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# California Special Districts Association

## SAMPLE POLICY HANDBOOK

**POLICY TITLE:** Voluntary Candidate Expenditure Ceiling

**POLICY NUMBER:** 4015

**4015.1** In accordance with *Government Code §85400* (Proposition 208), the voluntary expenditure ceiling for candidates for the Board of Directors of [DISTRICT NAME], and controlled committees of such candidates, shall be one dollar (\$1) per resident for each election in which the candidate is seeking election to the Board of Directors.

**4015.2** Proposition 208 establishes a two-tiered scheme of campaign contribution limitations applicable to candidates running for local office based on whether the recipient candidate accepts or rejects the voluntary expenditure ceiling established by the local jurisdiction. The decision by a candidate as to whether to accept the ceiling must be made before a candidate accepts any contributions.

**4015.2.1** If a candidate for the Board of Directors elects to abide by the ceiling, he/she may accept contributions from businesses, political action committees (PAC's), or individuals in an amount up to \$250.

**4015.2.2** If a candidate for the Board of Directors elects not to abide by the ceiling, he/she may accept contributions from businesses, political action committees (PAC's), or individuals in an amount up to \$100.