

**2015 – 2016 ELECTION CYCLE SEGMENT
CONTRIBUTION AND CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURE LIMITS**

All contribution limits apply to the total of cash contributions, in-kind contributions, and loans received during the two-year period from January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2016.

Individual and Candidate Contribution Limits. Applies to the aggregate of contributions received during 2015 and 2016 from an individual, political committee, or a political fund (excluding political party units) and from the candidate's personal funds.

Office	2015 - 2016 Contribution Limit Total Amount for Two-Year Period	2015 - 2016 Candidate's Personal Contribution Limit Total Amount for Two-Year Period (applicable only to candidates who have signed a public subsidy agreement)
Governor/Lt. Governor	\$2,000	\$10,000
Attorney General	\$1,500	\$7,500
Secretary of State and State Auditor	\$1,000	\$5,000
Senate	\$1,000	\$5,000
House of Representatives	\$1,000	\$5,000
Judicial Office	\$2,500	Not applicable

Aggregate Political Party Unit and Terminating Principal Campaign Committee Contribution Limits. Applies to the aggregate of contributions received during 2015 and 2016 from all political party units and terminating principal campaign committees. Party units include a party caucus in the legislature, a state party, and party units in legislative districts, congressional districts, counties, municipalities, and precincts in aggregate.

Office	2015 – 2016 Political Party and Terminating Committee Contribution Limit Total Amount for Two-Year Period
Governor/Lt. Governor	\$20,000
Attorney General	\$15,000
Secretary of State, State Auditor	\$10,000
Senate	\$10,000
House of Representatives	\$10,000
Judicial Office	\$25,000

Aggregate contribution limits. All candidates (except judicial candidates) are subject to an aggregate contribution limit. This limit is not dependent on the signing of a public subsidy agreement. The aggregate contribution limit does not increase for first-time candidates or for candidates who do not sign a public subsidy agreement. This limit applies to the aggregate of all contributions and loans from:

- lobbyists,
- political committees or political funds, and
- associations not registered with the Board

Office	Aggregate Limit for 2015 -2016 Election Cycle Segment
Governor/Lt. Governor	\$313,000
Attorney General	\$41,700
Secretary of State, State Auditor	\$20,900
Senate	\$18,900
House of Representatives	\$12,600

CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURE LIMITS FOR 2015 – 2016 ELECTION CYCLE SEGMENT

All expenditure limits apply to the total campaign expenditures incurred during the two-year period from January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2016. All expenditure limits apply only to candidates who sign a public subsidy agreement.

Office	A 2015 - 2016 Base Spending Limit	B 2015 – 2016 Limit for Candidate Running for Office for the First Time	C 2016 Limit for candidate with closely contested primary	D 2016 Limit for first time candidate with closely contested primary
Governor/Lt. Governor	\$1,564,800	\$1,721,280	NA	NA
Attorney General	\$208,700	\$229,570	NA	NA
Secretary of State, State Auditor	\$104,400	\$114,840	NA	NA
Senate	\$94,700	\$104,170	\$113,640	\$125,004
House of Representatives	\$63,100	\$69,410	\$75,720	\$83,292

Spending limit. The spending limit includes the total of:

1. Monetary campaign expenditures,
2. In-kind campaign expenditures, and
3. Unpaid campaign expenditures.

Election Cycle Segments. The spending limit is higher in a two-year segment during which an election is held for the office sought. For that reason, candidates for a constitutional office or for the Senate will have a dramatically different base spending limit for the two year period 2017 - 2018

First-Time Candidate. A candidate is eligible for a 10% increase in the base campaign expenditure limit if the following conditions are met:

1. The candidate has not previously held the same office. For the legislature the office is House of Representatives or State Senate, without regard to any specific district.
2. The candidate has not previously been on the primary or general election ballot for that office.
3. The candidate has not in the past 10 years raised or spent more than \$750 in a run for any other office whose territory now includes a population that is more than one-third of the population in the territory of the office the candidate is now seeking.

Closely Contested Primary election. A candidate is eligible for a 20% spending increase for having a closely contested primary election if the following conditions are met:

1. The candidate won the primary election, and had at least one opponent in the primary election,
2. The candidate received fewer than twice as many votes as any one of the opponents in the primary. The closely contested primary spending increase is available for use only after the primary election.

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