

Campaign Finance Reform and the Parties

As the Parties are not a “special interest group” and are unique entities in our political system:

- State Parties and Town Committees should be able to give unlimited in kind contributions to candidate committees, regardless of whether or not they are participating in the public finance system. Language that passed in SB 61 would be acceptable.
- State Parties and Town Committees should be able to give some limited direct contributions to candidates, regardless of whether or not they are participating in the public finance system.
- Candidates should NOT be prohibited from soliciting campaign contributions for Party Committees. Both the House and Senate bills prohibited such activity.
- Town Committees and State Parties should not be restricted from giving unlimited direct contributions to municipal candidates in towns where a public finance system is NOT adopted.
- Municipal campaign committee limits should remain, in all respects, as they are under current law in towns where a public finance system is NOT adopted.