALTOCANDLIMIT\_G\_EXPLAINED MEMO

Explanatory notes, if needed.

**PACTOCAND** TEXT

Does the state place a limit on how much a political committee (PAC) may give to a candidate? Answers are: Limited, Unlimited, Prohibited, Other. If the answer is “unlimited”, the subsequent fields are left blank.

**PACs to candidates for the House/Assembly:**

PACTOCANDLIMIT\_H INTEGER

How much is the limit in the law (including the cola for this year if applicable)?

[Zero where a contribution is prohibited. Blank where unlimited.]

PACTOCANDLIMIT\_H\_PERIOD TEXT

Choices are: Per election, per election cycle, per year, other.

**\***PACTOCANDLIMIT\_H\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum amount a PAC may give to a House/Assembly candidate over the course of two years?

PACTOCANDLIMIT\_H\_EXPLAINED MEMO

Explanatory notes, if needed.

**PACs to Senate candidates:**

PACTOCANDLIMIT\_S INTEGER

How much is the limit in the law (including the cola for this year if applicable)?

[Zero where a contribution is prohibited. Blank where unlimited.]

PACTOCANDLIMIT\_S\_PERIOD TEXT

Choices are: Per election, per election cycle, per year, other.

**\***PACTOCANDLIMIT\_S\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum amount a PAC may give to a Senate candidate over the course of two years?

PACTOCANDLIMIT\_S\_EXPLAINED MEMO

Explanatory notes, if needed.

**PACs to gubernatorial candidates:**

PACTOCANDLIMIT\_G INTEGER

How much is the limit in the law (including the cola for this year if applicable)?

[Zero where a contribution is prohibited. Blank where unlimited.]

PACTOCANDLIMIT\_G\_PERIOD TEXT

Choices are: Per election, per election cycle, per year, other.

**\***PACTOCANDLIMIT\_G\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum amount a PAC may give to a gubernatorial candidate over the course of two years?

PACTOCANDLIMIT\_G\_EXPLAINED MEMO

Explanatory notes, if needed.

**SPECIALPACTOCAND** TEXT

Does the state place a limit (other than the regular limits on PACs) on contributions to candidates from a special category of PACs (such as small donor PACs)? Answers are: Limited, Unlimited, Prohibited, Other. If the answer is “unlimited”, the subsequent fields are left blank.

**Special PACs to candidates for the House/Assembly:**

SPECIALPACTOCANDLIMIT\_H INTEGER

How much is the limit in the law (including the cola for this year if applicable)?

[Zero where a contribution is prohibited. Blank where unlimited.]

SPECIALPACTOCANDLIMIT\_H\_PERIOD TEXT

Choices are: Per election, per election cycle, per year, other.

SPECIALPACTOCANDLIMIT\_H\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum amount a Special PAC may give to a House/Assembly candidate over the course of two years?

SPECIALPACTOCANDLIMIT\_H\_EXPLAINED MEMO

Explanatory notes, if needed.

**Special PACs to Senate candidates:**

SPECIALPACTOCANDLIMIT\_S INTEGER

How much is the limit in the law (including the cola for this year if applicable)?

[Zero where a contribution is prohibited. Blank where unlimited.]

SPECIALPACTOCANDLIMIT\_S\_PERIOD TEXT

Choices are: Per election, per election cycle, per year, other.

SPECIALPACTOCANDLIMIT\_S\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum amount a Special PAC may give to a Senate candidate over the course of two years?

SPECIALPACTOCANDLIMIT\_S\_EXPLAINED MEMO

Explanatory notes, if needed.

**Special PACs to gubernatorial candidates**:

SPECIALPACTOCANDLIMIT\_G INTEGER

How much is the limit in the law (including the cola for this year if applicable)?

[Zero where a contribution is prohibited. Blank where unlimited.]

SPECIALPACTOCANDLIMIT\_G\_PERIOD TEXT

Choices are: Per election, per election cycle, per year, other.

SPECIALPACTOCANDLIMIT\_G\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum amount a Special PAC may give to a gubernatorial candidate over the course of two years?

SPECIALPACTOCANDLIMIT\_G\_EXPLAINED MEMO

Explanatory notes, if needed.

**CORPTOCAND** TEXT

Does the state permit and place a limit on how much a corporation may give to a candidate from its treasury? Answers are: Limited, Unlimited, Prohibited, Other. If the answer is “unlimited”, the subsequent fields are left blank.

**Corporations to candidates for the House/Assembly:**

CORPTOCANDLIMIT\_H INTEGER

How much is the limit in the law (including the cola for this year if applicable)?

[Zero where a contribution is prohibited. Blank where unlimited.]

CORPTOCANDLIMIT\_H\_PERIOD TEXT

Choices are: Per election, per election cycle, per year, other.

**\***CORPTOCANDLIMIT\_H\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum amount a corporation may give from its treasury to a House/Assembly candidate over the course of two years?

CORPTOCANDLIMIT\_H\_EXPLAINED MEMO

Explanatory notes, if needed.

**Corporations to Senate candidates**:

CORPTOCANDLIMIT\_S INTEGER

How much is the limit in the law (including the cola for this year if applicable)?

[Zero where a contribution is prohibited. Blank where unlimited.]

CORPTOCANDLIMIT\_S\_PERIOD TEXT

Choices are: Per election, per election cycle, per year, other.

**\***CORPTOCANDLIMIT\_S\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum amount a corporation may give from its treasury to a Senate candidate over the course of two years?

CORPTOCANDLIMIT\_S\_EXPLAINED MEMO

Explanatory notes, if needed.

**Corporations to gubernatorial candidates**:

CORPTOCANDLIMIT\_G INTEGER

How much is the limit in the law (including the cola for this year if applicable)?

[Zero where a contribution is prohibited. Blank where unlimited.]

CORPTOCANDLIMIT\_G\_PERIOD TEXT

Choices are: Per election, per election cycle, per year, other.

**\***CORPTOCANDLIMIT\_G\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum amount a corporation may give from its treasury to a gubernatorial candidate over the course of two years?

CORPTOCANDLIMIT\_G\_EXPLAINED MEMO

Explanatory notes, if needed.

**LABORTOCAND** TEXT

Does the state permit and place a limit on how much a labor union may give to a candidate from its treasury? Answers are: Limited, Unlimited, Prohibited, Other. If the answer is “unlimited”, the subsequent fields are left blank.

**Labor unions to candidates for the House/Assembly**:

LABORTOCANDLIMIT\_H INTEGER

How much is the limit in the law (including the cola for this year if applicable)?

[Zero where a contribution is prohibited. Blank where unlimited.]

LABORTOCANDLIMIT\_H\_PERIOD TEXT

Choices are: Per election, per election cycle, per year, other.

**\***LABORTOCANDLIMIT\_H\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum amount a labor union may give from its treasury to a House/Assembly candidate over the course of two years?

LABORTOCANDLIMIT\_H\_EXPLAINED MEMO

Explanatory notes, if needed.

**Labor unions to Senate candidates**:

LABORTOCANDLIMIT\_S INTEGER

How much is the limit in the law (including the cola for this year if applicable)?

[Zero where a contribution is prohibited. Blank where unlimited.]

LABORTOCANDLIMIT\_S\_PERIOD TEXT

Choices are: Per election, per election cycle, per year, other.

**\***LABORTOCANDLIMIT\_S\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum amount a labor union may give from its treasury to a Senate candidate over the course of two years?

LABORTOCANDLIMIT\_S\_EXPLAINED MEMO

Explanatory notes, if needed.

**Labor unions to gubernatorial candidates**:

LABORTOCANDLIMIT\_G INTEGER

How much is the limit in the law (including the cola for this year if applicable)?

[Zero where a contribution is prohibited. Blank where unlimited.]

LABORTOCANDLIMIT\_G\_PERIOD TEXT

Choices are: Per election, per election cycle, per year, other.

**\***LABORTOCANDLIMIT\_G\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum amount a labor union may give from its treasury to a gubernatorial candidate over the course of two years?

