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Mr. CLAY (by request) introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Post Office and Civil Service and the Judiciary

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## A BILL

To amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to extend the authorization of appropriations for the Office of Government Ethics for 8 years, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       *This Act may be cited as the “Office of Government*  
5 *Ethics Authorization Act of 1994”.*

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO THE ETHICS IN GOVERNMENT**

7                   **ACT OF 1978.**

8       (a) *REFERENCES.*—*Except as otherwise expressly pro-*  
9 *vided, whenever in this section an amendment or repeal is*  
10 *expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a sec-*  
11 *tion or other provision, the reference shall be considered to*  
12 *be made to a section or other provision of the Ethics in*  
13 *Government Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.).*

14       (b) *REAUTHORIZATION.*—*Section 405 is amended by*  
15 *striking “purpose—” and all that follows thereafter through*  
16 *the period and inserting “purpose, not to exceed*  
17 *\$14,000,000 for fiscal year 1995 and for each of the next*  
18 *7 fiscal years thereafter.”.*

19       (c) *ASSISTANCE FROM OTHER AGENCIES.*—*Section*  
20 *403 is amended—*

21               (1) *in paragraph (1) by striking “under this*  
22 *Act; and” and inserting “of the Office of Government*  
23 *Ethics; and”;* and

24               (2) *in paragraph (2) by striking “duties.” and*  
25 *inserting “duties under this Act or any other Act.”.*

1           (d) *GIFT ACCEPTANCE AUTHORITY*.—Section 403, as  
2 amended by subsection (c), is further amended—

3           (1) by inserting “(a)” before “Upon the request”;

4           (2) in the next to last sentence by striking “this  
5 section” and inserting “this subsection”; and

6           (3) by adding at the end the following:

7           “(b)(1) The Director may accept and use, on behalf  
8 of the United States, any gift, donation, bequest, or devise  
9 of money, use of facilities, personal property, or services,  
10 for the purpose of aiding or facilitating the work of the Of-  
11 fice of Government Ethics.

12           “(2) No gift, donation, bequest, or devise may be so  
13 accepted if it—

14           “(A) attaches conditions inconsistent with appli-  
15 cable laws or regulations; or

16           “(B) is conditioned on or will require the ex-  
17 penditure of appropriated funds that are not avail-  
18 able to the Office of Government Ethics.

19           “(3) The Director shall promulgate written rules set-  
20 ting forth the criteria to be used in determining whether  
21 the acceptance of such a gift, donation, bequest, or devise  
22 would reflect unfavorably on the ability of the Office of Gov-  
23 ernment Ethics or any employee to carry out its respon-  
24 sibilities or official duties in a fair and objective manner,  
25 or would compromise the integrity or the appearance of the

1 *integrity of its programs or any official involved in those*  
 2 *programs.”.*

3 (e) *REPORTS TO CONGRESS.*—Section 408 is amended  
 4 *by striking “March 31” and inserting “April 30”.*

5 (f) *SECTION HEADING.*—The heading for section 401  
 6 *is amended to read as follows:*

7 “ESTABLISHMENT; APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR”.

8 **SEC. 3. OTHER AMENDMENTS.**

9 (a) *ELIMINATION OF DISPLAY REQUIREMENT.*—The  
 10 *Act entitled “An Act to provide for the display of the Code*  
 11 *of Ethics for Government Service”, approved July 3, 1980*  
 12 *(5 U.S.C. 7301 note) is repealed.*

13 (b) *FDIA.*—Effective as of the date of the enactment  
 14 *of this Act, section 12(f)(3) of the Federal Deposit Insurance*  
 15 *Act (12 U.S.C. 1822(f)(3)) is amended by striking “, with*  
 16 *the concurrence of the Office of Government Ethics,”.*

17 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

18 *Except as provided in section 3(b), this Act shall be*  
 19 *effective as of October 1, 1994.*

20 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

21 **This Act may be cited as the “Office of**  
 22 **Government Ethics Authorization Act of**  
 23 **1994”.**

24 **SEC. 2. GIFT ACCEPTANCE AUTHORITY.**

25 **Section 403 of the Ethics in Government**  
 26 **Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) is amended—**

1           **(1) by inserting “(a)” before “Upon the**  
2           **request”; and**

3           **(2) by adding at the end the follow-**  
4           **ing:**

5           **“(b)(1) The Director is authorized to ac-**  
6           **cept and utilize, on behalf of the United**  
7           **States, any gift, donation, bequest, or devise**  
8           **of money, use of facilities, personal property,**  
9           **or services for the purpose of aiding or facili-**  
10          **tating the work of the Office of Government**  
11          **Ethics.**

12          **“(2) No gift may be accepted—**

13               **“(A) that attaches conditions incon-**  
14               **sistent with applicable laws or regula-**  
15               **tions; or**

16               **“(B) that is conditioned upon or will**  
17               **require the expenditure of appropriated**  
18               **funds that are not available to the Office**  
19               **of Government Ethics.**

20          **“(3) The Director shall establish written**  
21          **rules setting forth the criteria to be used in**  
22          **determining whether the acceptance of con-**  
23          **tributions of money, services, use of facilities,**  
24          **or personal property would reflect unfavor-**  
25          **ably upon the ability of the Office of Govern-**

1 **ment Ethics or any employee to carry out its**  
2 **responsibilities or official duties in a fair and**  
3 **objective manner, or would compromise the**  
4 **integrity or the appearance of the integrity of**  
5 **its programs or any official involved in those**  
6 **programs.”.**

7 **SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-**  
8 **TIONS.**

9 **Section 405 of the Ethics in Government**  
10 **Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) is amended to read**  
11 **as follows:**

12 **“AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS**

13 **“SEC. 405. There are authorized to be ap-**  
14 **propriated to carry out the provisions of this**  
15 **title not more than \$8,154,000 for fiscal year**  
16 **1995, \$8,480,000 for fiscal year 1996, \$8,819,000**  
17 **for fiscal year 1997, \$9,172,000 for fiscal year**  
18 **1998, and \$9,539,000 for fiscal year 1999.”.**

19 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

20 **This Act shall become effective on Octo-**  
21 **ber 1, 1994.**