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PRESS ADVISORY

Candidates for the Assembly raised \$18 million and spent \$15.8 million during the recent general election.

The amounts reported on the 20-day post-election reports indicated that Assembly candidates recorded financial activity that was dramatically less than four years ago, when receipts reached \$24.4 and expenditures \$22 million.

“As has been noted all along,” said Jeff Brindle, Executive Director of the Election Law Enforcement Commission, “the impact of the pay-to-play reforms and the economy is being felt at every level, including the legislative level.”

Brindle said that “Assembly receipts declined by 26 percent from 2005 while expenditures were down 28 percent.”

Four years ago was the last time there were contests for Governor and Assembly.

According to the reports, Democratic candidates raised and spent more than Republican candidates.

Democratic candidates reported raising \$12.3 million, spent \$11.2 million and have \$1.1 million remaining. Republican candidates have raised \$5.6 million, spent \$4.6 million and have money left over totaling \$1 million. Independent candidates reported \$118,995 in receipts, expenditures of \$68,504 and funds remaining amounting to \$50,491.

The legislative reports are available online today at 10:00 a.m. on ELEC’s website at www.elec.state.nj.us.

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