LABORTOCANDLIMIT\_G\_EXPLAINED MEMO

Explanatory notes, if needed.

**STATEPTOCAND** TEXT

Does the state place a limit on contributions from state political parties to candidates? Answers are: Limited, Unlimited, Prohibited, Other. If the answer is “unlimited”, the subsequent fields are left blank.

**State parties to candidates for the House/Assembly:**

STATEPTOCANDLIMIT\_H INTEGER

How much is the limit in the law (including the cola for this year if applicable)?

[Zero where a contribution is prohibited. Blank where unlimited.]

STATEPTOCANDLIMIT\_H\_PERIOD TEXT

Choices are: Per election, per election cycle, per year, other.

**\***STATEPTOCANDLIMIT\_H\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum amount a state political party may give to a House/Assembly candidate over the course of two years?

STATEPTOCANDLIMIT\_H\_EXPLAINED MEMO

Explanatory notes, if needed.

**State parties to Senate candidates:**

STATEPTOCANDLIMIT\_S INTEGER

How much is the limit in the law (including the cola for this year if applicable)?

[Zero where a contribution is prohibited. Blank where unlimited.]

STATEPTOCANDLIMIT\_S\_PERIOD TEXT

Choices are: Per election, per election cycle, per year, other.

**\***STATEPTOCANDLIMIT\_S\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum amount a state political party may give to a Senate candidate over the course of two years?

STATEPTOCANDLIMIT\_S\_EXPLAINED MEMO

Explanatory notes, if needed.

**State parties to gubernatorial candidates**:

STATEPTOCANDLIMIT\_G INTEGER

How much is the limit in the law (including the cola for this year if applicable)?

[Zero where a contribution is prohibited. Blank where unlimited.]

STATEPTOCANDLIMIT\_G\_PERIOD TEXT

Choices are: Per election, per election cycle, per year, other.

**\***STATEPTOCANDLIMIT\_G\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum amount a state political party may give to a gubernatorial candidate over the course of two years?

STATEPTOCANDLIMIT\_G\_EXPLAINED MEMO

Explanatory notes, if needed.

**LOCALPTOCAND** TEXT

Does the state place a limit on contributions from local political parties to candidates? Answers are: Limited, Unlimited, Prohibited, Other. If the answer is “unlimited”, the subsequent fields are left blank.

**Local parties to candidates for the House/Assembly**:

LOCALPTOCANDLIMIT\_H INTEGER

How much is the limit in the law (including the cola for this year if applicable)?

[Zero where a contribution is prohibited. Blank where unlimited.]

LOCALPTOCANDLIMIT\_H\_PERIOD TEXT

Choices are: Per election, per election cycle, per year, other.

LOCALPTOCANDLIMIT\_H\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum amount a local political party may give to a House/Assembly candidate over the course of two years?

LOCALPTOCANDLIMIT\_H\_EXPLAINED MEMO

Explanatory notes, if needed.

**Local parties to Senate candidates**:

LOCALPTOCANDLIMIT\_S INTEGER

How much is the limit in the law (including the cola for this year if applicable)?

[Zero where a contribution is prohibited. Blank where unlimited.]

LOCALPTOCANDLIMIT\_S\_PERIOD TEXT

Choices are: Per election, per election cycle, per year, other.

LOCALPTOCANDLIMIT\_S\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum amount a local political party may give to a Senate candidate over the course of two years?

LOCALPTOCANDLIMIT\_S\_EXPLAINED MEMO

Explanatory notes, if needed.

**Local parties to gubernatorial candidates**:

LOCALPTOCANDLIMIT\_G INTEGER

How much is the limit in the law (including the cola for this year if applicable)?

[Zero where a contribution is prohibited. Blank where unlimited.]

LOCALPTOCANDLIMIT\_G\_PERIOD TEXT

Choices are: Per election, per election cycle, per year, other.

LOCALPTOCANDLIMIT\_G\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum amount a local political party may give to a gubernatorial candidate over the course of two years?

LOCALPTOCANDLIMIT\_G\_EXPLAINED MEMO

Explanatory notes, if needed.

**OTHERCANDTOCAND** TEXT

Does the state place a limit on contributions from one candidate to another candidate? Answers are: Limited, Unlimited, Prohibited, Other. If the answer is “unlimited”, the subsequent fields are left blank.

**Other Candidates to candidates for the House/Assembly**:

OTHERTOCANDLIMIT\_H INTEGER

How much is the limit in the law (including the cola for this year if applicable)?

[Zero where a contribution is prohibited. Blank where unlimited.]

OTHERTOCANDLIMIT\_H\_PERIOD TEXT

Choices are: Per election, per election cycle, per year, other.

OTHERTOCANDLIMIT\_H\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum amount a candidate for any office may give to a House/Assembly candidate over the course of two years?

OTHERTOCANDLIMIT\_H\_EXPLAINED MEMO

Explanatory notes, if needed.

**Other Candidates to Senate candidates**:

OTHERTOCANDLIMIT\_S INTEGER

How much is the limit in the law (including the cola for this year if applicable)?

[Zero where a contribution is prohibited. Blank where unlimited.]

OTHERTOCANDLIMIT\_S\_PERIOD TEXT

Choices are: Per election, per election cycle, per year, other.

OTHERTOCANDLIMIT\_S\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum amount a candidate for any office may give to a Senate candidate over the course of two years?

OTHERTOCANDLIMIT\_S\_EXPLAINED MEMO

Explanatory notes, if needed.

**Other Candidates to gubernatorial candidates**:

OTHERTOCANDLIMIT\_G INTEGER

How much is the limit in the law (including the cola for this year if applicable)?

[Zero where a contribution is prohibited. Blank where unlimited.]

OTHERTOCANDLIMIT\_G\_PERIOD TEXT

Choices are: Per election, per election cycle, per year, other.

OTHERTOCANDLIMIT\_G\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum amount a candidate for any office may give to a gubernatorial candidate over the course of two years?

OTHERTOCANDLIMIT\_G\_EXPLAINED MEMO

Explanatory notes, if needed.

**Aggregate Limits:**

\*AGGCANDLIMIT TEXT

Is there an aggregate limit on contributions from a donor to all candidates in the state in a given time period? The answer choices are yes or no.

AGGCANDLIMITEXPLAIN MEMO

If yes, provide an explanation here.

**Doing Business Limits:**

\*DOINGBUSINESSLIMITS TEXT

Are contribution limits lower for people or organizations doing business with the state? The answer choices are yes or no.

DOINGBUSINESSMINIMUM INTEGER

Minimum amount of business with state that triggers reduced limits

DOINGBUSINESSDONORS MEMO

Doing business limits apply to which donors?

DOINGBUSINESSCONTRIBLIMIT MEMO

How much may a covered donor contribute per election cycle?

DOINGBUSINESSCANDIDATES MEMO

To which candidates do the doing business limits apply?

DOINGBUSINESSPARTIES TEXT

Do doing business limits apply to contributions from donors to parties? The answer choices are yes or no.

DOINGBUSINESSOTHER TEXT

Do doing business limits apply to contributions from donors to non-party, non-candidate entities? The answer choices are yes or no.

**Lobbyists:**

\*LOBBYIST\_LIMITS TEXT

Does the law contain special contribution limits or prohibitions for lobbyists? The answer choices are yes or no.

LOBBYIST\_LIMITS\_EXPLAIN MEMO

If yes, explain.

**Exempt Accounts:**

CANDLIMITEXEMPTIONS TEXT

May a candidate or office holder create an account exempt from the contribution limit? The answer choices are yes or no.

CANDLIMITEXEMPTIONSEXPLAINED MEMO

If yes, explain.

**Special Consitions:**

SPECIALCONDITIONSCHANGELIMITS TEXT

Do contribution limits for any candidates increase or decrease under special conditions? The answer choices are yes or no.

SPECIALCONDITIONSLIMITSEXPLAINED MEMO

If yes, explain.

