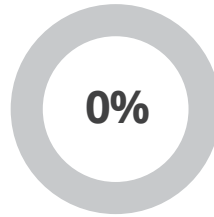
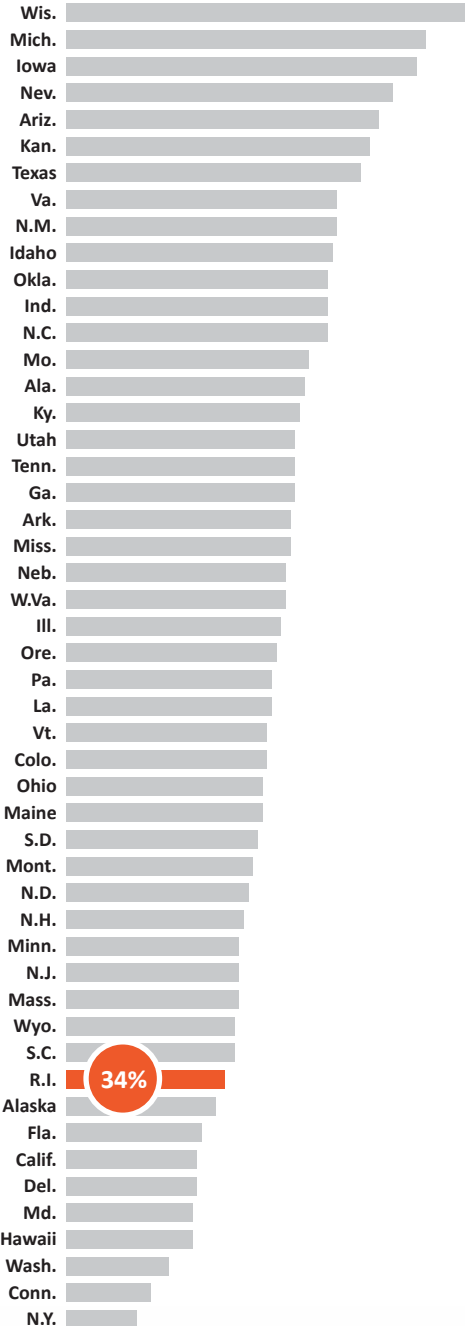


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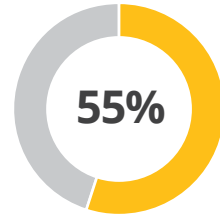
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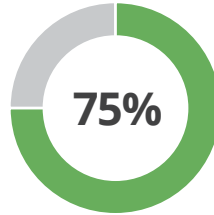
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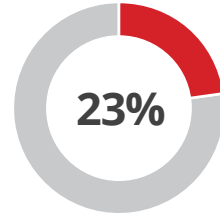
Laws on Political Committees



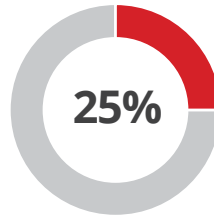
Grassroots Advocacy and Lobbying



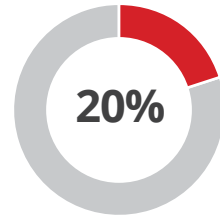
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Coordination Regulations

0% Disclaimers

0% Super PAC Recognition

100% False Statement Laws

100% Private Enforcement of Campaign Laws

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Laws on Political Committees		
What portion of your activities must be considered “political” to become a political committee?	Any	The Major
How is this activity defined?	Unclearly	Contributions & Expenditures
What amount of spending triggers registration?	\$0.00	≥\$10,000
Is the spending threshold inflation adjusted?	N/A	Yes
What contribution size triggers reporting of a supporter’s info?	\$100.01	≥\$2,500
Must groups report a supporter’s employer?	Yes	No
Regulation of Issue Speech Near an Election (“Electioneering Communications”)		
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?	\$1,000.01	≥\$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?	No	No
Is reporting of a group’s supporters required?	Yes	No
Can groups protect a donor’s privacy with a separate segregated fund?	Yes	N/A
Can donors stay private by barring their contributions from funding such speech?	Yes	N/A
Are charities exempted?	Yes	Yes
Is the media exempted?	Yes, Limited	Yes, Broad
Coordination Regulations		
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
Super PAC Recognition		
Does the law allow super PACs?	No	Yes

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Grassroots Advocacy and Lobbying		
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?	\$0.00	≥\$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
Definition of Campaign “Expenditure”		
How clearly does the state define a campaign expenditure?	Somewhat Clearly	Clearly
Regulation of Independent Expenditures by Non-Political Committees		
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?	Yes	N/A
Can donors stay private by barring their contributions from funding such speech?	Yes	N/A
Disclaimers		
How long are required disclaimers?	Long	Short
Must donors be listed on disclaimers?	Yes	No
Private Enforcement of Campaign Laws		
Does the law allow anyone, including political opponents, to enforce campaign laws?	No	No
False Statement Laws		
Does the state decide whether political speech is true or false?	No	No