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To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to reform the financing of campaigns for election for Federal office.

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Mr. DOOLITTLE (for himself, Mr. DELAY, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. DICKEY, Mr. PAUL, Mrs. CHENOWETH, Mr. LARGENT, Mr. TANCREDO, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. SKEEN, Mr. BARR of Georgia, Mr. HANSEN, Mr. CRANE, Mr. ARMEY, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. CANNON, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. MCINNIS, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. LINDER, Mr. SPENCE, Mr. DREIER, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mr. POMBO, Mr. RADANOVICH, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mrs. FOWLER, Mr. WICKER, Mr. CAMP, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. BAKER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. COOK, Ms. DUNN, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. KING, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. PACKARD, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. TAUZIN, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. GARY MILLER of California, Mr. MCCRERY, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. COBLE, Mr. BLILEY, Mr. SALMON, Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. MICA, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. SWEENY, Mr. ROGAN, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. HAYES, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. CALLAHAN, Mr. EVERETT, and Mr. HERGER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to reform the financing of campaigns for election for Federal office.

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 “Citizen Legislature and  
 5 Political Freedom Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REMOVAL OF LIMITATIONS ON FEDERAL ELECTION**  
 7 **CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS.**

8        Section 315(a) of the Federal Election Campaign Act  
 9 of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 441a(a)) is amended by adding at the  
 10 end the following new paragraph:

11        “(9) The limitations established under this subsection  
 12 shall not apply to contributions made during calendar  
 13 years beginning after 2000.”.

14 **SEC. 3. TERMINATION OF TAXPAYER FINANCING OF PRESI-**  
 15 **DENTIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGNS.**

16        (a) **TERMINATION OF DESIGNATION OF INCOME TAX**  
 17 **PAYMENTS.**—Section 6096 of the Internal Revenue Code  
 18 of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following  
 19 new subsection:

20        “(d) **TERMINATION.**—This section shall not apply to  
 21 taxable years beginning after December 31, 1999.”

22        (b) **TERMINATION OF FUND AND ACCOUNT.**—

23                (1) **TERMINATION OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION**  
 24 **CAMPAIGN FUND.**—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 95 of subtitle  
2 H of such Code is amended by adding at the  
3 end the following new section:

4 **“SEC. 9014. TERMINATION.**

5 The provisions of this chapter shall not apply with  
6 respect to any presidential election (or any presidential  
7 nominating convention) after December 31, 2000, or to  
8 any candidate in such an election.”

9 (B) TRANSFER OF EXCESS FUNDS TO GEN-  
10 ERAL FUND.—Section 9006 of such Code is  
11 amended by adding at the end the following  
12 new subsection:

13 “(d) TRANSFER OF FUNDS REMAINING AFTER  
14 1998.—The Secretary shall transfer all amounts in the  
15 fund after December 31, 2000, to the general fund of the  
16 Treasury.”

17 (2) TERMINATION OF ACCOUNT.—Chapter 96  
18 of subtitle H of such Code is amended by adding at  
19 the end the following new section:

20 **“SEC. 9043. TERMINATION.**

21 The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to any  
22 candidate with respect to any presidential election after  
23 December 31, 2000.”

24 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

1           (1) The table of sections for chapter 95 of sub-  
2           title H of such Code is amended by adding at the  
3           end the following new item:

                  “Sec. 9014. Termination.”

4           (2) The table of sections for chapter 96 of sub-  
5           title H of such Code is amended by adding at the  
6           end the following new item:

                  “Sec. 9043. Termination.”

7   **SEC. 4. DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN SOFT**  
8                           **MONEY EXPENDITURES OF POLITICAL PAR-**  
9                           **TIES.**

10           (a) TRANSFERS OF FUNDS BY NATIONAL POLITICAL  
11   PARTIES.—Section 304(b)(4) of the Federal Election  
12   Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 434(b)(4)) is amended—

13           (1) by striking “and” at the end of subpara-  
14   graph (H);

15           (2) by adding “and” at the end of subpara-  
16   graph (I); and

17           (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
18   paragraph:

19                   “(J) in the case of a political committee of  
20                   a national political party, all funds transferred  
21                   to any political committee of a State or local  
22                   political party, without regard to whether or not  
23                   the funds are otherwise treated as contributions  
24                   or expenditures under this title;”.

