

**Comparison of Campaign Finance Reform Bills - June 2005
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Public Financing Program Implementation

	HB 6670	SB 61
General Assembly	2008 cycle	2010 cycle (for solvency)
Governor & Statewide	2006 cycle	2010 cycle (for solvency)

Funding Mechanism

	HB 6670	SB 61
	Bottle escheats - Half the escheats revenue as of Oct. 1, 2005	Bottle escheats - Half the escheats revenue as of Oct. 1, 2005

Prohibitions

	HB 6670	SB 61
Lobbyist Contributions	Total Ban, Jan. 1, 2006	<p>1) Reduces communicator lobbyist or PAC contributions \$100 immediately for office holders, exploratory, and caucus committees (Jan. 1, 2006 - Dec. 31, 2006)</p> <p>2) Total ban as of Jan.1, 2007</p> <p>Communicator lobbyist or PAC contributions to Town Committee \$500 State Central \$2500 Other PAC \$1000</p>
Lobbyist Solicitation & Activities	Total Solicitation Ban effective upon passage	<p>Effective Jan. 1, 2007 for 2010 cycle for Gov. and statewide candidates</p> <p>Effective Jan. 1, 2009 for 2010 cycle for General Assembly candidates</p> <p>Lobbyists cannot 1) solicit; 2) participate in fundraising efforts/organization; 3) act as Chair, treasurer or officer of a candidate committee</p> <p>Permits for communication of candidate positions and campaign activities \$5000 fine for violation</p>

Prohibitions

	HB 6670	SB 61
Contractor	Ban on contractor and immediate family contributions upon passage	1) Ban on contractor contributions that apply to offices that directly oversee those contract awards as based on the SEEC recommendations (July 1, 2005 - Dec. 31, 2008) 2) Total ban on contractor contributions on Jan. 1, 2009
Ad Book	Bans lobbyist and contractor purchase of ads effective July 1, 2005 Total ban on ad books as of Jan. 1, 2006	Ad Book Phase-out Prohibit communicator lobbyist and contractor ads effective Jan. 1, 2005 Limit lobbyist clients' to \$150 ads effective Jan. 1, 2006 - Dec. 1, 2008 Total ban Jan. 1, 2009 for 2010 cycle
Issue Advocacy/ Express Advocacy	Bans both types of expenditures	
Political Appointee/ Caucus Staff Contributions	For 2008 cycle, \$100 limit on contributions	Effective July 1, 2005, \$100 limit but written more specifically than HB 6670
Individual Contributions	No change	Reduced Governor to \$1500 Statewide to \$1000 Apply separately to primaries and general elections

PAC limits/prohibitions

	HB 6670	SB 61
Legislator/Caucus PACs	<p>As of Jan 1, 2006 2 PACs per caucus and ban on direct caucus PAC contributions</p> <p>As of Jan. 1, 2006 allowable In-kind by the 2 designated caucus PACs up to 10% of the general election grant from each PAC</p> <p>No prohibition against a legislator PAC</p> <p>Direct Cash Contributions to Candidate committees limited to 20% of general election grant (\$7500 for State Rep) until Jan. 1, 2006 from leadership PACs</p>	<p>1 PAC, 1 legislator Designation of 1 caucus PAC</p> <p>Allows leader to control a caucus PAC and maintain own PAC</p>
Business and Organization PACs	<p>Ban on direct cash contributions immediately</p>	<p>1 PAC per business or organization</p> <p>Can contribute to Party Comm and PACs after 2010</p> <p>2010 cycle - (Jan 1, 2007) no contribution to a candidate or exploratory comm. for Governor or statewide</p> <p>2010 cycle - Jan 1., 2009 ban on contributions to Sen and Rep candidates</p> <p>Permits a client lobbyist Business PAC \$1000 a yr to a PAC \$5000 to state party \$1000 to town comm.</p>

