

California Fair Political Practices Commission

Voluntary Expenditure Ceilings for State Candidates

(Effective January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2026)

State candidates may voluntarily accept expenditure limits for elections. They must declare on the Candidate Intention Statement (Form 501) whether they accept the voluntary expenditure ceiling established for each election. Candidates who accept the ceiling are designated in either the state ballot pamphlet (statewide candidates) or the voter information portion of the sample ballot (Senate and Assembly candidates) and may purchase space to place a 250-word statement there. The voluntary expenditure ceilings are effective for elections held between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2026. (Regulation 18545.)

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Office	Primary/Special Election	General/Special Runoff Election
Assembly	\$784,000	\$1,373,000
Senate	\$1,177,000	\$1,765,000
Board of Equalization	\$1,961,000	\$2,942,000
Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Insurance Commissioner, Controller, Secretary of State, Supt. of Public Instruction, Treasurer	\$7,844,000	\$11,767,000
Governor	\$11,767,000	\$19,611,000
CalPERS/CalSTRS (Section 85400)	N/A	N/A