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO POLITICAL PARTIES. LCCs AND PACs**

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO POLITICAL PARTIES**

CONTRIBUTIONSTOPARTIES\_CITATION MEMO

Citation(s) to provision(s) in the then-current state code covering contributions to political parties and legislative campaign committees (LCCs).

**INDIVIDUALTOPARTY** TEXT

Is there a limit on contributions from an individual to a state political party committee? Choose: Limited, Unlimited, Prohibited, Other. If the answer is “unlimited”, the subsequent fields are left blank.

INDIVIDUALTOPARTYLIMIT INTEGER

If limited, what is the maximum amount, in the aggregate per donor?

INDIVIDUALTOPARTYLIMIT\_PERIOD TEXT

What is the time period covered by the contribution limit? Choose: Per Election, Per Election Cycle, Per Year, Other.

**\***INDIVIDUALTOPARTYLIMIT\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum an individual may give to a party over the course of two years?

INDIVIDUALTOPARTYLIMIT\_EXPLAINED MEMO

Explanatory notes.

**CANDTOPARTY** TEXT

Is there a limit on contributions from a candidate to a state political party committee? Choose: Limited, Unlimited, Prohibited, Other. If the answer is “unlimited”, the subsequent fields are left blank.

CANDTOPARTYLIMIT INTEGER

If limited, what is the maximum amount, in the aggregate per donor? [Blank where unlimited.]

CANDTOPARTYLIMIT\_PERIOD TEXT

What is the time period covered by the contribution limit? Choose: Per Election, Per Election Cycle, Per Year, Other.

CANDTOPARTYLIMIT\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum a candidate may give to a party over the course of two years?

CANDTOPARTYLIMIT\_EXPLAINED MEMO

Explanatory notes.

**PACTOPARTY** TEXT

Is there a limit on contributions from a PAC to a state political party committee? Choose: Limited, Unlimited, Prohibited, Other. If the answer is “unlimited”, the subsequent fields are left blank.

PACTOPARTYLIMIT INTEGER

If limited, what is the maximum amount, in the aggregate per donor? [Blank where unlimited.]

PACTOPARTYLIMIT\_PERIOD TEXT

What is the time period covered by the contribution limit? Choose: Per Election, Per Election Cycle, Per Year, Other.

**\***PACTOPARTYLIMIT\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum a PAC may give to a party over the course of two years?

PACTOPARTYLIMIT\_EXPLAINED MEMO

Explanatory notes.

**CORPTOPARTY** TEXT

Is there a limit on contributions from a corporation’s treasury to a state political party committee? Choose: Limited, Unlimited, Prohibited, Other. If the answer is “unlimited”, the subsequent fields are left blank.

CORPTOPARTYLIMIT INTEGER

If limited, what is the maximum amount, in the aggregate per donor? [Blank where unlimited.]

CORPTOPARTYLIMIT\_PERIOD TEXT

What is the time period covered by the contribution limit? Choose: Per Election, Per Election Cycle, Per Year, Other.

**\***CORPTOPARTYLIMIT\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum a corporation may give to from its treasury to a party over the course of two years?

CORPTOPARTYLIMIT\_EXPLAINED MEMO

Explanatory notes.

**LABORTOPARTY** TEXT

Is there a limit on contributions from a labor union’s treasury to a state political party committee? Choose: Limited, Unlimited, Prohibited, Other. If the answer is “unlimited”, the subsequent fields are left blank.

LABORTOPARTYLIMIT INTEGER

If limited, what is the maximum amount, in the aggregate per donor? [Blank where unlimited.]

LABORTOPARTYLIMIT\_PERIOD TEXT

What is the time period covered by the contribution limit? Choose: Per Election, Per Election Cycle, Per Year, Other.

**\***LABORTOPARTYLIMIT\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum a labor union may give to from its treasury to a party over the course of two years?

LABORTOPARTYLIMIT\_EXPLAINED MEMO

Explanatory notes.

**LOCALPTOPARTY** TEXT

Is there a limit on contributions from a local political party committee to a state political party committee? Choose: Limited, Unlimited, Prohibited, Other. If the answer is “unlimited”, the subsequent fields are left blank.

LOCALPTOPARTYLIMIT INTEGER

If limited, what is the maximum amount, in the aggregate per donor? [Blank where unlimited.]

LOCALPTOPARTYLIMIT\_PERIOD TEXT

What is the time period covered by the contribution limit? Choose: Per Election, Per Election Cycle, Per Year, Other.

LOCALPTOPARTYLIMIT\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum a local party may give to a state party over the course of two years?

LOCALPTOPARTYLIMIT\_EXPLAINED MEMO

Explanatory notes.

**NATIONALPTOPARTY** TEXT

Is there a limit on contributions from a national political party committee to a state political party committee? Choose: Limited, Unlimited, Prohibited, Other. If the answer is “unlimited”, the subsequent fields are left blank.

NATIONALPTOPARTYLIMIT INTEGER

If limited, what is the maximum amount, in the aggregate per donor? [Blank where unlimited.]

NATIONALPTOPARTYLIMIT\_PERIOD TEXT

What is the time period covered by the contribution limit? Choose: Per Election, Per Election Cycle, Per Year, Other.

NATIONALPTOPARTYLIMIT\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum a national party may give to a state party over the course of two years?

NATIONALPTOPARTYLIMIT\_EXPLAINED MEMO

Explanatory notes.

**PARTYLIMITEXEMPTIONS** TEXT

May a party create an account exempt from the contribution limit? The answer choices are yes or no.

PARTYLIMITEXEMPTIONSEXPLAINED MEMO

If yes, provide an explanation here (e.g., housekeeping accounts.) Explain whether this applies only for some committees (e.g., LCCs) or all.

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO LEGISLATIVE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEES (LCC)**

**INDIVIDUALTOLCC** TEXT

Is there a limit on contributions from an individual to a legislative campaign committee (LCC)? Choose: Limited, Unlimited, Prohibited, Other. If the answer is “unlimited”, the subsequent fields are left blank.

INDIVIDUALTOLCCLIMIT INTEGER

If limited, what is the maximum amount, in the aggregate per donor? [Blank where unlimited.]

INDIVIDUALTOLCCLIMIT\_PERIOD TEXT

What is the time period covered by the contribution limit? Choose: Per Election, Per Election Cycle, Per Year, Other.

INDIVIDUALTOLCCLIMIT\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum an individual may give to an LCC over the course of two years?

INDIVIDUALTOLCCLIMIT\_EXPLAINED MEMO

Explanatory notes.

**CANDTOLCC** TEXT

Is there a limit on contributions from a candidate to a legislative campaign committee (LCC)? Choose: Limited, Unlimited, Prohibited, Other. If the answer is “unlimited”, the subsequent fields are left blank.

CANDTOLCCLIMIT INTEGER

If limited, what is the maximum amount, in the aggregate per donor? [Blank where unlimited.]

CANDTOLCCLIMIT\_PERIOD TEXT

What is the time period covered by the contribution limit? Choose: Per Election, Per Election Cycle, Per Year, Other.

CANDTOLCCLIMIT\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum a candidate may give to an LCC over the course of two years?

CANDTOLCCLIMIT\_EXPLAINED MEMO

Explanatory notes.

**PACTOLCC** TEXT

Is there a limit on contributions from a PAC to a legislative campaign committee (LCC)? Choose: Limited, Unlimited, Prohibited, Other. If the answer is “unlimited”, the subsequent fields are left blank.

PACTOLCCLIMIT INTEGER

If limited, what is the maximum amount, in the aggregate per donor? [Blank where unlimited.]

PACTOLCCLIMIT\_PERIOD TEXT

What is the time period covered by the contribution limit? Choose: Per Election, Per Election Cycle, Per Year, Other.

PACTOLCCLIMIT\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum a PAC may give to an LCC over the course of two years?

PACTOLCCLIMIT\_EXPLAINED MEMO

Explanatory notes.

**CORPTOLCC** TEXT

Is there a limit on contributions from a corporation’s treasury to a legislative campaign committee (LCC)? Choose: Limited, Unlimited, Prohibited, Other. If the answer is “unlimited”, the subsequent fields are left blank.

