

**Comparison of Legislature’s June 2023 Bill
to Current NYS and NYC Public Matching Laws
June 7, 2023**



	Legislature’s NYS Public Match Bill (June 2023)	New York State Public Match Law (Passed 2020)	New York City Public Match Law (Improving Since 1989)	Reinvent Albany Position
Contribution Limits	UNCHANGED Still sky-high	2024 Primary and General Election combined limits: Statewide Offices - \$18,000 Senate - \$10,000 Assembly - \$6,000	2023 & 2025 Primary and General Election combined limits (participants opting in): Citywide Offices - \$2,100 participants; \$3,700 non-participants City Council - \$1,050 participants; \$1,600 non-participants	NYS contribution limits must be drastically lowered for both statewide and legislative offices.¹
Doing-Business Restrictions	UNCHANGED None – ripe for abuse	NO restrictions on donations to the Governor and Legislature from those doing business with the state, including vendors and lobbyists. NO reporting on the employers of campaign contributions.	Those doing business with NYC (vendors, lobbyists, etc.) are limited in contributions that they can make, which cannot receive matching funds: Citywide Offices - \$400 Borough President - \$320 City Council - \$250 The employers of campaign contributors are disclosed.	We strongly support doing-business restrictions and transparency. 1. Doing-business/ pay-to-play restrictions - A7179/S6247, McDonald/Myrie 2. Employer disclosure - A6542/S2362, Carroll/Rivera

¹ NYS legislative seats are similarly sized to NYC council seats, which have much smaller contribution limits. The approximate population size by district is: State Senate – 320,000; City Council – 175,000; State Assembly – 135,000

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Public Match Cap	<p>STRUCTURAL DAMAGE</p> <p>The first \$250 of all contributions up to the legal maximum get a public match, including from those doing business with the state.</p>	<p>There is a public match for aggregate matchable contributions up to \$250.</p> <p>(In other words, a person contributing \$18,000 gets no public match.)</p>	<p>Public funds match the first \$175 of all sizes of eligible contributions.</p> <p>(Contributions from people doing business with the city are not matched and capped at a low level.)</p>	<p>The cap on donations eligible for public matching funds MUST be \$250 unless NYS contribution limits are drastically lowered.</p>
Candidate Qualification for Public Match	<p>STRUCTURAL DAMAGE</p> <p>Contribution thresholds for legislative offices that must be met to receive public funds increased to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assembly - \$10,000 from 145 in-district donors • Senate - \$24,000 from 350 in-district donors <p>Thresholds for districts with lower average median incomes also raised to \$6,000 for Assembly and \$16,000 for Senate.</p>	<p>Each office has <u>contribution thresholds</u> that must be met to receive public funds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assembly - \$6,000 from 75 in-district donors • Senate - \$12,000 from 150 in-district donors • LG, AG, Comp - \$100,000 from 1,000 NYS donors • Gov - \$500,000 from 5,000 NYS donors <p>Districts with lower average median incomes have thresholds that are lower by one-third.</p>	<p>Each office has <u>contribution thresholds</u> that must be met to receive public funds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Council - \$5,000 from 75 NYC donors • Public Advocate, Comp - \$125,000 from 500 NYC donors • Mayor - \$250,000 from NYC NYC donors 	<p>The 2019 public match qualification thresholds for the NYS program are reasonable to demonstrate support; the higher thresholds will make it more difficult for candidates to qualify and result in less competitive elections.</p> <p>Raising the thresholds for low-income districts is antithetical to the concept of amplifying the voice of everyday New Yorkers.</p>

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Maximum Public Funds Payments	<p>UNNECESSARY BAD POLICY</p> <p>Each office has a maximum public funds payment level. Primary and General Election payments are each:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Assembly - \$145,000 ● Senate - \$375,000 ● LG, AG, Comp - \$3,500,000 ● Gov - \$3,500,000 	<p>Each office has a maximum public funds payment level. Primary and General Election payments are each:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Assembly - \$175,000 ● Senate - \$375,000 ● LG, AG, Comp - \$3,500,000 ● Gov - \$3,500,000 	<p>Each office has a maximum public funds payment level. Primary and General Election payments are each:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● City Council - \$207,000 ● Public Advocate, Comp - \$4,959,000 ● Mayor - \$7,932,000 	<p>The 2019 maximum payments for the NYS program are reasonable; lowering the amount of funds available for Assembly candidates will result in less competitive elections.</p>