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## FEC ANNOUNCES 1986 GENERAL ELECTION PARTY SPENDING LIMITS

WASHINGTON — The Federal Election Commission has calculated the amounts of money political parties may spend on behalf of their Congressional candidates in the 1986 general elections.

These spending limits, known as "coordinated expenditures" are in addition to contributions made by the parties directly to 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 candidates' 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 \$21,810 for 1986. In states where there is only one representative, the limit is the same as that set for Senate candidates.

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

State VAP x 2¢ plus cost-of-living  
or  
\$20,000 plus cost-of-living      whichever is greater

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

State	VAP (Thousands)	1986 Party Spending Limits
Alabama	2,904	\$126,672.48
Alaska*	351	43,620.00
Arizona	2,312	100,849.44
Arkansas	1,713	74,721.06
California	19,525	851,680.50
Colorado	2,367	103,248.54
Connecticut	2,418	105,473.16
Delaware*	465	43,620.00
Florida	8,830	385,184.60
Georgia	4,318	188,351.16
Hawaii	764	43,620.00
Idaho	681	43,620.00
Illinois	8,436	367,978.32
Indiana	3,993	174,174.66
Iowa	2,111	92,081.82
Kansas	1,785	77,861.70

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State	VAP (Thousands)	1986 Party Spending Limits
Kentucky	2,703	117,904.86
Louisiana	3,126	136,358.12
Maine	860	43,620.00
Maryland	3,295	143,727.80
Massachusetts	4,458	194,457.98
Michigan	6,605	288,110.10
Minnesota	3,054	133,215.48
Mississippi	1,824	79,562.88
Missouri	3,702	161,481.24
Montana	592	43,620.00
Nebraska	1,158	50,511.98
Nevada	716	43,620.00
New Hampshire	745	43,620.00
New Jersey	5,700	248,634.00
New Mexico	1,002	43,767.24
New York	13,414	585,118.68
North Carolina	4,668	203,530.92
North Dakota*	488	43,620.00
Ohio	7,871	343,333.82
Oklahoma	2,377	103,684.74
Oregon	1,976	86,193.12
Pennsylvania	8,976	391,533.12
Rhode Island	743	43,620.00
South Carolina	2,425	105,778.50
South Dakota*	502	43,620.00
Tennessee	3,531	154,022.22
Texas	11,572	504,770.64
Utah	1,031	44,972.22
Vermont*	395	43,620.00
Virginia	4,262	185,908.44
Washington	3,229	140,848.98
West Virginia	1,420	61,940.40
Wisconsin	3,491	152,277.42
Wyoming*	349	43,620.00

#### Delegate/Resident Commissioner Candidates

America Samoa	19	\$ 21,810.00
District of Columbia	494	21,810.00
Guam	72	21,810.00
Puerto Rico	2,034	21,810.00
Virgin Islands	62	21,810.00