1 (b) DISCLOSURE BY STATE AND LOCAL POLITICAL  
2 PARTIES OF INFORMATION REPORTED UNDER STATE  
3 LAW.—Section 304 of such Act (2 U.S.C. 434) is amend-  
4 ed by adding at the end the following new subsection:

5 “(d) If a political committee of a State or local polit-  
6 ical party is required under a State or local law, rule, or  
7 regulation to submit a report on its disbursements to an  
8 entity of the State or local government, the committee  
9 shall file a copy of the report with the Commission at the  
10 time it submits the report to such an entity.”.

11 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
12 this section shall apply with respect to elections occurring  
13 after January 2001.

14 **SEC. 5. PROMOTING EXPEDITED AVAILABILITY OF FEC RE-**  
15 **PORTS.**

16 (a) MANDATORY ELECTRONIC FILING.—Section  
17 304(a)(11)(A) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of  
18 1971 (2 U.S.C. 434(a)(11)(A)) is amended by striking  
19 “permit reports required by” and inserting “require re-  
20 ports under”.

21 (b) REQUIRING REPORTS FOR ALL CONTRIBUTIONS  
22 MADE TO ANY POLITICAL COMMITTEE WITHIN 90 DAYS  
23 OF ELECTION; REQUIRING REPORTS TO BE MADE WITH-  
24 IN 24 HOURS.—Section 304(a)(6) of such Act (2 U.S.C.  
25 434(a)(6)) is amended to read as follows:

1       “(6)(A) Each political committee shall notify the Sec-  
2 retary or the Commission, and the Secretary of State, as  
3 appropriate, in writing, of any contribution received by the  
4 committee during the period which begins on the 90th day  
5 before an election and ends at the time the polls close for  
6 such election. This notification shall be made within 24  
7 hours (or, if earlier, by midnight of the day on which the  
8 contribution is deposited) after the receipt of such con-  
9 tribution and shall include the name of the candidate in-  
10 volved (as appropriate) and the office sought by the can-  
11 didate, the identification of the contributor, and the date  
12 of receipt and amount of the contribution.

13       “(B) The notification required under this paragraph  
14 shall be in addition to all other reporting requirements  
15 under this Act.”.

16       (c) INCREASING ELECTRONIC DISCLOSURE.—Section  
17 304 of such Act (2 U.S.C. 434(a)), as amended by section  
18 4(b), is further amended by adding at the end the fol-  
19 lowing new subsection:

20       “(e)(1) The Commission shall make the information  
21 contained in the reports submitted under this section  
22 available on the Internet and publicly available at the of-  
23 fices of the Commission as soon as practicable (but in no  
24 case later than 24 hours) after the information is received  
25 by the Commission.

1           “(2) In this subsection, the term ‘Internet’ means the  
2 international computer network of both Federal and non-  
3 Federal interoperable packet-switched data networks.”.

4           (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
5 this section shall apply with respect to reports for periods  
6 beginning on or after January 1, 2001.

7 **SEC. 6. WAIVER OF “BEST EFFORTS” EXCEPTION FOR IN-**  
8 **FORMATION ON IDENTIFICATION OF CON-**  
9 **TRIBUTORS.**

10           (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 302(i) of the Federal  
11 Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 432(i)) is  
12 amended—

13           (1) by striking “(i) When the treasurer” and  
14 inserting “(i)(1) Except as provided in paragraph  
15 (2), when the treasurer”; and

16           (2) by adding at the end the following new  
17 paragraph:

18           “(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply with respect to  
19 information regarding the identification of any person who  
20 makes a contribution or contributions aggregating more  
21 than \$200 during a calendar year (as required to be pro-  
22 vided under subsection (c)(3)).”.

1       (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
2 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to persons making  
3 contributions for elections occurring after January 2001.

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