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## FEC ANNOUNCES 1992 PRESIDENTIAL SPENDING LIMITS

WASHINGTON -- Presidential candidates who accept public funding may spend \$33.1 million on their pre-nomination efforts while each party's nominee will be able to spend \$55.24 million during the 1992 general election, according to unofficial calculations released today by the Federal Election Commission.

Each of the two major parties will be able to spend up to \$10.3 million on behalf of their presidential nominees, according to these calculations.

The spending limits are, at this time, unofficial until the Labor Department and the Bureau of the Census certify cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) and voting age population (VAP) figures. However, the FEC does not expect the computations to change and campaigns are being so notified.

There is an overall spending limit for the entire pre-convention period as well as limits for spending in each state. The limits apply only to those campaigns choosing to accept federal funds. Campaigns which forego federal funding may spend unlimited amounts of money.

The overall "base" spending limit for presidential primary campaigns is \$10 million, plus a cost-of-living adjustment (over 1974). For the 1992 primary season, the "base" spending limit is \$27,620,000. An exemption for 20% of a campaign's fundraising expenses effectively raises the amount primary contenders may spend in the pre-convention period to \$33,144,000. Candidates may spend unlimited amounts for certain legal and accounting costs.

State spending limits are keyed to the voting age population of each state, with a minimum of at least \$200,000 plus a cost-of-living adjustment for those states with a low VAP. The formula for setting state limits is ~~16¢ x VAP + cost-of-living~~. A less populated state, such as New Hampshire, would have a limit of \$200,000, plus cost-of-living, or \$552,400. A larger state, such as California, would have a limit of 16¢ x 22,218,000 (VAP), plus cost-of-living, or \$9,818,578.56.

The two major party nominees will be given \$55,240,000 each for the general election campaign. Candidates opting for general election funding have a spending limit of \$20 million plus a cost-of-living adjustment, (over 1974). They receive all of their funds from the U.S. Treasury and may not raise private contributions for the campaign, other than for legal and accounting costs, which are not subject to the spending limit.

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**1992 STATE-BY-STATE EXPENDITURE LIMITS  
FOR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES**

State	VAP (in thousands)	1992 Limit
Alabama	3,018	\$1,333,714.56
Alaska	391	552,400.00
Arizona	2,740	1,210,860.80
Arkansas	1,746	771,592.32
California	22,218	9,818,578.56
Colorado	2,493	1,101,706.56
Connecticut	2,527	1,116,731.84
Delaware	512	552,400.00
Dist. of Col.	477	552,400.00
Florida	10,280	4,542,937.60
Georgia	4,848	2,142,428.16
Hawaii	846	552,400.00
Idaho	721	552,400.00
Illinois	8,545	3,776,206.40
Indiana	4,144	1,831,316.48
Iowa	2,069	914,332.48
Kansas	1,822	805,178.24
Kentucky	2,754	1,217,047.68
Louisiana	3,018	1,333,714.56
Maine	924	552,400.00
Maryland	3,659	1,616,985.28
Massachusetts	4,622	2,042,554.24
Michigan	6,884	3,042,177.28
Minnesota	3,243	1,433,146.56
Mississippi	1,841	813,574.72
Missouri	3,818	1,687,250.56
Montana	585	552,400.00
Nebraska	1,158	552,400.00
Nevada	962	552,400.00
New Hampshire	824	552,400.00
New Jersey	5,919	2,615,724.48
New Mexico	1,089	552,400.00
New York	13,691	6,050,326.72
North Carolina	5,094	2,251,140.48
North Dakota	461	552,400.00
Ohio	8,120	3,588,390.40
Oklahoma	2,330	1,029,673.60
Oregon	2,174	960,734.08
Pennsylvania	9,132	4,035,613.44
Rhode Island	774	552,400.00
South Carolina	2,622	1,158,714.24
South Dakota	503	552,400.00
Tennessee	3,723	1,645,268.16
Texas	12,380	5,470,969.60
Utah	1,128	552,400.00
Vermont	422	552,400.00
Virginia	4,748	2,098,236.16
Washington	3,703	1,636,429.76
West Virginia	1,364	602,778.88
Wisconsin	3,644	1,610,356.48
Wyoming	323	552,400.00

*Conventions*

*Party Spending*

At this time, the FEC has no VAP figures for American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, or the Virgin Islands.