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## Overview of Participation Rates and Payments

### 2000 - 2012

#### ◆ PARTICIPATION BY LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES

	MCEA Candidates in General Election	Total Candidates in General Election	Percentage of MCEA Candidates
2000	116	350	33%
2002	231	370	62%
2004	308	391	78%
2006	313	386	81%
2008	303	373	81%
2010	295	385	77%
2012	242	384	63%

#### ◆ BREAKDOWN OF PARTICIPATION BY POLITICAL CAUCUS

	2008 Rate of Participation	2010 Rate of Participation	2012 Rate of Participation
House (D)	94% (140/149)	89% (130/146)	82% (117/143)
House (R)	70% (92/131)	68% (98/145)	41% (61/148)
Senate (D)	83% (29/35)	82% (28/34)	88% (29/33)
Senate (R)	75% (26/33)	94% (33/35)	68% (23/34)
Green, Unenrolled	67% (14/21)	27% (7/26)	46% (12/26)

#### ◆ PARTICIPATION BY ELECTED LEGISLATORS

	Percentage of Legislators Who Participated in the MCEA
120 <sup>th</sup> Legislature	33%
121 <sup>st</sup> Legislature	60%
122 <sup>nd</sup> Legislature	78%
123 <sup>rd</sup> Legislature	84%
124 <sup>th</sup> Legislature	85%
125 <sup>th</sup> Legislature	80%
126 <sup>th</sup> Legislature	70%

◆ **GENERAL ELECTION PARTICIPATION BY GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATES**

	MCEA Candidates in Primary Election Only	MCEA Candidates in General Election
2002	James Libby (R)	Jonathan Carter (G)
2006	Peter Mills (R)	Barbara Merrill (U) Chandler Woodcock (R) Pat LaMarche (G)
2010	Patrick McGowan (D) Peter Mills (R)	Elizabeth Mitchell (D)

◆ **TOTAL PAYMENTS TO MCEA CANDIDATES\***

Election Year	Legislative	Gubernatorial	Total
2000	\$965,608	N/A	\$965,608
2002	\$2,088,899	\$1,216,669	\$3,305,568
2004	\$2,799,617	N/A	\$2,799,617
2006	\$3,347,775	\$3,534,615	\$6,882,390
2008	\$2,954,035	N/A	\$2,954,035
2010	\$3,301,006	\$2,999,774	\$6,300,780
2012	\$2,102,850	N/A	\$2,102,850

\*Payment totals include some funds returned by candidates.

◆ **TOTAL PAYMENTS 2012 MCEA CANDIDATES**

Primary Election Payments	\$308,131
General Election Payments	\$1,794,719
Total	\$2,102,850