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**TITLE 9. POLITICAL REFORM [81000 - 91014]** ( Title 9 added June 4, 1974, by initiative Proposition 9. )

**CHAPTER 5. Limitations on Contributions [85100 - 85802]** ( Chapter 5 added June 7, 1988, by initiative Proposition 73. )

**ARTICLE 4. Voluntary Expenditure Ceilings [85400 - 85403]** ( Article 4 repealed and added by Stats. 2000, Ch. 102, Sec. 60. )

**85400.** (a) A candidate for elective state office, other than the Board of Administration of the Public Employees' Retirement System, who voluntarily accepts expenditure limits shall not make campaign expenditures in excess of the following:

- (1) For an Assembly candidate, four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) in the primary or special primary election and seven hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000) in the general or special general election.
- (2) For a Senate candidate, six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) in the primary or special primary election and nine hundred thousand dollars (\$900,000) in the general or special general election.
- (3) For a candidate for the State Board of Equalization, one million dollars (\$1,000,000) in the primary election and one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) in the general election.
- (4) For a statewide candidate other than a candidate for Governor or the State Board of Equalization, four million dollars (\$4,000,000) in the primary election and six million dollars (\$6,000,000) in the general election.
- (5) For a candidate for Governor, six million dollars (\$6,000,000) in the primary election and ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) in the general election.

(b) For purposes of this section, "campaign expenditures" has the same meaning as "election-related activities" as defined in Section 82022.5, except that it does not include preparing campaign finance disclosure statements.

(c) A campaign expenditure made by a political party on behalf of a candidate shall not be attributed to the limitations on campaign expenditures set forth in this section.

(Amended by Stats. 2024, Ch. 97, Sec. 5. (AB 2001) Effective January 1, 2025.)

**85401.** (a) Each candidate for elective state office shall file a statement of acceptance or rejection of the voluntary expenditure limits set forth in Section 85400 at the time the candidate files the statement of intention specified in Section 85200.

(b) A candidate may, until the deadline for filing nomination papers set forth in Section 8020 of the Elections Code, change the candidate's statement of acceptance or rejection of voluntary expenditure limits provided the candidate has not exceeded the voluntary expenditure limits. A candidate shall not change the candidate's statement of acceptance or rejection of voluntary expenditure limits more than twice after the candidate's initial filing of the statement of intention for that election and office.

(c) Any candidate for elective state office who declined to accept the voluntary expenditure limits but who nevertheless does not exceed the limits in the primary, special primary, or special election, may file a statement of acceptance of the expenditure limits for a general or special runoff election within 14 days following the primary, special primary, or special election.

(d) Notwithstanding Section 81004.5 or any other provision of this title, a candidate shall not change the candidate's statement of acceptance or rejection of voluntary expenditure limits other than as provided for by this section and Section 85402.

(Amended by Stats. 2021, Ch. 50, Sec. 175. (AB 378) Effective January 1, 2022. Note: This section was added by Stats. 2000, Ch. 102, and approved in Prop. 34 on Nov. 7, 2000.)

**85402.** (a) Any candidate for elective state office who has filed a statement accepting the voluntary expenditure limits is not bound by those limits if an opposing candidate contributes personal funds to the opposing candidate's own campaign in excess of the limits

set forth in Section 85400.

(b) The commission shall require by regulation timely notification by candidates for elective state office who make personal contributions to their own campaign.

*(Amended by Stats. 2021, Ch. 50, Sec. 176. (AB 378) Effective January 1, 2022.)*

**85403.** Any candidate who files a statement of acceptance pursuant to Section 85401 and makes campaign expenditures in excess of the limits shall be subject to the remedies in Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 83100) and Chapter 11 (commencing with Section 91000).

*(Repealed and added by Stats. 2000, Ch. 102, Sec. 60. Approved in Proposition 34 at the November 7, 2000, election. Operative January 1, 2001, by Sec. 83 of Ch. 102, but not applicable to candidates for statewide elective office until November 6, 2002.)*