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FEC ESTIMATES 1984 PRESIDENTIAL SPENDING

WASHINGTON -- Each of the 1984 Presidential primary contenders could spend almost \$20 million in the race for their party's nomination, according to estimates published by the Federal Election Commission.

Presidential candidates who receive federal matching funds are limited in what they may spend on their campaigns for nomination. In addition, they are limited to a set spending amount in each state. Those who do not enter the "matching system" may spend unlimited amounts of money.

The overall base spending limit for Presidential primary campaigns is \$10 million plus a cost-of-living adjustment, which, at this time is estimated to be at least \$19,570,000. There is an additional 20% allowed for certain fundraising costs and candidates may spend unlimited amounts for legal and accounting services.

The state spending limits are keyed to the voting age population of each state, (VAP), with a minimum of at least \$200,000 (plus cost-of-living adjustment) for those states with a low VAP. The formula for setting state limits is:

$$16¢ \times \text{voting age population} + \text{cost-of-living adjustment}$$

For example, a less populous state like New Hampshire would have a limit of \$200,000 plus cost-of-living or \$391,400. A larger state, like California, would have a limit of $16¢ \times 18,239,000$ (VAP) plus cost-of-living, or \$5,710,995.68.

The new estimates are based on 1982 data currently available.

In the spring of 1984, these limits will be changed to reflect 1983 adjustments to cost-of-living and voting age population statistics.

ESTIMATED 1984 EXPENDITURE LIMITATIONS**

State	VAP (in thousands)	Expenditure Limitations
Alabama	2,812	\$ 880,493.44
Alaska	297	391,400.00
Arizona	2,049	641,582.88
Arkansas	1,642	514,143.04
California	18,239	5,710,995.68
Colorado	2,219	694,813.28
Connecticut	2,370	742,094.40
Delaware	443	391,400.00
Florida	7,987	2,500,889.44
Georgia	4,011	1,255,924.32
Hawaii	716	391,400.00
Idaho	655	391,400.00
Illinois	8,310	2,602,027.20
Indiana	3,926	1,229,309.12

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State	VAP (in thousands)	Expenditure Limitations
Iowa	2,109	660,370.08
Kansas	1,761	551,404.32
Kentucky	2,625	821,940.00
Louisiana	3,020	945,622.40
Maine	824	391,400.00
Maryland	3,154	987,580.48
Massachusetts	4,366	1,367,081.92
Michigan	6,530	2,044,673.60
Minnesota	2,993	937,168.16
Mississippi	1,752	548,586.24
Missouri	3,629	1,136,312.48
Montana	570	391,400.00
Nebraska	1,145	391,400.00
Nevada	651	391,400.00
New Hampshire	697	391,400.00
New Jersey	5,534	1,732,806.08
New Mexico	937	391,400.00
New York	13,151	4,117,841.12
North Carolina	4,402	1,378,354.24
North Dakota	477	391,400.00
Ohio	7,818	2,447,972.16
Oklahoma	2,296	718,923.52
Oregon	1,938	606,826.56
Pennsylvania	8,876	2,779,253.12
Rhode Island	725	391,400.00
South Carolina	2,278	713,287.36
South Dakota	490	391,400.00
Tennessee	3,390	1,061,476.80
Texas	10,751	3,366,353.12
Utah	974	391,400.00
Vermont	376	391,400.00
Virginia	4,053	1,269,075.36
Washington	3,105	972,237.60
West Virginia	1,405	439,933.60
Wisconsin	3,451	1,080,577.12
Wyoming	347	391,400.00

District of Columbia and Territories

District of Columbia	494	391,400.00
Guam	67	391,400.00
Puerto Rico	2036	637,512.32
Virgin Islands	58	391,400.00

Each of the two major political parties will be entitled to at least \$5,871,000 in federal funds for their nominating conventions.

The general election spending limit for those candidates receiving federal funding is currently estimated to be \$39,140,000. Again, this figure will be adjusted in early 1984.