

Fair Elections Now Act of 2009 (S.752/ HR.1826) applied in Washington State

U.S. SENATE

To qualify for public funds:

At least 6,500 contributions (*2,000, plus 500 times 9 Congressional Districts*)

Each no more than \$100, from in-state residents

Raise at least \$115,550 (*10% of funds awarded for primary race*)

Public funds awarded: \$3.5 million (*= \$1.25 million, plus \$250K times 9 Cong. Districts*)

Primary - \$1,155,500 (*= 33% of public funds awarded*)

And: qualifies for 20% reduction from lowest broadcast rates

General - \$2,345,000 (*= 67% of public funds awarded*)

And, 20% reduction from lowest broadcast rates

And, receives \$900,000 in media vouchers (*\$100K x 9 Congressional Districts*)

And, OK to exchange media vouchers for cash with national political party committee.

And, \$4 public match for each \$1 in contributions of \$100 or less (per year, in-state residents)

Maximum public funds (cap): \$10,500,000 (*= 3 times \$3,500,000 grant (primary + general)*)

But, can still accept contributions of \$100 (per year, per contributor) or less, unlimited.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

To qualify for public funds:

At least 1,500 contributions

Each no more than \$100, from in-state residents

Raise at least \$50,000

Public funds awarded:

Primary - \$360,000

And: qualifies for 20% reduction from lowest broadcast rates

General - \$540,000

And: qualifies for 20% reduction from lowest broadcast rates

And: receives \$100,000 in media vouchers

And: OK to exchange media vouchers for cash with national political party committee

And, \$4 public match for each \$1 in contributions of \$100 or less (per year, in-state residents)

Maximum public funds (cap): \$2,700,000 (*= 3 times \$900,000 grant (primary + general)*)

But, can still accept contributions of \$100 (per year, per contributor) or less, unlimited.