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Three candidates file spending limit statements

BOSTON – Three candidates for statewide office whose opponents have agreed to statutory spending limits today filed the required statements declaring the maximum amounts of their expenditures for the upcoming primary campaign.

Christopher Gabrieli (Democratic candidate for governor), Deborah Goldberg (Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor) and William Galvin (Democratic candidate for secretary of state) filed statements with OCPF by the deadline of 5 p.m.

Such statements are required from candidates who declined to abide by statutory spending limits by the June 6 deadline. Though they did not agree to the limits, these candidates are still required to declare a self-imposed spending cap if they are opposed by candidates who have agreed to limit spending. Gabrieli, Goldberg and Galvin are each opposed in the primary by at least one candidate who had agreed to the statutory limit.

Those candidates' spending limits will now increase to the amounts specified by Gabrieli, Goldberg and Galvin. The declared limits cover only the primary campaign period: June 7 to Primary Day, Sept. 19.

The self-imposed limits declared by each of the three filers are:

- **Gabrieli: \$15,360,000.** The limits of Gabrieli's two primary opponents, Deval Patrick and Thomas Reilly, now increase to \$15,360,000 from their previous statutory limit of \$1.5 million.
- **Goldberg: \$4,000,000.** The limits of Goldberg's two primary opponents, Timothy Murray and Andrea Silbert, now increase to \$4,000,000 from their previous statutory limit of \$625,000.
- **Galvin: \$2,900,000.** The limit of his primary opponent, John Bonifaz, now increases to **\$2,900,000** from his previous statutory limit of \$625,000.

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While the spending limits for the above participating candidates have increased, however, the amount of public financing for which their campaigns may be eligible does not change.

The amount of money in the State Election Campaign Fund that will be available to participating candidates will be known June 30. OCPF estimates the amount of available funds at slightly over \$1.5 million, which is divided evenly between the primary and general election campaigns.

State law calls for gubernatorial candidates to receive any available matching funds first, with the remainder spilling over proportionately to the other statewide races. Each of the two gubernatorial candidates who have opted into the system, Patrick and Reilly, is eligible to receive up to \$750,000 in matching funds for the primary if they apply for certification. If that occurs, it is likely that due to the limited amount available in the fund, the two gubernatorial candidates will ultimately be eligible for matching funds of only a portion of the \$750,000 for which each is eligible, and the non-gubernatorial participating candidates will not receive any public money for the primary.

After the primary, all candidates who have not agreed to limit spending and who are opposed in the general election by candidates who have agreed to do so will have to declare their self-imposed limit for the final seven-week general election campaign. Those statements are due on Friday, Sept. 22.

A list of statewide candidates and their limits for the primary follows.

Primary Election Candidates and Their Spending Limits

(statutory or self-imposed)

	Democrats		Republicans	
	<u><i>Candidates</i></u>	<u><i>Limit</i></u>	<u><i>Candidates</i></u>	<u><i>Limit</i></u>
<i>Governor</i>	Christopher Gabrieli	\$15,360,000	Kerry Healey	None
	Deval Patrick	\$15,360,000		
	Thomas Reilly	\$15,360,000		
<i>Lt. Governor</i>				
	Deborah Goldberg	\$4,000,000	Reed Hillman	None
	Timothy Murray	\$4,000,000		
	Andrea Silbert	\$4,000,000		
<i>Attorney General</i>				
	Martha Coakley	\$625,000	Lawrence Frisoli	\$625,000
<i>Treasurer</i>				
	Timothy Cahill	No limit	*	
<i>Secretary</i>				
	William Galvin	\$2,900,000		
	John Bonifaz	\$2,900,000		
<i>Auditor</i>				
	Joseph DeNucci	No limit	*	

* Two Republican candidates who filed statements agreeing to limits by Tuesday, Ronald Davy (treasurer) and Earle Stroll (auditor) did not file enough signatures to get on the primary ballot, according to the Elections Division of the Secretary of the Commonwealth.