

## CONTRIBUTION LIMITS - CALENDAR YEAR 2012

(Contribution limits apply to the total of cash contributions, in-kind contributions, and loans.)

**Individual and Candidate Contribution Limits.** Applies to the aggregate of contributions received during the calendar year from an individual, political committee, or political fund (excluding political party units) and from the candidate's personal funds.

Office	Individual, Political Committee or Fund contribution Limit 2012	Candidate's personal funds contribution limit (applicable only to candidates who have signed a public subsidy agreement)
<b>Governor/Lt. Governor</b>	\$500	\$20,000
<b>Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Auditor</b>	\$200	\$10,000
<b>Senate</b>	\$500	\$5,000
<b>House of Representatives</b>	\$500	\$5,000
<b>Judicial Candidate on Ballot in 2012</b>	\$2,000	Not applicable
<b>Judicial Candidate not on Ballot in 2012</b>	\$500	Not applicable

**Aggregate Political Party Unit and Terminating Principal Campaign Committee Contribution Limits.** Applies to the aggregate of contributions received during the calendar year from all political party units and terminating principal campaign committees. Party units include a party caucus in the legislature, a state party, and party units in legislative districts, congressional districts, counties, municipalities, and precincts, and terminating principal campaign committees in aggregate.

Office	Contribution limit 2012
<b>Governor/Lt. Governor</b>	\$5,000
<b>Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Auditor</b>	\$2,000
<b>Senate</b>	\$5,000
<b>House of Representatives</b>	\$5,000
<b>Judicial Office</b>	\$20,000

### Aggregate contribution limits

All candidates (except judicial candidates) are subject to an aggregate contribution limit. This limit is not dependent on the signing of a Public Subsidy Agreement. This limit applies to the aggregate of all contributions and loans from:

- lobbyists,
- political committees or political funds,
- large givers, who are individuals who contribute or loan an amount that is more than \$100 and more than one-half the amount an individual may contribute during the year.

Office	Aggregate limits 2012	A large giver is a person who during the calendar year donates more than:
<b>Governor/Lt. Governor</b>	\$103,100	\$250
<b>Attorney General</b>	\$17,200	\$100
<b>Secretary of State, State Auditor</b>	\$8,600	\$100
<b>Senate*</b>	\$12,900	\$250
<b>House of Representatives*</b>	\$6,500	\$250

The aggregate contribution limit does not increase for first time candidates, and does apply to candidates who do not sign a public subsidy agreement.

\*Estimated amounts – final aggregate contribution limits for House and Senate candidates will be calculated in early 2012

## SPENDING LIMITS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2012

Office	A 2012 base spending limit	B Limit for candidate running for office for the first time	C Limit for candidate with closely contested primary	D Limit for first time candidate with closely contested primary	E 2012 Public Subsidy Qualifying Amount	E Public Subsidy Agreement in effect until
Governor/Lt. Governor	\$515,440	\$566,984	NA	NA	NA	12/31/14
Attorney General	\$85,920	\$94,490	NA	NA	NA	12/31/14
Secretary of State, State Auditor	\$42,960	\$47,356	NA	NA	NA	12/31/14
Senate*	\$64,500	\$71,000	\$77,400	\$85,200	\$3,000	12/31/12
House of Representatives*	\$32,500	\$35,800	\$39,000	\$42,960	\$1,500	12/31/12

\*Estimated amounts – final expenditure limits for House and Senate candidates will be calculated in early 2012.

**Spending limit.** The spending limit includes the total of:

1. Monetary campaign expenditures,
2. In-kind campaign expenditures, and
3. Unpaid campaign expenditures.

**First Time Candidate.** A candidate is eligible for a 10% first-time candidate spending increase if the following conditions are met:

1. The candidate is running for the particular office for the first time, and
2. The candidate has not previously run for any other office (including local offices) whose territory now includes a population that is more than one-third of the population in the territory of the new office.

The first time candidate spending increase is available during each year of the election cycle, not just the election year.

**Closely Contested Primary election.** A candidate is eligible for a 20% spending increase for having a closely contested primary election if the following conditions are met:

1. The candidate had one or more opponents in the primary election,
2. The candidate won the primary election, and
3. The candidate received fewer than twice as many votes as any one of the opponents in the primary. The closely contested primary spending increase is available for use only after the primary election.