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## Spending limits set for general election

Limits on spending for the general election have now been determined after the filing of maximum spending declarations by statewide candidates who are not participating in the public financing program.

Four candidates or candidate teams on the Nov. 7 ballot, who are opposed by candidates who have previously agreed to observe statutory spending limits, filed the required statements of maximum expenditures for the general election with OCPF by 5 p.m. today. All candidates' limits for the election period (Sept. 20-Nov. 7 for Democrats and Republicans, Aug. 30-Nov. 7 for unenrolled candidates) have been raised to the highest amount cited by a candidate in that race who did not agree to statutory limits .

In the races for **Governor and Lieutenant Governor**, the Republican team of Kerry Healey and Reed Hillman submitted a spending ceiling figure of **\$15 million**, which is now the maximum for all four candidate teams. Members of the other three teams (Democrats Deval Patrick and Timothy Murray, unenrolled candidates Christy Mihos and John Sullivan, and Grace Ross and Martina Robinson of the Green/Rainbow Party political designation) had originally signified their intent to observe spending limits and had been bound to the statutory maximum of \$1.5 million until today's filing.

The limits in the other four races are significantly lower than that of the governor/lieutenant governor race.

In the race for **Treasurer**, the limit is **\$2 million**, which represents the figure filed by Democratic incumbent Timothy Cahill. The other candidate, James O'Keefe of the Green/Rainbow political designation, had agreed to the statutory limit of \$375,000 last month, but his limit is now increased.

In the race for **Secretary**, Democratic incumbent William Galvin submitted a self-imposed ceiling of **\$900,000**. That is the new limit for both Galvin and Green/Rainbow opponent Jill Stein, who had agreed to the statutory limit of \$375,000.

In the race for **Auditor**, Democratic incumbent Joseph DeNucci set a ceiling of **\$750,000** in his race against unenrolled candidate Rand Wilson, who had agreed to the statutory limit of \$375,000 and will see his limit increase.

One contest was unaffected by today's filings: the race for **Attorney General**, the spending limit is \$625,000, the amount set by statute. Both nominees, Democrat Martha Coakley and Republican Lawrence Frisoli, had agreed to the statutory limit of **\$625,000** in June.

Under Massachusetts' public financing program, candidates are eligible to receive matching public funds in return for agreeing to observe specific spending limits. Candidates who opt not to enter the program, but are opposed by a candidate who has agreed to participate, are required to submit binding maximum expenditure estimates, for possible adjustment to limits in a race.

Despite any change in limits caused by today's filings, the amount of public funds for which participating candidates are eligible does not change.

A total of \$1,613,689 was available for public financing this year, to be divided equally for the primary and general election periods. The law calls for candidates for governor to be funded first, with any remaining funds to be distributed to candidates for the other statewide offices who are eligible to receive public financing. In the primary, \$806,844 was split evenly by Patrick and fellow Democratic gubernatorial candidate Thomas Reilly. The remaining \$806,844 was allocated for use in the general election campaign.

Patrick has already submitted the required qualifying contributions for his team to receive funding for the general election. The exact amount he will receive, however, depends on how many other gubernatorial teams submit the required \$125,000 in contributions to qualify for public funds. If both the Mihos/Sullivan and Ross/Robinson teams qualify, for example, the general election funds will be split three ways. No gubernatorial team may receive more than \$750,000 for the general election.

In the event that any funds are left over after the certification of gubernatorial teams, they will be distributed among qualified candidates for the other four statewide offices.

*A list of the spending limits for each race follows.*

# Spending Limits for the 2006 General Election Period

## *Candidate/team*

## *Declared/statutory limit*

### Governor/Lt. Governor

Kerry Healey / Reed Hillman (R)	self-imposed limit of \$15,000,000
Deval Patrick / Timothy Murray (D)	statutory limit of \$1,500,000
Christy Mihos / John Sullivan (U)	statutory limit of \$1,500,000
Grace Ross / Martina Robinson (G)	statutory limit of \$1,500,000
<i>Limit for each team is \$15,000,000</i>	

## **Attorney General**

Martha Coakley (D)	statutory limit of \$625,000
Lawrence Frisoli (R)	statutory limit of \$625,000
<i>Limit for each candidate is \$625,000</i>	

## **Treasurer**

Timothy Cahill* (D)	self-imposed limit of \$2,000,000
James O'Keefe (G)	statutory limit of \$375,000
<i>Limit for each candidate is \$2,000,000</i>	

## **Secretary**

William Galvin* (D)	self-imposed limit of \$900,000
Jill Stein (G)	statutory limit of \$375,000
<i>Limit for each candidate is \$900,000</i>	

## **Auditor**

Joseph DeNucci * (D)	self-imposed limit of \$750,000
Rand Wilson (U)	statutory limit of \$375,000
<i>Limit for each candidate is \$750,000</i>	

\* = Incumbent. D = Democrat R = Republican G = Green /Rainbow U = Unenrolled