CORPTOLCCLIMIT INTEGER

If limited, what is the maximum amount, in the aggregate per donor? [Blank where unlimited.]

CORPTOLCCLIMIT\_PERIOD TEXT

What is the time period covered by the contribution limit? Choose: Per Election, Per Election Cycle, Per Year, Other.

CORPTOLCCLIMIT\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum a corporation may give from its treasury to an LCC over the course of two years?

CORPTOLCCLIMIT\_EXPLAINED MEMO

Explanatory notes.

**LABORTOLCC** TEXT

Is there a limit on contributions from a labor union’s treasury to a legislative campaign committee (LCC)? Choose: Limited, Unlimited, Prohibited, Other. If the answer is “unlimited”, the subsequent fields are left blank.

LABORTOLCCLIMIT INTEGER

If limited, what is the maximum amount, in the aggregate per donor? [Blank where unlimited.]

LABORTOLCCLIMIT\_PERIOD TEXT

What is the time period covered by the contribution limit? Choose: Per Election, Per Election Cycle, Per Year, Other.

LABORTOLCCLIMIT\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum a labor union may give from its treasury to an LCC over the course of two years?

LABORTOLCCLIMIT\_EXPLAINED MEMO

Explanatory notes.

**LOCALPTOLCC** TEXT

Is there a limit on contributions from a local political party committee to a legislative campaign committee (LCC)? Choose: Limited, Unlimited, Prohibited, Other. If the answer is “unlimited”, the subsequent fields are left blank.

LOCALPTOLCCLIMIT INTEGER

If limited, what is the maximum amount, in the aggregate per donor? [Blank where unlimited.]

LOCALPTOLCCLIMIT\_PERIOD TEXT

What is the time period covered by the contribution limit? Choose: Per Election, Per Election Cycle, Per Year, Other.

LOCALPTOLCCLIMIT\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum over the course of two years?

LOCALPTOLCCLIMIT\_EXPLAINED MEMO

Explanatory notes.

**NATIONALPTOLCC** TEXT

Is there a limit on contributions from a national political party committee to a legislative campaign committee (LCC)? Choose: Limited, Unlimited, Prohibited, Other. If the answer is “unlimited”, the subsequent fields are left blank.

NATIONALPTOLCCLIMIT INTEGER

If limited, what is the maximum amount, in the aggregate per donor? [Blank where unlimited.]

NATIONALPTOLCCLIMIT\_PERIOD TEXT

What is the time period covered by the contribution limit? Choose: Per Election, Per Election Cycle, Per Year, Other.

NATIONALPTOLCCLIMIT\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum a national political party may give from its treasury to an LCC over the course of two years?

NATIONALPTOLCCLIMIT\_EXPLAINED MEMO

Explanatory notes.

LEGCAMPAIGNCOMMLIMIT TEXT

Do the same contribution limits apply to legislative campaign committees as apply to party committees? The answer choices are yes or no.

LCCLIMITEXEMPTIONS TEXT

May a legislative campaign committee or party leader create an account exempt from the contribution limit? The answer choices are yes or no.

LCCLIMITEXEMPTIONSEXPLAINED TEXT

**DONORAGGTOPARTYLIMIT** TEXT

Is there an aggregate limit on a donor's contributions to all party and legislative campaign committees in the state in a given time period? The answer choices are yes or no.

DONORAGGTOPARTYLIMIT\_EXPLAINED MEMO

Explanatory notes.

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO POLITICAL COMMITTEES (PACs)**

POLITICALCOMMITTEES\_CITATION TEXT

Citation(s) to provision(s) in the then-current state code.

**INDIVIDUALTOPAC** TEXT

Is there a limit on contributions from an individual to a political action committee (PAC)? Choose: Limited, Unlimited, Prohibited, Other. If the answer is “unlimited”, the subsequent fields are left blank.

INDIVIDUALTOPACLIMIT INTEGER

If limited, what is the maximum amount, in the aggregate per donor? [Blank where unlimited.]

INDIVIDUALTOPACLIMIT\_PERIOD TEXT

What is the time period covered by the contribution limit? Choose: Per Election, Per Election Cycle, Per Year, Other.

**\***INDIVIDUALTOPACLIMIT\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum an individual may give to a PAC over the course of two years?

INDIVIDUALTOPACLIMIT\_EXPLAINED MEMO

Explanatory notes.

**CANDTOPAC** TEXT

Is there a limit on contributions from a candidate to a political action committee (PAC)? Choose: Limited, Unlimited, Prohibited, Other. If the answer is “unlimited”, the subsequent fields are left blank.

CANDTOPACLIMIT INTEGER

If limited, what is the maximum amount, in the aggregate per donor? [Blank where unlimited.]

CANDTOPACLIMIT\_PERIOD TEXT

What is the time period covered by the contribution limit? Choose: Per Election, Per Election Cycle, Per Year, Other.

CANDTOPACLIMIT\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum a candidate may give to a PAC over the course of two years?

CANDTOPACLIMIT\_EXPLAINED MEMO

Explanatory notes.

**PACTOPAC** TEXT

Is there a limit on contributions from a PAC to a political action committee (PAC)? Choose: Limited, Unlimited, Prohibited, Other. If the answer is “unlimited”, the subsequent fields are left blank.

PACTOPACLIMIT INTEGER

If limited, what is the maximum amount, in the aggregate per donor?

PACTOPACLIMIT\_PERIOD TEXT

What is the time period covered by the contribution limit? Choose: Per Election, Per Election Cycle, Per Year, Other.

**\***PACTOPACLIMIT\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum a PAC may give to another PAC over the course of two years?

PACTOPACLIMIT\_EXPLAINED MEMO

Explanatory notes.

**CORPTOPAC** TEXT

Is there a limit on contributions from a corporation’s treasury to a political action committee (PAC)? Choose: Limited, Unlimited, Prohibited, Other. If the answer is “unlimited”, the subsequent fields are left blank.

CORPTOPACLIMIT INTEGER

If limited, what is the maximum amount, in the aggregate per donor? [Blank where unlimited.]

CORPTOPACLIMIT\_PERIOD TEXT

What is the time period covered by the contribution limit? Choose: Per Election, Per Election Cycle, Per Year, Other.

**\***CORPTOPACLIMIT\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum a corporation may give to a PAC over the course of two years?

CORPTOPACLIMIT\_EXPLAINED MEMO

Explanatory notes.

**LABORTOPAC** TEXT

Is there a limit on contributions from a labor union’s treasury to a political action committee (PAC)? Choose: Limited, Unlimited, Prohibited, Other. If the answer is “unlimited”, the subsequent fields are left blank.

LABORTOPACLIMIT INTEGER

If limited, what is the maximum amount, in the aggregate per donor? [Blank where unlimited.]

LABORTOPACLIMIT\_PERIOD TEXT

What is the time period covered by the contribution limit? Choose: Per Election, Per Election Cycle, Per Year, Other.

**\*** LABORTOPACLIMIT\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum a labor union may give to a PAC over the course of two years?

LABORTOPACLIMIT\_EXPLAINED MEMO

Explanatory notes.

**LOCALPTOPAC** TEXT

Is there a limit on contributions from a local political party committee to a political action committee (PAC)? Choose: Limited, Unlimited, Prohibited, Other. If the answer is “unlimited”, the subsequent fields are left blank.

LOCALPTOPACLIMIT INTEGER

If limited, what is the maximum amount, in the aggregate per donor? [Blank where unlimited.]

LOCALPTOPACLIMIT\_PERIOD TEXT

What is the time period covered by the contribution limit? Choose: Per Election, Per Election Cycle, Per Year, Other.

LOCALPTOPACLIMIT\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum a local party may give to a PAC over the course of two years?

LOCALPTOPACLIMIT\_EXPLAINED MEMO

Explanatory notes.

**NATIONALPTOPAC** TEXT

Is there a limit on contributions from a national political party committee to a state political party committee? Choose: Limited, Unlimited, Prohibited, Other. If the answer is “unlimited”, the subsequent fields are left blank.

