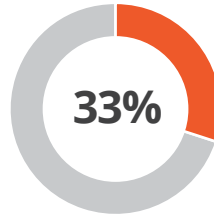
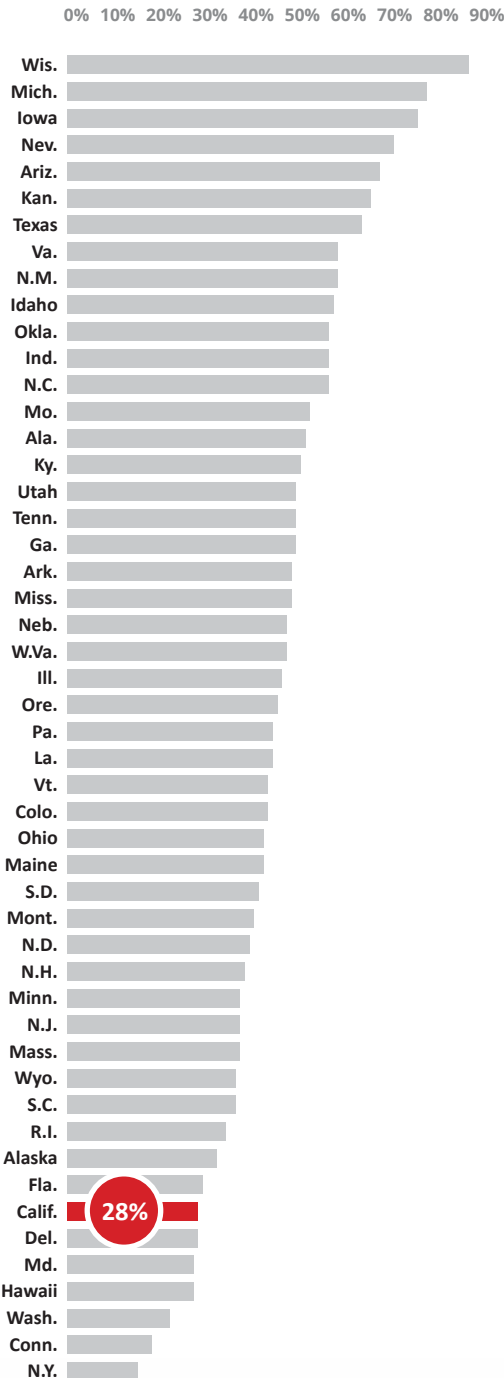


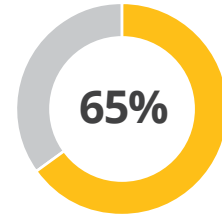
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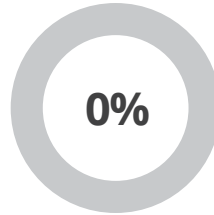
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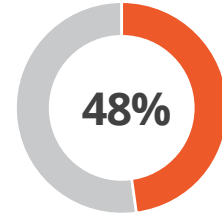
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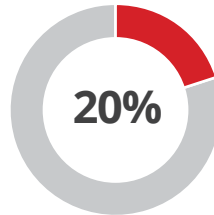
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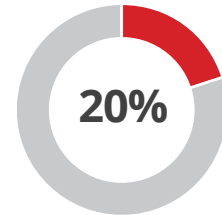
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<b>Laws on Political Committees</b>		
What portion of your activities must be considered “political” to become a political committee?	Any	The Major
How is this activity defined?	Contributions & Expenditures	Contributions & Expenditures
What amount of spending triggers registration?	\$1,000.00	≥\$10,000
Is the spending threshold inflation adjusted?	No	Yes
What contribution size triggers reporting of a supporter’s info?	\$100.00	≥\$2,500
Must groups report a supporter’s employer?	Yes	No
<b>Regulation of Issue Speech Near an Election (“Electioneering Communications”)</b>		
Does the state regulate this speech?	Yes	No
Does the law apply only to TV and radio ads?	No	Yes
What amount of spending triggers reporting?	\$50,000.00	≥\$10,000
Is the spending threshold inflation adjusted?	No	Yes
How much of an election year is this speech regulated?	≤90 days	≤90 days
Does it regulate speech mentioning a candidate outside their district?	Yes	No
Is reporting of a group’s supporters required?	Earmark	No
Can groups protect a donor’s privacy with a separate segregated fund?	N/A	N/A
Can donors stay private by barring their contributions from funding such speech?	N/A	N/A
Are charities exempted?	No	Yes
Is the media exempted?	No	Yes, Broad
<b>Coordination Regulations</b>		
Can using public information constitute coordination?	Yes	No
How clearly does the state define speech that triggers coordination rules?	Unclearly, but Near an Election	Clearly
<b>Super PAC Recognition</b>		
Does the law allow super PACs?	No	Yes

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<b>Grassroots Advocacy and Lobbying</b>		
Are groups that advocate only to the public regulated?	Yes	No
Is regulation limited to a clear list of activities?	No	Yes
Is regulation limited to speech about pending bills?	No	Yes
What amount of spending triggers reporting?	\$5,000.01	≥\$5,000
Is reporting of a group’s supporters required?	No	No
If reporting is required, is it limited to earmarked donations?	N/A	Yes
What donation size triggers reporting of a supporter’s info?	N/A	≥\$5,000
Are the monetary thresholds inflation adjusted?	N/A	Yes
Is donor reporting required for groups that lobby lawmakers?	No	No
<b>Definition of Campaign “Expenditure”</b>		
How clearly does the state define a campaign expenditure?	Unclearly	Clearly
<b>Regulation of Independent Expenditures by Non-Political Committees</b>		
Do these groups have donor reporting requirements?	Yes	No
What contribution size triggers reporting of a supporter’s private information?	\$1,000.00	≥\$10,000
Can groups protect a donor’s privacy with a separate segregated fund?	No	N/A
Can donors stay private by barring their contributions from funding such speech?	Yes	N/A
<b>Disclaimers</b>		
How long are required disclaimers?	Long	Short
Must donors be listed on disclaimers?	Yes	No
<b>Private Enforcement of Campaign Laws</b>		
Does the law allow anyone, including political opponents, to enforce campaign laws?	Yes	No
<b>False Statement Laws</b>		
Does the state decide whether political speech is true or false?	No	No