FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
[Notice 2012–02]

Price Index Adjustments for Expenditure Limitations and Lobbyist Bundling Disclosure Threshold

AGENCY: Federal Election Commission.

ACTION: Federal Election Commission. Notice of adjustments to expenditure limitations and lobbyist bundling disclosure threshold.

SUMMARY: As mandated by provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (“FECA” or “the Act”), the Federal Election Commission (“FEC” or “the Commission”) is adjusting certain expenditure limitations and the lobbyist bundling disclosure threshold set forth in the Act, to index the amounts for inflation. Additional details appear in the supplemental information that follows.

DATES: Effective Date: January 1, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Elizabeth S. Kurland, Information Division, 999 E Street NW., Washington, DC 20463; (202) 694–1100 or (800) 424–9530.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, 2 U.S.C. 431 et seq., coordinated party expenditure limits (2 U.S.C. 441a(d)(2) and (3)(A), (B)) and the disclosure threshold for contributions bundled by lobbyists (2 U.S.C. 434(i)(3)(A)) are adjusted periodically to reflect changes in the consumer price index. See 2 U.S.C. 434(i)(3)(B) and 441a(c)(1), 11 CFR 104.22(g), 109.32 and 110.17(a), (f). The Commission is publishing this notice to announce the adjusted limits and disclosure threshold.

Coordinated Party Expenditure Limits for 2012

Under 2 U.S.C. 441a(c), the Commission must adjust the expenditure limitations established by 2 U.S.C. 441a(d) (the limits on expenditures by national party committees, state party committees, or their subordinate committees in connection with the general election campaign of candidates for Federal office) annually to account for inflation. This expenditure limitation is increased by the percent difference between the price index, as certified to the Commission by the Secretary of Labor, for the 12 months preceding the beginning of the calendar year and the price index for the base period (calendar year 1974). The formula used to calculate this expenditure limitation considers not only the price index but also the voting age population (“VAP”) of the state. The VAP of each state is published annually in the Federal Register by the Department of Commerce. 11 CFR 110.18. The general election expenditure limitation is the greater of: The base figure ($20,000) multiplied by the difference in the price index, 4.56207 (which totals $91,200); or $0.02 multiplied by the VAP of the state, multiplied by 4.56207. Amounts are rounded to the nearest $100. See 2 U.S.C. 441a(c)(1)(B) and 441a(d)(3)(A), and 11 CFR 109.32(b) and 110.17. The chart below provides the state-by-state breakdown of the 2012 general election expenditure limitation for Senate elections. The expenditure limitation for 2012 Senate elections in states with only one congressional district 2 is $91,200.

SENATE GENERAL ELECTION EXPENDITURE LIMITATIONS—2012 ELECTIONS

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<tr>
<th>State</th>
<th>Voting age population (VAP)</th>
<th>VAP × .02 × the price index (4.56207)</th>
<th>Senate expenditure limit (the greater of the amount in column 3 or $91,200)</th>
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<td>Alabama</td>
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<td>Arizona</td>
<td>4,857,391</td>
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<td>Arkansas</td>
<td>2,227,505</td>
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1 Currently, these states are the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the territories of American Samoa, Guam, the United States Virgin Islands and the Northern Mariana Islands. See http://www.house.gov/house/

2 Currently, these states are: Alaska, Delaware, Montana, North Dakota, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Vermont and Wyoming. See http://www.house.gov/house/

MemberWWW_by_State.shtml and http://about.dc.gov/statehood.asp.

MemberWWW_by_State.shtml.
The national party committees have an expenditure limitation for their general election nominee for President. The formula used to calculate the Presidential expenditure limitation considers not only the price index but also the total VAP of the United States. The Department of Commerce also publishes the total VAP of the United States annually in the Federal Register, 11 CFR 110.18. The formula used to calculate this expenditure limitation is $0.02 multiplied by the total VAP of the United States (237,657,645), multiplied by the price index, 4.56207. Amounts are rounded to the nearest $100. See 2 U.S.C. 441a(d)(2) and 11 CFR 109.32(a). Based upon this formula, the expenditure limitation for 2012 Presidential nominees is $21,684,200.