NATIONALPTOPACLIMIT INTEGER

If limited, what is the maximum amount, in the aggregate per donor? [Blank where unlimited.]

NATIONALPTOPACLIMIT\_PERIOD TEXT

What is the time period covered by the contribution limit? Choose: Per Election, Per Election Cycle, Per Year, Other.

NATIONALPTOPACLIMIT\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum a national party may give to a PAC over the course of two years?

NATIONALPTOPACLIMIT\_EXPLAINED MEMO

Explanatory notes.

**DONORAGGTOPACLIMIT** TEXT

Is there an aggregate limit on a donor's contributions to all PACs in a given time period? The answer choices are yes or no.

**3. OTHER RESTRICTIONS**

PROHIBITED\_CITATION MEMO

Citation(s) to provision(s) the then-current state code for prohibited contributions/expenditures.

NONRESIDENTCONT TEXT

Are contributions from non-residents prohibited? The answer choices are yes or no.

OUTOFSTATECORPCONT TEXT

Are contributions from out-of-state corporations prohibited? The answer choices are yes or no.

OUTOFSTATECOMMCONT TEXT

Are contributions from out-of-state political committees prohibited? The answer choices are yes or no.

INNAMEOFANOTHER TEXT

Are contributions in the name of another prohibited? The answer choices are yes or no.

GAMBLINGCONT TEXT

Are there limitations on contributions from persons/entities involved with gambling interests? The answer choices are yes or no.

GAMBLINGCONTEXPLAIN MEMO

Explanatory notes.

REGINDCONT TEXT

Are there limitations on contributions from certain regulated industries? The answer choices are yes or no.

REGINDCONTEXPLAIN MEMO

Explanatory notes.

GOVTEMPSOLICIT TEXT

Are government employees prohibited from soliciting campaign contributions? The answer choices are yes or no.

**\***CONTLEGISSESSION TEXT

Are there restrictions on accepting contributions or holding fundraising event during the legislative session? The answer choices are yes or no.

LEGISSESSIONCOMMENTS MEMO

Explanatory notes.

CANDLOAN TEXT

Are there limitations on the amount of loans a candidate may take out? The answer choices are yes or no.

CANDLOANEXPLAIN MEMO

Explanatory notes.

**Corporate and Labor Contributions and Expenditure Prohibitions**

**\***CORPEXPENDPROHIBIT TEXT

Are corporations prohibited from making political expenditures from their treasuries? The answer choices are yes or no.

\*LABOREXPENDPROHIB TEXT

Are labor unions prohibited from making political expenditures from their treasuries? The answer choices are yes or no.

EXPFORPRIMARYCAND TEXT

Are political parties prohibited from making expenditures to aid a party primary candidate? The answer choices are yes or no.

OTHERRESTRICTIONSEXPLAIN MEMO

List any other unique restrictions on contributions in the state.

**4. DISCLOSURE**

**DISCLOSURE BY CANDIDATES, PACs AND PARTIES**

DISCLOSURE\_CITATION MEMO

Citation(s) to provision(s) the then-current state code covering disclosure.

**Disclosure by Candidates:**

CANDFILERECEIPTS TEXT

Are candidates and/or their campaigns committees required to report the sources of their receipts? The answer choices are yes or no.

CANDFILEEXPEND TEXT

Are candidates and/or their campaign committees required to report their expenditures/disbursements? The answer choices are yes or no.

CANDFILEEXEMPTION TEXT

Are some candidates exempt from having to report? The answer choices are yes or no.

CANDFILEEXEMPTION\_AMOUNT TEXT

If yes, what is the minimum amount of receipts or expenditures that triggers mandatory disclosure from the candidate?

**\***CANDDONOREXEMPTION TEXT

What is the minimum aggregate of contributions from a donor that triggers mandatory disclosure of the donor’s identity?

CANDDONOREXPLAIN MEMO

Any special conditions for donor disclosure are explained here – for example, if disclosing the donor’s address or employer disclosure has a different threshold than for disclosing the donor's name?

CANDDONORADDRESS TEXT

Must the report specify the donor's address? The answer choices are yes or no.

CANDDONOROCCUPATION TEXT

Must the report specify the donor's occupation? The answer choices are yes or no.

CANDDONOREMPLOYER TEXT

Must the report specify the donor's employer? The answer choices are yes or no.

CANDEXPENDWHO TEXT

Must the report identify the recipient of a disbursement? The answer choices are yes or no.

CANDEXPENDADDRESS TEXT

Must the report give the recipient's address? The answer choices are yes or no.

CANDEXPENDPURPOSE TEXT

Must the report specify the disbursement's purpose? The answer choices are yes or no.

CAND\_PREELECTION\_REGULAR TEXT

How many days before an election must are the final pre-election disclosure reports?

\*CANDFILE\_ELECTRONIC TEXT

Is the filer required to report electronically? The answer choices are yes or no.

CANDFILE\_ELECTRONIC\_EXEMPTION TEXT

Are some filers exempt from having to report electronically? The answer choices are yes, no, or N/A if there is no requirement.

CANDFILE\_ELECTRONIC\_EXEMPTION\_AMOUNT TEXT

If yes, what is the minimum amount of receipts or expenditures that triggers mandatory electronic disclosure from the candidate?

CANDFILE\_BUNDLEREARMARKED TEXT

Must bundled or earmarked contributions to or from the candidate be reported as such? The answer choices are yes or no.

CANDFILE\_BUNDLEREARMARKED\_EXPLAINED MEMO

If yes, explain the requirement, including a summary of relevant definitions.

CAND\_SPECIALREPORT TEXT

Do any other circumstances trigger a special report? The answer choices are yes or no.

CAND\_SPECIALREPORT\_EXPLAINED MEMO

If yes, explain (Example: a state may require reports of contributions during the legislative session).

**Disclosure by Political Parties:**

PARTYFILERECEIPTS TEXT

Are political party committees required to report the sources of their receipts? The answer choices are yes or no.

PARTYFILEEXPEND TEXT

Are political party committees required to report their expenditures/disbursements? The answer choices are yes or no.

PARTYFILEEXEMPTION TEXT

Are some political party committees exempt from having to report? The answer choices are yes or no.

PARTYFILEEXEMPTION\_AMOUNT TEXT

If yes, what is the minimum amount of receipts or expenditures that triggers mandatory disclosure from the political party committee?

**\***PARTYDONOREXEMPTION TEXT

What is the minimum aggregate of contributions from a donor that triggers mandatory disclosure of donor information?

PARTYDONOREXPLAIN TEXT

If there are special conditions for donor disclosure explain here. For example, does donor address or employer disclosure have a different threshold than the donor's name?

PARTYDONORADDRESS TEXT

Must the political party committee report the donor's address? The answer choices are yes or no.

PARTYDONOROCCUPATION TEXT

Must the political party committee report the donor's occupation? The answer choices are yes or no.

PARTYDONOREMPLOYER TEXT

Must the political party committee report the donor's employer? The answer choices are yes or no.

PARTYEXPENDWHO TEXT

Must the report identify the recipient of a disbursement? The answer choices are yes or no.

PARTYEXPENDADDRESS TEXT

Must the report give the recipient's address? The answer choices are yes or no.

PARTYEXPENDPURPOSE TEXT

Must the report specify the disbursement's purpose? The answer choices are yes or no.

PARTY\_PREELECTION\_REGULAR TEXT

How many days before an election must political party committees file their final pre-election disclosure reports?

PARTYFILE\_ELECTRONIC TEXT

Are political party committees required to report electronically? The answer choices are yes or no.

PARTYFILE\_ELECTRONIC\_EXEMPTION TEXT

Are some political party committees exempt from having to report electronically? The answer choices are yes, no, or N/A if there is no requirement.

PARTYFILE\_ELECTRONIC\_EXEMPTION\_AMOUNT TEXT

If yes, what is the minimum amount of receipts or expenditures that triggers mandatory electronic disclosure from the political party committee?

