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## **Four statewide candidates file spending limit statements**

BOSTON – Four candidates for statewide office who did not agree to campaign expenditure limits and whose opponents have agreed to statutory spending limits for the upcoming general election have filed the required statements declaring the maximum amounts their campaigns will spend prior to Nov. 2.

The candidates who filed statements with OCPF by the deadline of Sept. 20 are Charles Baker and Gov. Deval Patrick for Governor, Secretary of the Commonwealth William Galvin, and James McKenna for Attorney General.

The statements are required from candidates who did not agree to statutory spending limits, or are on the ballot in the general election through a primary election write-in campaign. Though they did not agree to the limits, the candidates are still required to declare a self-imposed spending cap if they are opposed by candidates who have agreed to limit spending. Baker, Patrick, Galvin and McKenna are all opposed in the general election by candidates who have agreed to the statutory limits (Timothy Cahill and Jill Stein for Governor, William Campbell for Secretary of the Commonwealth, and Attorney General Martha Coakley). The spending limits for those candidates will now increase to the amounts specified by Baker, Patrick, Galvin and McKenna.

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

- **Patrick: \$9.9 million.** The spending limits of Patrick's two unenrolled general election opponents, Cahill and Stein, now increase to \$9.9 million from the statutory limit of \$1.5 million.

- **Baker: \$8 million.** Because Patrick declared a higher limit, Baker's limit also rises to \$9.9 million.
- **Galvin: \$2.9 million.** The limit for Galvin's general election opponent, Campbell, now increases to \$2.9 million from the statutory limit of \$375,000.
- **McKenna: \$750,000.** The limit for McKenna's general election opponent, Coakley, now increases to \$750,000 from the statutory limit of \$625,000.

The declared limits cover the general election campaign period: Sept. 15 to Nov. 2, except for Cahill and Stein. As unenrolled candidates, their campaign period is Sept. 1 to Nov. 2.

Spending by lieutenant governor candidates Murray, Tisei, Loscocco and Purcell count toward the \$9.9 million limit for the governor's race since they appear on the ballot as a team.

Because no candidates for state treasurer are participating in the public financing program, there is no spending limit in that race. Both candidates for state auditor, Suzanne Bump and Mary Connaughton, have agreed to the statutory spending limit of \$375,000.

The amount of money in the State Election Campaign Fund available to participating candidates is \$1,038,676. The law calls for participating candidates for governor and lieutenant governor to be funded first, with any remaining funds to be distributed evenly to candidates for the other statewide offices who are eligible to receive public financing. Cahill and Stein filed statements agreeing to spending limits and are eligible for up to \$750,000 in matching funds for the general election, subject to submitting the necessary qualifying contributions and the availability of funds.