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FEC ANNOUNCES PARTY SPENDING LIMITS FOR 1988 GENERAL ELECTIONS

WASHINGTON — The national committees of each political party may spend up to \$8.3 million on behalf of their presidential nominees in this November's General Election. They will be able to spend anywhere from \$46,100 to \$938,688.20 on behalf of their U.S. Senate nominees, depending on the state, and \$23,050 on each U.S. House race.

Individual state party committees may spend similar amounts in Senate or House races, or may pass their limits to the national committees, effectively doubling the national committees' expenditure limits in those states or Congressional districts.

These expenditures are known as "coordinated expenditures" and the Federal Election Commission today announced the official limits for the 1988 general election.

"Coordinated expenditures" are made in addition to contributions given by the parties directly to candidates' campaigns. These 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 on special schedules on their financial disclosure reports.

Coordinated expenditures are limited by law. For U.S. House races, the amount is \$10,000, plus a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA), or \$23,050.00 for 1988. In states where there is only one representative, the limit is \$20,000, plus COLA, or \$46,100 for 1988.

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

$2\frac{1}{2} \times \text{State VAP} + \text{Cost-of-Living}$
—or—
 $\$20,000 + \text{Cost-of-Living}$ — whichever is greater

The following page lists party expenditures for each state.

1988 PARTY SPENDING LIMITS - SENATE ELECTIONS

STATE	VAP (in thousands)	1988 EXPENDITURE LIMITS
ALABAMA	2,966	\$ 136,732.60
ALASKA*	354	46,100.00
ARIZONA	2,467	113,728.70
ARKANSAS	1,741	80,260.10
CALIFORNIA	20,362	938,688.20
COLORADO	2,422	111,654.20
CONNECTICUT	2,454	113,129.40
DELAWARE*	482	46,100.00
FLORIDA	9,319	429,605.90
GEORGIA	4,486	206,804.60
HAWAII	797	46,100.00
IDAHO	693	46,100.00
ILLINOIS	8,547	394,016.70
INDIANA	4,061	187,212.10
IOWA	2,102	96,902.20
KANSAS	1,825	84,132.50
KENTUCKY	2,731	125,899.10
LOUISIANA	3,145	144,984.50
MAINE	884	46,100.00
MARYLAND	3,410	157,201.00
MASSACHUSETTS	4,519	208,325.90
MICHIGAN	6,740	310,714.00
MINNESOTA	3,135	144,523.50
MISSISSIPPI	1,833	84,501.30
MISSOURI	3,794	174,903.40
MONTANA	585	46,100.00
NEBRASKA	1,171	53,983.10
NEVADA	755	46,100.00
NEW HAMPSHIRE	791	46,100.00
NEW JERSEY	5,841	269,270.10
NEW MEXICO	1,053	48,543.30
NEW YORK	13,464	620,690.40
NORTH CAROLINA	4,786	220,634.60
NORTH DAKOTA*	485	46,100.00
OHIO	7,947	366,356.70
OKLAHOMA	2,379	109,671.90
OREGON	2,038	93,951.80
PENNSYLVANIA	9,085	418,818.50
RHODE ISLAND	757	46,100.00
SOUTH CAROLINA	2,484	114,512.40
SOUTH DAKOTA*	513	46,100.00
TENNESSEE	3,604	166,144.40
TEXAS	11,805	544,210.50
UTAH	1,051	48,451.10
VERMONT*	408	46,100.00
VIRGINIA	4,444	204,868.40
WASHINGTON	3,369	155,310.90
WEST VIRGINIA	1,407	64,862.70
WISCONSIN	3,537	163,055.70
WYOMING*	342	46,100.00

HOUSE LIMIT (States, Dist. of Col., and Territories)
 \$10,000.00 + COLA) \$ 23,050.00
 *States with only one Representative \$ 46,100.00

PRESIDENTIAL LIMIT
 2¢ x U.S. VAP (179,858,000) \$8,291,453.80

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