PARTYFILE\_BUNDLEREARMARKED TEXT

Must bundled or earmarked contributions to or from the party committee be reported as such? The answer choices are yes or no.

PARTYFILE\_BUNDLEREARMARKED\_EXPLAINED MEMO

If yes, explain the requirement, including a summary of relevant definitions.

**Disclosure by Political Committees (PACs):**

PACFILERECEIPTS TEXT

Are non-party political committees required to report the sources of their receipts? The answer choices are yes or no.

PACFILEEXPEND TEXT

Are non-party political committees required to report their expenditures/disbursements? The answer choices are yes or no.

PACFILEEXEMPTION TEXT

Are some non-party political committees exempt from having to report? The answer choices are yes or no.

PACFILEEXEMPTION\_AMOUNT TEXT

If yes, what is the minimum amount of receipts or expenditures that triggers mandatory disclosure from the non-party political committee?

**\***PACDONOREXEMPTION TEXT

What is the minimum aggregate of contributions from a donor that triggers mandatory disclosure of donor information?

PACDONOREXPLAIN TEXT

If there are special conditions for donor disclosure explain here. For example, does donor address or employer disclosure have a different threshold than the donor's name?

PACDONORADDRESS TEXT

Must the non-party political committee report the donor's address? The answer choices are yes or no.

PACDONOROCCUPATION TEXT

Must the non-party political committee report the donor's occupation? The answer choices are yes or no.

PACDONOREMPLOYER TEXT

Must the non-party political committee report the donor's employer? The answer choices are yes or no.

PACEXPENDWHO TEXT

Must the report identify the recipient of a disbursement? The answer choices are yes or no.

PACEXPENDADDRESS TEXT

Must the report give the recipient's address? The answer choices are yes or no.

PACEXPENDPURPOSE TEXT

Must the report specify the disbursement's purpose? The answer choices are yes or no.

PAC\_PREELECTION\_REGULAR TEXT

How many days before an election must non-party political committees file their final pre-election disclosure reports?

PACFILE\_ELECTRONIC TEXT

Are non-party political committees required to report electronically? The answer choices are yes or no.

PACFILE\_ELECTRONIC\_EXEMPTION TEXT

Are some non-party political committees exempt from having to report electronically? The answer choices are yes, no, or N/A if there is no requirement.

PACFILE\_ELECTRONIC\_EXEMPTION\_AMOUNT TEXT

If yes, what is the minimum amount of receipts or expenditures that triggers mandatory electronic disclosure from the non-party political committee?

PACFILE\_BUNDLEREARMARKED TEXT

Must bundled or earmarked contributions to or from the party committee be reported as such? The answer choices are yes or no.

PACFILE\_BUNDLEREARMARKED\_EXPLAINED MEMO

If yes, explain the requirement, including a summary of relevant definitions.

**BALLOT COMMITTEES**

**Ballot Committee Disclosure:**

BALLOTPROPFILE\_RECEIPTS TEXT

Are ballot proposition committees required to report the sources of their receipts? The answer choices are yes or no.

BALLOTPROPFILE\_EXPEND TEXT

Are ballot proposition committees required to report their expenditures/disbursements? The answer choices are yes or no.

BALLOTPROP\_POLCOMM TEXT

Are ballot proposition committees treated in law as political committees, with the same disclosure requirements? If yes, skip the remaining questions in this section. If not, continue. The answer choices are yes or no.

BALLOTPROPFILEEXEMPTION TEXT

Are some ballot committees exempt from having to report? The answer choices are yes or no.

\*BALLOTPROPFILEEXEMPTION\_AMOUNT TEXT

If yes, what is the minimum amount of receipts or expenditures that triggers mandatory disclosure from the ballot committee?

BALLOTDONOREXEMPTION TEXT

What is the minimum aggregate of contributions from a donor that triggers mandatory disclosure of donor identity?

BALLOTDONOREXPLAIN MEMO

If there are special conditions for donor disclosure explain here. For example, does donor address or employer disclosure have a different threshold than the donor's name?

BALLOTDONORADDRESS TEXT

Must the ballot committee report the donor's address? The answer choices are yes or no.

BALLOTDONOROCCUPATION TEXT

Must the ballot committee report the donor's occupation? The answer choices are yes or no.

BALLOTDONOREMPLOYER TEXT

Must the non-party political committee report the donor's employer? The answer choices are yes or no.

BALLOTEXPENDWHO TEXT

Must the report identify the recipient of a disbursement? The answer choices are yes or no.

BALLOTEXPENDADDRESS TEXT

Must the report give the recipient's address? The answer choices are yes or no.

BALLOTEXPENDPURPOSE TEXT

Must the report specify the disbursement's purpose? The answer choices are yes or no.

BALLOT\_PREELECTION\_REGULAR TEXT

How many days before an election must non-party political committees file their final pre-election disclosure reports?

BALLOT\_PREELECTION\_AVAILABLE TEXT

How many days before the pre-election disclosure report is available to the public? If no time period is specified, write NA.

BALLOTFILE\_ELECTRONIC TEXT

Are non-party political committees required to report electronically? The answer choices are yes or no.

BALLOTFILE\_ELECTRONIC\_EXEMPTION TEXT

Are some non-party political committees exempt from having to report electronically? The answer choices are yes, no, or N/A if there is no requirement.

BALLOTFILE\_ELECTRONIC\_EXEMPTION\_AMOUNT TEXT

If yes, what is the minimum amount of receipts or expenditures that triggers mandatory electronic disclosure from the non-party political committee?

BALLOTFILE\_BUNDLEREARMARKED TEXT

Must bundled or earmarked contributions to or from the party committee be reported as such? The answer choices are yes or no.

BALLOTFILE\_BUNDLEREARMARKED\_EXPLAINED MEMO

If yes, explain the requirement, including a summary of relevant definitions.

**INDEPENDENT SPENDING AND ELECTIONEERING**

**Independent Expenditures:**

IE\_FILERS\_INDIV TEXT

Must individuals who make independent expenditures file independent expenditure reports? The answer choices are yes or no.

IE\_FILERS\_PARTY TEXT

Must political parties that make independent expenditures file independent expenditure reports separate from their regular periodic reports? The answer choices are yes or no.

IE\_FILERS\_POLITICALCOMMITTEE TEXT

Must non-party political committees that make independent expenditures file independent expenditure reports separate from their regular periodic reports? The answer choices are yes or no.

IE\_FILERS\_CORPORATION TEXT

Must corporations that make independent expenditures file independent expenditure reports? The answer choices are yes or no.

IE\_FILERS\_LABOR TEXT

Must labor organizations that make independent expenditures file independent expenditure reports? The answer choices are yes or no.

IE\_FILERS\_LOBBYIST TEXT

Must lobbyists who make independent expenditures file independent expenditure reports? The answer choices are yes or no.

IE\_FILERS\_OTHERS TEXT

Must other entities that make independent expenditures file independent expenditure reports? The answer choices are yes or no.

IE\_REPORT\_EXEMPTION TEXT

Are independent expenditures smaller than a specified dollar amount exempt from the filing requirement? The answer choices are yes or no.

\*IE\_REPORT\_EXEMPTION\_AMOUNT TEXT

If yes, what is the minimum amount of aggregated expenditures that trigger disclosure?

IE\_FILERS\_OTHERS\_INFO TEXT

Must others who make independent expenditures file reports providing information about the spending entity? The answer choices are yes or no.

IE\_FILERS\_OTHERS\_DONORS TEXT

Must others who make independent expenditures report the source(s) of the spending entity's funds? The answer choices are yes or no.

\*IE\_TARGET TEXT

Must an IE report specify an IE's target (candidate or ballot proposition)? The answer choices are yes or no.

IE\_TARGET\_SUPPORTOPPOSE TEXT

Must an IE report specify whether the IE's supports or opposes its target? The answer choices are yes or no.

IE\_REPORT\_WHEN TEXT

How soon after an IE must a report be filed?

