Campaign Finance Institute

Historical Database of State Campaign Finance Laws

Fields Used in the Website Visualizations

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**CONTRIBUTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

INDIVIDUALTOCANDLIMIT\_H\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum amount a candidate may raise for this office over the course of two years?

INDIVIDUALTOCANDLIMIT\_S\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum amount a candidate may raise for this office over the course of two years?

INDIVIDUALTOCANDLIMIT\_G\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum amount a candidate may raise for this office over the course of two years?

PACTOCANDLIMIT\_H\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum amount a candidate may raise for this office over the course of two years?

PACTOCANDLIMIT\_S\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum amount a candidate may raise for this office over the course of two years?

PACTOCANDLIMIT\_G\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum amount a candidate may raise for this office over the course of two years?

CORPTOCANDLIMIT\_H\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum amount a candidate may raise for this office over the course of two years?

CORPTOCANDLIMIT\_S\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum amount a candidate may raise for this office over the course of two years?

CORPTOCANDLIMIT\_G\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum amount a candidate may raise for this office over the course of two years?

LABORTOCANDLIMIT\_H\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum amount a candidate may raise for this office over the course of two years?

LABORTOCANDLIMIT\_S\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum amount a candidate may raise for this office over the course of two years?

LABORTOCANDLIMIT\_G\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum amount a candidate may raise for this office over the course of two years?

STATEPTOCANDLIMIT\_H\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum amount a candidate may raise for this office over the course of two years?

STATEPTOCANDLIMIT\_S\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum amount a candidate may raise for this office over the course of two years?

STATEPTOCANDLIMIT\_G\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum amount a candidate may raise for this office over the course of two years?

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO PARTIES AND PACs**

INDIVIDUALTOPARTYLIMIT\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum over the course of two years?

PACTOPARTYLIMIT\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum over the course of two years?

CORPTOPARTYLIMIT\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum over the course of two years?

LABORTOPARTYLIMIT\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum over the course of two years?

INDIVIDUALTOPACLIMIT\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum over the course of two years?

PACTOPACLIMIT\_MAX INTEGER

What is the maximum over the course of two years?

CORPTOPACLIMIT\_MAX INTEGER

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**CONTRIBUTION AND EXPENDITURE REGULATIONS AND PROHIBITIONS**

AGGCANDLIMIT TEXT

Is there an aggregate limit on contributions from a donor to all candidates in the state in a given time period? Choose: yes, no, changed mid-cycle, inoperative/suspended whole cycle, or inoperative/suspended mid-cycle.

DOINGBUSINESSLIMITS TEXT

Are contribution limits lower for people or organizations doing business with the state? Choose: yes, no, changed mid-cycle, inoperative/suspended whole cycle, or inoperative/suspended mid-cycle.

**LOBBYIST\_LIMITS** TEXT

Does the law contain special contribution limits or prohibitions for lobbyists? Choose: yes, no, changed mid-cycle, inoperative/suspended whole cycle, or inoperative/suspended mid-cycle.

CORPEXPENDPROHIBIT TEXT

Are corporations prohibited from making political expenditures from their treasuries? Choose: yes, no, changed mid-cycle, inoperative/suspended whole cycle, or inoperative/suspended mid-cycle.

LABOREXPENDPROHIB TEXT

Are labor unions prohibited from making political expenditures from their treasuries? Choose: yes, no, changed mid-cycle, inoperative/suspended whole cycle, or inoperative/suspended mid-cycle.

**Which one of the next two should we use? Eliminate the redundant one?**

**SESSION\_LIMIT** TEXT

Does the law prohibit or limit fundraising during the legislative session? Choose: yes, no, changed mid-cycle, inoperative/suspended whole cycle, or inoperative/suspended mid-cycle.

CONTLEGISSESSION TEXT

Are there restrictions on accepting contributions or holding fundraising event during the legislative session? Choose: yes, no, changed mid-cycle, inoperative/suspended whole cycle, or inoperative/suspended mid-cycle.

**DISCLOSURE**

CANDDONOREXEMPTION TEXT

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

PARTYDONOREXEMPTION TEXT

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

PACDONOREXEMPTION TEXT

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

ENTITY\_DONORDISCLOSE TEXT

Does the state require entities other than political committees that spend money to influence elections to file reports disclosing the entity’s donors and other revenue sources? Choose: yes, no, changed mid-cycle, inoperative/suspended whole cycle, or inoperative/suspended mid-cycle.

IE\_REPORT\_EXEMPTION\_AMOUNT TEXT

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

IE\_TARGET TEXT

Must an IE report specify an IE's target (candidate or ballot proposition)? Choose: yes, no, changed mid-cycle, inoperative/suspended whole cycle, or inoperative/suspended mid-cycle.

ELXNRGCATEGORY TEXT

Are some forms of independent spending defined by another term in the law, with different definitions and requirements? Choose: yes, no, changed mid-cycle, inoperative/suspended whole cycle, or inoperative/suspended mid-cycle.

DISCLOSETOSHAREHOLDERS TEXT

Does state law require corporate political expenditures to be disclosed to shareholders? Choose: yes, no, changed mid-cycle, inoperative/suspended whole cycle, or inoperative/suspended mid-cycle.

**PUBLIC FINANCING**

PUBLICFUNDING\_H\_TYPE TEXT

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

PUBLICFUNDING\_S\_TYPE TEXT

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

PUBLICFUNDING\_G\_TYPE TEXT

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

PUBLICFUNDING\_P TEXT

Does the state provide public funds to political parties? Choose: yes, no, changed mid-cycle, inoperative/suspended whole cycle, or inoperative/suspended mid-cycle.

REFUNDORTAXCREDITORTAXDEDUCTION TEXT

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