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FEC SETS SPENDING LIMITS FOR 1987 SPECIAL ELECTIONS

WASHINGTON — The Federal Election Commission has calculated the amounts of money political parties may spend on behalf of their Congressional candidates for any special election held during 1987. These figures also may serve as a base for projecting the 1988 spending limits. The official 1988 limits will not be available until early next year.

These spending limits, known as "coordinated expenditures" are in addition to contributions made by the parties directly to the candidates' campaigns. Coordinated expenditures are allowed only with regard to the general election, and do not count either as contributions to candidates or as expenditures by candidates. Party committees may work with candidates' campaigns to determine how the money should be spent, but the campaigns do not receive the funds; the expenditures are reported directly by the party committees.

Coordinated expenditures are limited by law. For U.S. House races, the amount is \$10,000, plus a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA), or \$22,230 for 1987. In states where there is only one representative, the limit is \$20,000, plus a cost-of-living adjustment, or \$44,460.

Limits for Senate races are based on state voting age populations (VAP), with a set amount for states with smaller populations. The formula is:

$$\begin{array}{l} 2\% \times \text{State VAP} + \text{Cost-of-Living} \\ \text{—or—} \\ \$20,000 + \text{Cost-of-Living} \end{array} \quad \text{— whichever is greater}$$

The following chart lists party expenditures for Senate races in each state.

1987 Party Spending Limits

State	VAP (Thousands)	1987 Party Spending Limits
Alabama	2,938	\$130,623.48
Alaska*	358	44,460.00
Arizona	2,405	106,926.30
Arkansas	1,728	76,826.88
California	19,949	886,932.54
Colorado	2,396	106,526.16
Connecticut	2,438	108,393.48
Delaware*	475	44,460.00
Florida	9,071	403,296.66
Georgia	4,422	196,602.12
Hawaii	773	44,460.00
Idaho	682	44,460.00
Illinois	8,471	376,620.66
Indiana	4,013	178,417.98
Iowa	2,095	93,143.70

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State	VAP (Thousands)	1987 Party Spending Limits
Kansas	1,792	79,672.32
Kentucky	2,715	120,708.90
Louisiana	3,150	140,049.00
Maine	871	44,460.00
Maryland	3,359	149,341.14
Massachusetts	4,480	199,180.80
Michigan	6,675	296,770.50
Minnesota	3,075	136,714.50
Mississippi	1,842	81,895.32
Missouri	3,733	165,969.18
Montana	588	44,460.00
Nebraska	1,154	51,306.84
Nevada	740	44,460.00
New Hampshire	769	44,460.00
New Jersey	5,761	256,134.06
New Mexico	1,023	45,482.58
New York	13,437	597,409.02
North Carolina	4,740	210,740.40
North Dakota*	484	44,460.00
Ohio	7,905	351,456.30
Oklahoma	2,379	105,770.34
Oregon	1,990	88,475.40
Pennsylvania	9,031	401,518.26
Rhode Island	751	44,460.00
South Carolina	2,460	109,371.60
South Dakota*	503	44,460.00
Tennessee	3,572	158,811.12
Texas	11,792	524,272.32
Utah	1,046	46,505.16
Vermont*	401	44,460.00
Virginia	4,337	192,823.02
Washington	3,271	145,428.66
West Virginia	1,415	62,910.90
Wisconsin	3,508	155,965.68
Wyoming*	348	44,460.00

Delegate/Resident Commissioner Candidates

American Samoa	19	22,230.00
District of Columbia	495	22,230.00
Guam	75	22,230.00
Puerto Rico	2,038	22,230.00
Virgin Islands	64	22,230.00

* indicates states with only one representative