**Electioneering Disclosure:**

**\***ELXNRGCATEGORY TEXT

Are some forms of independent spending defined by another term in the law, with different definitions and requirements? The answer choices are yes or no.

ELXNRGTERM TEXT

If no, skip the rest of this section. If yes, what is the term used by the state to define this activity?

ELXNRG\_FILERS\_INDIV TEXT

Must individuals who make electioneering (etc.) expenditures file electioneering (etc.) expenditure reports? The answer choices are yes or no.

ELXNRG\_FILERS\_PARTY TEXT

Must political parties that make electioneering (etc.) expenditures file electioneering (etc.) expenditure reports separate from their regular periodic reports? The answer choices are yes or no.

ELXNRG\_FILERS\_POLITICALCOMMITTEE TEXT

Must non-party political committees that make electioneering (etc.) expenditures file electioneering (etc.) expenditure reports separate from their regular periodic reports? The answer choices are yes or no.

ELXNRG\_FILERS\_CORPORATE TEXT

Must corporations that make electioneering (etc.) expenditures file electioneering (etc.) expenditure reports? The answer choices are yes or no.

ELXNRG\_FILERS\_LABOR TEXT

Must labor organizations that make electioneering (etc.) expenditures file electioneering (etc.) expenditure reports? The answer choices are yes or no.

ELXNRG\_FILERS\_LOBBYIST TEXT

Must lobbyists who make electioneering (etc.) expenditures file electioneering (etc.) expenditure reports? The answer choices are yes or no.

ELXNRG\_FILERS\_OTHERS TEXT

Must other entities that make electioneering (etc.) expenditures file electioneering (etc.) expenditure reports? The answer choices are yes or no.

ELXNRG\_REPORT\_EXEMPTION TEXT

Are electioneering (etc.) expenditures smaller than a specified dollar amount exempt from the filing requirement? The answer choices are yes or no.

ELXNRG\_REPORT\_EXEMPTION\_AMOUNT TEXT

If yes, what is the minimum amount of aggregated expenditures that trigger disclosure?

ELXNRG\_FILERS\_OTHERS\_INFO TEXT

Must others who make electioneering (etc.) expenditures file reports providing information about the spending entity? The answer choices are yes or no.

ELXNRG\_FILERS\_OTHERS\_DONORS TEXT

Must others who make electioneering (etc.) expenditures report the source(s) of the spending entity's funds? The answer choices are yes or no.

ELXNRG\_TARGET TEXT

Must an electioneering (etc.) report specify the target (candidate or ballot proposition)? The answer choices are yes or no.

ELXNRG\_TARGET\_SUPPORTOPPOSE TEXT

Must an electioneering (etc.) report specify whether the expenditure supports or opposes its target? The answer choices are yes or no.

ELXNRG\_REPORT\_WHEN TEXT

How soon after an electioneering (etc.) expenditure must a report be filed?

**OTHER DISCLOSURE AND DISCLAIMER REQUIREMENTS**

INCIDENT-SPECIFIC DISCLOSURE TEXT

Do any other election-related financial transactions, such as transfers or contributions from one group to another group that makes independent expenditures or electioneering communications, trigger any disclosure requirement? The answer choices are yes or no.

INCIDENT-SPECIFIC DISCLOSURE\_CITATION MEMO

Citation(s) to provision(s) in the then-current state code

INCIDENT-SPECIFIC DISCLOSURE\_EXPLAIN MEMO

If yes, describe the relevant provision(s).

**\***SPONSORID TEXT

Must an ad's sponsors be identified within the body of any ad? The answer choices are yes or no.

SPONSORID\_EXPLAINED MEMO

If yes, explain the requirements.

SPECIALSPONSORID TEXT

Are additional disclosures required for some categories of ads, such as for independent expenditures or electioneering? The answer choices are yes or no.

SPECIALSPONSORID\_EXPLAINED MEMO

If yes, explain the requirements.

ADVERTISING TEXT

Are there any other disclosure or disclaimer provisions governing political advertising in the state? The answer choices are yes or no.

ADVERTISINGEXPLAIN MEMO

If yes, provide an explanation here (Examples: Requirement that the ad itself be deposited with a public authority; candidate "stand by your ad" provisions, etc.)

**\***DISCLOSETOSHAREHOLDERS TEXT

Does state law require corporate political expenditures to be disclosed to shareholders? The answer choices are yes or no.

DISCLOSETOSHAREHOLDERS\_CITATION MEMO

Citation(s) to provision(s) the then-current state code, or to appropriate regulation.

DISCLOSETOSHAREHOLDERS\_EXPLAINED MEMO

If yes, explain. Include in the explanation: which corporations are covered. (e.g., only those incorporated under the state's laws?)

**6. PUBLIC FINANCING AND TAX CREDITS**

PUBLICFUNDING\_CITATION MEMO

Citation(s) to provision(s) the then-current state code covering public funding.

**Public Financing for Candidates for the House of Representatives or Assembly:**

PUBLICFUNDING\_H TEXT

Does this state provide public financing for state House of Representative/Assembly candidates? The answer choices are yes or no.

**\***PUBLICFUNDING\_H\_TYPE TEXT

If yes, is it full public financing, partial grant, matching funds, voucher, mixed, or other?

PUBLICFUNDING\_H\_STATUS MEMO

If inoperative/suspended, explain.

PUBLICFUNDING\_H\_EXPLAIN MEMO

If Mixed or Other: describe. If matching (or matching within a mixed system): What are the formulas and conditions?

PUBLIC FUNDING\_H\_QUALIFYING MEMO

What must a House candidate do -- how much raised from how many people of what description -- to qualify for public funding?

PUBLICFUNDING\_H\_SPENDLIMIT TEXT

Does the law require a participating candidate to adhere to a spending limit? The answer choices are yes or no.

PUBLICFUNDING\_H\_SPENDLIMIT\_AMOUNT TEXT

How much was the spending limit for a House candidate for this election cycle (primary + general)?

PUBLICFUNDING\_H\_OTHERCONDITIONS TEXT

Does the law require a participating candidate to adhere to any other conditions? The answer choices are yes or no.

PUBLICFUNDING\_H\_OTHERCONDITIONS\_EXPLAINED MEMO

If yes, explain (For example: Lower contribution limit; Debates)

PUBLICFUNDING\_H\_TRIGGER TEXT

Does the law provide extra funds or change any other provisions of the law based on the spending or behavior of other candidates or groups? The answer choices are yes or no.

PUBLICFUNDING\_H\_TRIGGEREXPLAINED MEMO

If yes, explain.

PUBLICFUNDING\_H\_MAX TEXT

What is the maximum amount of public funding a House candidate may receive (including trigger funds if applicable)?

PUBLICFUNDING\_H\_SOLICITATION-BY-CAND\_PARTY TEXT

Does the law prohibit candidates who accept public financing from soliciting funds for political party committees? The answer choices are yes or no.

PUBLICFUNDING\_H\_SOLICITATION-BY-CAND\_NON-PARTY TEXT

Does the law prohibit candidates who accept public financing from soliciting funds for non-party political committees? The answer choices are yes or no.

**Public Financing for Candidates for the Senate:**

PUBLICFUNDING\_S TEXT

Does this state provide public financing for state Senate candidates? The answer choices are yes or no.

\*PUBLICFUNDING\_S\_TYPE TEXT

If yes, is it full public financing, partial grant, matching funds, voucher, mixed, or other?

PUBLICFUNDING\_S\_STATUS MEMO

If inoperative/suspended, explain.

PUBLICFUNDING\_S\_EXPLAIN MEMO

If Mixed or Other: describe. If matching (or matching within a mixed system): What are the formulas and conditions?

PUBLIC FUNDING\_S\_QUALIFYING MEMO

What must a candidate do -- how much raised from how many people of what description -- to qualify for public funding?

PUBLICFUNDING\_S\_SPENDLIMIT TEXT

Does the law require a participating candidate to adhere to a spending limit? The answer choices are yes or no.

PUBLICFUNDING\_S\_SPENDLIMIT\_AMOUNT TEXT

How much was the spending limit for a candidate for this election cycle (primary + general)?