PAC limits/prohibitions

	HB 6670	SB 61
Ongoing PAC	Ban on direct cash contributions immediately	<p>Jan 1, 2007 – Dec. 31, 2008 Limits for 2008 cycle Sen \$30,000 Rep \$7500 Mayor \$2500 Muni \$1000 Apply separately to primary and GE</p> <p>Ban on all PAC contributions for 2010 cycle</p> <p>Exceptions: 2010 cycle allows a leg caucus comm. to in kind in any amount</p> <p>Legislator -controlled PAC can contribute to that legislator up to 10% of participating candidate grant</p> <p>Jan 1, 2007 PAC contribution limited to \$5000 to State Party \$1000 to Town Committee</p>

Party Committee Activity

	HB 6670	SB 61
Town Committee	<p>Effective July 1, 2005; limits do not apply separately to primaries and elections</p> <p>For non-participating ONLY: Town Comm can contribute up to: Gov \$10,000 Statewide \$5,000</p> <p>Candidates can accept in aggregate from towns in district: Sen. \$7500 Rep. \$5000</p> <p>For participating candidates direct contributions are prohibited</p>	<p>Limits Jan 1, 2007 – Dec. 31, 2008 Apply separately to primaries and general elections; does not apply to slates</p> <p>Gov \$10,000 Statewide \$6000 Sen \$3000 Rep \$1000 Mayor \$2500 Any other Muni \$1000</p> <p>Jan. 1, 2009: In Kind (aggregate) Gov \$10,000 Statewide \$6000 Sen \$3000 Rep \$1000 (\$5000 in aggregate)</p> <p>Caps direct contributions</p>
Party Committee	<p>Effective July 1, 2005; limits do not apply separately to primaries and elections</p> <p>For non-participating: Gov. \$60,000 Statewide \$25,000 Sen. \$10,000 Rep. \$5000</p> <p>In-Kind allowed for all candidates up to 10% of the general election grant (ex. \$2750 for a candidate for state rep.)</p>	<p>Unlimited cash contributions through Dec. 31, 2006 to candidate comms.</p> <p>Cash Contribution limits Jan. 1, 2007 to Dec. 31, 2008 Gov \$40,000 Statewide \$20,000 Sen PR \$8000 GE \$12,000 Rep PR \$2000 GE \$3000</p> <p>New limits Jan. 1, 2009 In-kind Gov \$40,000 Statewide \$20,000 Sen 10% of grant Rep 10% of grant</p> <p>Caps direct contributions;</p> <p>Permits unlimited contributions for party building and coordinated campaign activities</p>

Qualifying Contributions for Public Financing

	HB 6670	SB 61
State Rep	\$7500; 25% (\$1875) from In-district donors or 50 in-district donors at \$10 each	\$7500
State Sen.	\$15,000; 25% (\$3750) from In-district donors or 100 in-district donors at \$10 each	\$20,000
Constitutional	\$75,000	\$75,000
Governor	\$250,000	\$250,000
Type of Contribution	\$100 per individual; 90% from in-state	\$100 per individual; 90% from in-state
	No communicator lobbyist or immediate family; nor, contractor or immediate family contributions permitted	No communicator lobbyist or immediate family; nor, contractor or immediate family contributions permitted

Participating Candidate Grants/Limits

	HB 6670	SB 61
Gov	PR \$1.25m GE \$3m	PR \$1.25m GE \$3m
Statewide	PR \$125,000 GE \$500,000	PR \$125,000 GE \$500,000
Sen.	PR \$50,000 GE \$135,000 (limit of \$150,000 with qualifying)	PR \$80,000 GE \$150,000 (\$120,000 petitioning)
Rep.	PR \$20,000 GE \$27,500 (limit of \$35,000 with qualifying)	PR \$20,000 GE \$30,000

Municipal Public Financing

	HB 6670	SB 61
	Enables establishment of a voluntary public financing program, must be funded locally Bans municipal contractor contributions	Permits establishment of a voluntary program beginning January 1, 2006 and must be funded locally