County Boards of Elections: Calculating Limits – 2026

County Boards of Elections are required to calculate the contribution limits for all local elections in their applicable county and post on the CBOE website by April 15th each year.[1]

To calculate limits, use <u>active</u> voters only. Do not include any voter in inactive status. Take the highest number of active (registered/enrolled) voters in each candidate's district as of February 20th for the current year and as of November 1st for preceding four years.

For 2026 contribution limits: use the highest number as of the following dates:
- 2026 - February 20
- 2025 - November 1
- 2024 - November 1
- 2023 - November 1
- 2022 - November 1

Calculating Primary Election Limits

Non-Family Members
Take the highest number of **enrolled voters in the candidate's party in the district**, excluding voters in inactive status, and multiply it by $0.05. The limit will be at least $1,000, even if the total is below that, with a maximum of $50,000.

Family Members
Take the highest number of **enrolled voters in the candidate's party in the district**, excluding voters in inactive status, and multiply it by $0.25. The limit will be at least $1,250, even if the total is below that, with a maximum of $100,000.

Calculating General Election Limits

Non-Family Members
Take the highest number of **registered voters in the candidate's district**, excluding voters in inactive status, and multiply it by $0.05. The limit will be at least $1,000, even if the total is below that, with a maximum of $50,000.

Family Members
Take the highest number of **registered voters in the candidate's district**, excluding voters in inactive status, and multiply it by $0.25. The limit will be at least $1,250, even if the total is below that, and no more than $100,000.

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[1] Election Law §§ 5-604(1); 14-114(7) & (11).