Limitations on Contributions by Individuals, Non-Multicandidate Committees and Certain Political Party Committees Giving to U.S. Senate Candidates for the 2011–2012 Election Cycle

For the convenience of the readers, the Commission is also republishing the contribution limitations for individuals, non-multicandidate committees, and for certain political party committees giving to U.S. Senate candidates for the 2011–2012 election cycle:
### Lobbyist Bundling Disclosure Threshold for 2012

The Act requires certain political committees to disclose contributions bundled by lobbyists/registrants and lobbyist/registrant political action committees once the contributions exceed a specified threshold amount. The Commission must adjust this threshold amount annually to account for inflation. The disclosure threshold is increased by multiplying the $15,000 statutory disclosure threshold by 1.11578, the difference between the price index, as certified to the Commission by the Secretary of Labor, for the 12 months preceding the beginning of the calendar year and the price index for the base period (calendar year 2006). The resulting amount is rounded to the nearest multiple of $100. See 2 U.S.C. 441a(c)(1)(A) and (B), 441a(c)(1)(B) and 11 CFR 104.22(g).

Based upon this formula ($15,000 × 1.11578), the lobbyist bundling disclosure threshold for calendar year 2012 is $16,700.


On behalf of the Commission.

Caroline C. Hunter,
Chair, Federal Election Commission.

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### FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

[Notice 2012–01]

**Filing Dates for the Arizona Special Election in the 8th Congressional District**

**AGENCY:** Federal Election Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of filing dates for special election.

**SUMMARY:** Arizona has scheduled elections on April 17, 2012, and June 12, 2012, to fill the U.S. House seat in the 8th Congressional District vacated by Representative Gabrielle Giffords. Committees required to file reports in connection with the Special Primary Election on April 17, 2012, shall file a 12-day Pre-Primary Report. Committees required to file reports in connection with both the Special Primary and Special General Election on June 12, 2012, shall file a 12-day Pre-General Report, a 12-day Pre-General Report, and a 30-day Post-General Report.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Principal Campaign Committees**

All principal campaign committees of candidates who participate in the Arizona Special Primary and Special General Elections shall file a 12-day Pre-Primary Report on April 5, 2012; a 12-day Pre-General Report on May 31, 2012; and a 30-day Post-General Report on July 12, 2012. (See chart below for the closing date for each report).

**Unauthorized Committees (PACs and Party Committees)**

Political committees filing on a quarterly basis in 2012 are subject to special election reporting if they make previously undisclosed contributions or expenditures in connection with the Arizona Special Primary or Special General Election by the close of books for the applicable report(s). (See chart below for the closing date for each report).

Committees filing monthly that make contributions or expenditures in connection with the Arizona Special Primary or General Elections will continue to file according to the monthly reporting schedule.

Additional disclosure information in connection with the Arizona Special Election may be found on the FEC Web site at http://www.fec.gov/info/report_dates.shtml.

**Disclosure of Lobbyist Bundling Activity**

Principal campaign committees, party committees and Leadership PACs that are otherwise required to file reports in connection with the special elections must simultaneously file FEC Form 3L if they receive two or more bundled contributions from lobbyists/registrants or lobbyist/registrant PACs that aggregate in excess of the lobbyist bundling disclosure threshold during the special election reporting periods (see charts below for closing date of each period). 11 CFR 104.22(a)(5)(v).

The lobbyist bundling disclosure threshold for calendar year 2011 was $16,200. This threshold amount may change in 2012 based upon the annual cost of living adjustment (COLA). Once the adjusted threshold amount becomes available, the Commission will publish it in the Federal Register and post it on its Web site.

### Calendar of Reporting Dates for Arizona Special Election

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**COMMITTEES INVOLVED IN ONLY THE SPECIAL PRIMARY (04/17/12) MUST FILE:**