PUBLICFUNDING\_S\_OTHERCONDITIONS TEXT

Does the law require a participating candidate to adhere to any other conditions? The answer choices are yes or no.

PUBLICFUNDING\_S\_OTHERCONDITIONS\_EXPLAINED MEMO

If yes, explain (For example: Lower contribution limit; Debates)

PUBLICFUNDING\_S\_TRIGGER TEXT

Does the law provide extra funds or change any other provisions of the law based on the spending or behavior of other candidates or groups? The answer choices are yes or no.

PUBLICFUNDING\_S\_TRIGGEREXPLAINED MEMO

If yes, explain.

PUBLICFUNDING\_S\_MAX TEXT

What is the maximum amount of public funding a candidate may receive (including trigger funds if applicable)?

PUBLICFUNDING\_S\_SOLICITATION-BY-CAND\_PARTY TEXT

Does the law prohibit candidates who accept public financing from soliciting funds for political party committees? The answer choices are yes or no.

PUBLICFUNDING\_S\_SOLICITATION-BY-CAND\_NON-PARTY TEXT

Does the law prohibit candidates who accept public financing from soliciting funds for non-party political committees? The answer choices are yes or no.

**Public Financing for Candidates for Governor:**

PUBLICFUNDING\_G TEXT

Does this state provide public financing for gubernatorial candidates? The answer choices are yes or no.

\*PUBLICFUNDING\_G\_TYPE TEXT

If yes, is it full public financing, partial grant, matching funds, voucher, mixed, or other?

PUBLICFUNDING\_G\_STATUS MEMO

If inoperative/suspended, explain.

PUBLICFUNDING\_G\_EXPLAIN MEMO

If Mixed or Other: describe. If matching (or matching within a mixed system): What are the formulas and conditions?

PUBLIC FUNDING\_G\_QUALIFYING MEMO

What must a candidate do -- how much raised from how many people of what description -- to qualify for public funding?

PUBLICFUNDING\_G\_SPENDLIMIT TEXT

Does the law require a participating candidate to adhere to a spending limit? The answer choices are yes or no.

PUBLICFUNDING\_G\_SPENDLIMIT\_AMOUNT TEXT

How much was the spending limit for a candidate for this election cycle (primary + general)?

PUBLICFUNDING\_G\_OTHERCONDITIONS TEXT

Does the law require a participating candidate to adhere to any other conditions? The answer choices are yes or no.

PUBLICFUNDING\_G\_OTHERCONDITIONS\_EXPLAINED MEMO

If yes, explain (For example: Lower contribution limit; Debates)

PUBLICFUNDING\_G\_TRIGGER TEXT

Does the law provide extra funds or change any other provisions of the law based on the spending or behavior of other candidates or groups? The answer choices are yes or no.

PUBLICFUNDING\_G\_TRIGGEREXPLAINED MEMO

If yes, explain.

PUBLICFUNDING\_G\_MAX TEXT

What is the maximum amount of public funding a candidate may receive (including trigger funds if applicable)?

PUBLICFUNDING\_G\_SOLICITATION-BY-CAND\_PARTY TEXT

Does the law prohibit candidates who accept public financing from soliciting funds for political party committees? The answer choices are yes or no.

PUBLICFUNDING\_G\_SOLICITATION-BY-CAND\_NON-PARTY TEXT

Does the law prohibit candidates who accept public financing from soliciting funds for non-party political committees? The answer choices are yes or no.

**Public Financing for Candidates for Political Parties:**

\*PUBLICFUNDING\_P TEXT

Does the state provide public funds to political parties? The answer choices are yes or no

PUBLICFUNDING\_P\_STATUS MEMO

If inoperative/suspended, explain.

PUBLICFUNDING\_P\_ELIGIBILITY MEMO

What are the conditions for a party to be eligible to receive public funds? Top two parties only?

PUBLICFUNDING\_P\_FORMULA MEMO

What is the formula for distributing funds to a party? (Matching Fund Formula? Grant Formula?)

PUBLICFUNDING\_P\_TWOYRMAX TEXT

What is the maximum amount a party may receive in two years?

SOURCESOFFUNDS MEMO

Explains how the state supplies the money for Public Financing.

**Tax Deductions, Tax Credits, and Refunds**

\*REFUNDORTAXCREDITORTAXDEDUCTION TEXT

Does the state provide a refund or tax credit or tax deduction for political contributions? None, Refund, Tax Credit, Tax Deduction.

REFUNDORTAXCREDITORTAXDEDUCTION\_CITATION MEMO

Citation(s) to provision(s) in historical session laws and the current state code covering political contribution refunds, tax credits, or tax deductions. These may appear in the tax code.

REFUNDORTAXCREDITFORMULA TEXT

What is the formula for calculating the refund/credit/deduction (usually a full credit or 50%).

REFUNDORTAXCREDITMAX TEXT

What is the maximum credit/deduction a donor may claim per year?

ELIGIBLECONTRIBUTIONRECIPIENTS MEMO

Contributions to which recipients are eligible? All state candidates, all state and federal candidates, only those candidates who participate in public funding, political parties, PACs? Other? Specify all that apply.

ELIGIBLETOCLAIM\_NOTAXOWED TEXT

May a person who owes no income tax receive a credit? The answer choices are yes or no.

ELIGIBLETOCLAIM\_DEDUCTION TEXT

If a deduction, is it available to filers who do not itemize? The answer choices are yes or no.

ELIGIBLETOCLAIM\_OTHER TEXT

Are there any other restrictions limiting who may apply for a credit/deduction? The answer choices are yes or no.

ELIGIBLETOCLAIM\_OTHER\_EXPLAINED MEMO

If yes, explain. Income cap? Residency requirement?

**7. AGENCIES**

The responsibilities for administering a state’s campaign finance laws often will fall to more than one agency. This section documents the agencies responsible for the subject areas covered in the preceding fields of this database.

AGENCY\_DISCLOSURE TEXT

The agency or agencies receiving campaign finance reports and making them public.

AGENCY\_DISCLOSURE\_CITATION MEMO

Citation(s) to provision(s) in the then-current state code establishing the relevant agency.

AGENCY\_ENFORCEMENT TEXT

The agency or agencies enforcing contribution limits and other regulations.

AGENCY\_ENFORCEMENT\_CITATION MEMO

Citation(s) to provision(s) in the then-current state code establishing the relevant agency

AGENCY\_PUBLICFINANCING TEXT

The agency or agencies responsible for public financing.

AGENCY\_PUBLICFINANCING\_CITATION MEMO

Citation(s) to provision(s) in the then-current state code establishing the relevant agency

AGENCY\_REFUNDCREDITDEDUCTION TEXT

Agency or agencies responsible for political contribution refunds, tax credits or tax deductions.

AGENCY\_REFUNDCREDITDEDUCTION\_CITATION MEMO

Citation(s) to provision(s) in the then-current state code establishing the relevant agency.

AGENCY\_LOBBYING TEXT

Agencies with responsibility for lobbying disclosure.

AGENCY\_LOBBYING\_CITATION MEMO

Citation(s) to provision(s) in the then-current state code establishing the relevant agency.

AGENCY\_DOINGBUSINESS TEXT

Agency or agencies responsible for defining and enforcing contractor or "doing business" rules.

AGENCY\_DOINGBUSINESS\_CITATION MEMO

Citation(s) to provision(s) in the then-current state code establishing the relevant agency.

AGENCY\_FINANCIALDISCLOSUREETHICS TEXT

Agency or agencies responsible for personal financial disclosure and ethics rules and personal financial disclosure.

AGENCY\_FINANCIALDISCLOSUREETHICS\_CITATION MEMO

Citation(s) to provision(s) in the then-current state code establishing the relevant agency.

AGENCY\_OTHER TEXT

Any other agency or agencies responsible for items covered by the database (specify).

AGENCY\_OTHER\_CITATION MEMO

Citation(s) to provision(s) in the then-current state code establishing the relevant agency.