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Citizens' Election Program

Projected 2010 Legislative Competition and Citizens' Election Program Participation

2008 House Primary Statistics

34 Candidates Overall

30 Participating Candidates

28 Received Grants

- 15 General Assembly districts had primaries in 2008, if we assume a 20% increase in primaries, there would be 18 primaries in 2010.
- Of the 15 primaries in 2008, 10 were party dominant. Using the same ratio as in 2008, there would be 12 party dominant primaries in 2010.
- Of the 28 grant recipients in 2008, 18 received party dominant grants while 10 received non-party dominant grants.
- In 2008, the average number of candidates per primary race was 2.26. Using the same average as 2008 would yield 40 primary candidates in 2010 (18×2.26).
- In 2008, 82% of primary candidates received primary grants. Assuming that 90% of participating candidates receive primary grants in 2010, then 36 candidates would receive primary grants in 2010.
- In 2008, 64% of grant recipients received party dominant grants. Assuming that the same holds true in 2010 would yield 23 party dominant grant recipients and 13 non-party dominant grant recipients.

2008 House General Election Statistics

273 Candidates Overall

195 Participating Candidates

184 Received Grants

14 Candidates Opposed by Non-Major Party Candidates

46 Unopposed

- In 2008, there were 14 races where a major party candidate was challenged only by a non-major party opponent; 10 participating candidates received 60% grants in these races.
- In 2008, 46 candidates were unopposed and, of those candidates, 16 received 30% grants.
- The Commission issued 184 House grants in 2008, 158 of which were 100% grants
- In 2008, there were 273 candidates in the House. 195 candidates participated in the program; 184 of them received grants, totaling 71% of all candidates and 94% of participating candidates.



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- Assuming that overall candidate participation increases by 10% in 2010, the total number of candidates in the House would reach 300. Assuming that 85% of all candidates participate in the Program and 95% receive grants, the total number of participating candidates would be 255 and the projected number of candidates receiving grants would be 243.
- In 2008, the grant amounts issued by the Commission were as follows: 9% were 30% grants, 6% were 60% grants and 85% were 100% grants.
- Assuming that unopposed races decrease by 5% and races opposed by non-major party candidates only decrease by 2%, then major party opposition would increase by 7%. The correlating 2010 projections are as follows: 243 total grants, 10 grants would be 30% grants, 10 grants would be 60% grants and 223 grants would be 100% grants.



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2008 Senate Primary Statistics

8 Candidates Overall

7 Participating Candidates

7 Received Grants

- 4 General Assembly districts had primaries in 2008, assuming a 20% increase in primaries, there would be 5 primaries in 2010.
- Of the 4 primaries in 2008, only 1 was party dominant. Using the same ratio as in 2008, 2 would be party dominant in 2010.
- In 2008, 2 grant recipients received party dominant grants, 5 received non-party dominant grants.
- In 2008, there was an average of 2 candidates per primary race. Assuming the same average in 2010, there would be 10 primary candidates; 4 candidates in party dominant districts and 6 candidates in non-party dominant districts.

2008 Senate General Election Statistics

70 Candidates Overall

55 Participating Candidates

51 Received Grants

2 Non-Major Party Opponent Only

7 Unopposed in the District

- In 2008, there were 2 races where a major party candidate was challenged only by a minor party opponent. Both candidates received 60% grants in these races. There were also 7 unopposed races in which 5 candidates received 30% grants.
- In 2008, the Commission issued 55 Senate grants, 44 of which were 100% grants
- There were 70 candidates in the Senate. 55 candidates participated in the program; 51 of them received grants, totaling 78.5% of all candidates and 92% of participating candidates receiving grants.
- Assuming that races that had either no opposition or only minor opposition will see a major party opponent in 2010, the overall number of general election candidates in the Senate would reach 77.
- Assuming that 85% of all candidates participate in the Program and 95% receive grants, there would be 66 participating candidates and 63 candidates receiving grants.
- In 2008, the grant amounts issued by the Commission were as follows: 10% were 30% grants, 4% were 60% grants and 86% were 100% grants.
- Assuming that unopposed races will drop by 5% and major party opposition will rise by 5%, then the 2010 projections would be: 66 candidates apply for grants, 30% grants would equal 3, 60% grants would equal 3 and 100% grants would equal 60.

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House Primary

	2008		2010	
Non-Dominant	10	\$100,000	13	\$130,000
Dominant	18	\$450,000	23	\$575,000
		<u>\$550,000</u>		<u>\$705,000</u>

House General Election

	2008		2010	
100% Grants	158	\$3,950,000	223	\$5,575,000
60% Grants	10	\$150,000	10	\$150,000
30% Grants	16	\$120,000	10	\$75,000
		<u>\$4,220,000</u>		<u>\$5,800,000</u>

Senate Primary

	2008		2010	
Non-Dominant	5	\$175,000	6	\$210,000
Dominant	2	\$150,000	4	\$300,000
		<u>\$325,000</u>		<u>\$510,000</u>

Senate General Election

	2008		2010	
100% Grants	48	\$4,080,000	60	\$5,100,000
60% Grants	2	\$102,000	3	\$153,000
30% Grants	5	\$127,500	3	\$76,500
		<u>\$4,309,500</u>		<u>\$5,329,500</u>

Calculated Total	\$9,404,500	\$12,344,500
Actual Total *	\$9,111,645	

Independent Expenditure\ Supplemental Payments = 5%**	\$617,225
Total Exposure for 2010	<u>\$12,961,725</u>

* Factors reductions in grant amounts due to personal funds, partial non-major party grants, and "buffer" adjustments.

** Assumes that the total combined exposure for supplemental payments and independent expenditure payments will be 5% of the total allocation for 2010.