STATE BOARD ANNOUNCES NEW CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS

ALBANY, NY -- (02/14/03) -- The New York State Board of Elections today announced adjustments to the amount individuals may contribute to statewide candidates, state legislative candidates and state party committees.

Section 14-114 of the Election Law requires the state board to adjust contribution limits every four years to reflect changes in the consumer price index. This is the third such adjustment since the law took effect in 1995.

The following contribution limits are now in effect:

- Statewide and New York Citywide primary election limits: \$5,400 minimum to \$16,200 maximum based on the product of the formula provided in Section 14-114(b) of the Election Law. Previous limits: \$4,900 minimum to \$14,700 maximum based on the formula described above.
- Statewide and New York Citywide general election limit: \$33,900. Previous limit: \$30,700.
- State Senate primary election limit: \$5,400. Previous limit: \$4,900.
- State Senate general election limit: \$8,500. Previous limit: \$ 7,700.
- State Assembly primary and general election limit: \$3,400. Previous limit: \$3,100.
- Maximum contribution to a state party committee or a constituted committee: \$84,400. Previous limit: \$76,500.

Candidates and committee treasurers with questions about the new limits may call the New York State Board of Elections Campaign Finance Unit at 1-800-458-3453.