



Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission

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SUBJECT: IEBC GAZETTES ELECTION CAMPAIGN FINANCING REGULATIONS, 2026 AND CONTRIBUTION AND SPENDING LIMITS FOR THE 2027 GENERAL ELECTION

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1. The Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) announces the gazettement of the Election Campaign Financing Regulations, 2026 and the Contribution and Spending Limits for Candidates and Political Parties applicable to the General Election scheduled for 10th August 2027.
2. The gazettement marks a significant milestone in the discharge of the Commission's constitutional mandate under Article 88(4)(i) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, and the implementation of the Election Campaign Financing Act, 2013, which provide for the regulation of campaign financing and the amount of money that may be spent by or on behalf of candidates and political parties in respect of an election.

Legal and Judicial Context

3. The development and gazettement of the framework follows the decision of the High Court in Constitutional Petition No. E540 of 2021, as consolidated with E546 of 2021, *Katiba Institute & 3 Others v Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission & 3 Others*, which challenged, among other matters, the revocation by Parliament of provisions relating to campaign financing following the publication of contribution and spending limits on 9th August, 2021.
4. In its determination, the Court directed the Commission to develop the requisite regulations, subject them to public participation and establish the necessary framework for setting contribution and spending limits pursuant to the Election Campaign Financing Act, 2013.
5. Pursuant to the Court's decision and in fulfilment of its statutory mandate, the Commission undertook a comprehensive review and development of the campaign financing regulatory framework to facilitate its operationalization for the 2027 General Election.



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Public Participation and Stakeholder Consultation

6. In accordance with this, the Commission invited the public to submit memoranda through a public notice published in the newspapers and in electronic media. This was complemented by county-cluster public participation forums and targeted engagements with political parties, aspiring candidates, civil society organizations, State actors, marginalized groups, development partners and other election stakeholders under the theme *“Campaign Finance Regulation in Kenya: A Constitutional Framework for Transparency, Political Equality, Accountability and Electoral Integrity”*.
7. The views, proposals and recommendations received through the public participation and stakeholder engagement process were carefully considered and, where appropriate, incorporated into the final instruments.
8. The Commission appreciates all Kenyans and stakeholders who participated in the process and contributed to the development of a campaign financing framework designed to promote transparency, accountability, fairness, political equality and integrity in electoral competition.

The Framework is Now in Place

9. With their publication in the *Kenya Gazette*, the Election Campaign Financing Regulations, 2026 and the Contribution and Spending Limits for the 2027 General Election now constitute the applicable regulatory framework for campaign financing for the forthcoming General Election.
10. The gazettment marks the transition from regulatory development and consultation to implementation and enforcement.
11. The Regulations establish the framework for the regulation and disclosure of campaign contributions and expenditure, record-keeping and reporting, auditing, monitoring, compliance and enforcement. The Contribution and Spending Limits prescribe the applicable ceilings on campaign expenditure by candidates and political parties.
12. Accordingly, political parties, candidates, campaign teams and supporting persons or organizations are required to familiarize themselves with the applicable legal requirements and take the necessary measures to ensure compliance.



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13. The Commission will exercise its regulatory mandate in accordance with the Constitution, the Election Campaign Financing Act and the Regulations, including monitoring, verification, audit, investigation and enforcement. The Commission will also continue to engage political parties, stakeholders and the public to facilitate awareness, understanding and compliance with the campaign financing framework.

Why Regulate Election Campaign Financing?

14. The regulation of election campaign financing is not just a constitutional and statutory imperative but is essential to safeguarding the integrity of electoral competition. The prescribed Contribution and Spending Limits are intended to promote a level playing field by ensuring that financial resources do not disproportionately determine political participation, access to voters or electoral competition, while respecting the constitutional rights to political participation and freedom of expression.
15. Accordingly, all political parties, candidates, campaign teams, donors and other regulated persons are required to comply with the Election Campaign Financing Regulations, 2026 and the prescribed Contribution and Spending Limits, including the applicable requirements on contributions, expenditure, record-keeping, disclosure, reporting and accountability.

Conclusion

16. The Commission remains committed to the impartial and effective implementation and enforcement of the campaign financing framework. The framework is now in place; all regulated persons are required to take immediate steps to ensure full and timely compliance.

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