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[Report No. 106-296, Part I]

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 25, 1999

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. TLAHRT, 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. SWEENEY, 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

AUGUST 5, 1999

Reported from the Committee on House Administration

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Referral to the Committee on Ways and Means extended for a period ending
not later than August 5, 1999

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Additional sponsor: Mr. STUMP

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Committee on Ways and Means discharged; committed to the Committee of
the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

A BILL

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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.”.

1 **SEC. 3. TERMINATION OF TAXPAYER FINANCING OF PRESI-**
2 **DENTIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGNS.**

3 (a) TERMINATION OF DESIGNATION OF INCOME TAX
4 PAYMENTS.—Section 6096 of the Internal Revenue Code
5 of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following
6 new subsection:

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

9 (b) TERMINATION OF FUND AND ACCOUNT.—

10 (1) TERMINATION OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION
11 CAMPAIGN FUND.—

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

15 **“SEC. 9014. TERMINATION.**

16 The provisions of this chapter shall not apply with
17 respect to any presidential election (or any presidential
18 nominating convention) after December 31, 2000, or to
19 any candidate in such an election.”

20 (B) TRANSFER OF EXCESS FUNDS TO GEN-
21 ERAL FUND.—Section 9006 of such Code is
22 amended by adding at the end the following
23 new subsection:

24 “(d) TRANSFER OF FUNDS REMAINING AFTER
25 1998.—The Secretary shall transfer all amounts in the

1 fund after December 31, 2000, to the general fund of the
2 Treasury.”

3 (2) **TERMINATION OF ACCOUNT.**—Chapter 96
4 of subtitle H of such Code is amended by adding at
5 the end the following new section:

6 **“SEC. 9043. TERMINATION.**

7 The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to any
8 candidate with respect to any presidential election after
9 December 31, 2000.”

10 (c) **CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.**—

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

“Sec. 9014. Termination.”

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

“Sec. 9043. Termination.”

17 **SEC. 4. DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN SOFT**
18 **MONEY EXPENDITURES OF POLITICAL PAR-**
19 **TIES.**

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

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

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

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

5 “(J) in the case of a political committee of
6 a national political party, all funds transferred
7 to any political committee of a State or local
8 political party, without regard to whether or not
9 the funds are otherwise treated as contributions
10 or expenditures under this title;”.

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

15 “(d) If a political committee of a State or local polit-
16 ical party is required under a State or local law, rule, or
17 regulation to submit a report on its disbursements to an
18 entity of the State or local government, the committee
19 shall file a copy of the report with the Commission at the
20 time it submits the report to such an entity.”.

21 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
22 this section shall apply with respect to elections occurring
23 after January 2001.

1 **SEC. 5. PROMOTING EXPEDITED AVAILABILITY OF FEC RE-**
2 **PORTS.**

3 (a) MANDATORY ELECTRONIC FILING.—Section
4 304(a)(11)(A) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of
5 1971 (2 U.S.C. 434(a)(11)(A)) is amended by striking
6 “permit reports required by” and inserting “require re-
7 ports under”.

8 (b) REQUIRING REPORTS FOR ALL CONTRIBUTIONS
9 MADE TO ANY POLITICAL COMMITTEE WITHIN 90 DAYS
10 OF ELECTION; REQUIRING REPORTS TO BE MADE WITH-
11 IN 24 HOURS.—Section 304(a)(6) of such Act (2 U.S.C.
12 434(a)(6)) is amended to read as follows:

13 “(6)(A) Each political committee shall notify the Sec-
14 retary or the Commission, and the Secretary of State, as
15 appropriate, in writing, of any contribution received by the
16 committee during the period which begins on the 90th day
17 before an election and ends at the time the polls close for
18 such election. This notification shall be made within 24
19 hours (or, if earlier, by midnight of the day on which the
20 contribution is deposited) after the receipt of such con-
21 tribution and shall include the name of the candidate in-
22 volved (as appropriate) and the office sought by the can-
23 didate, the identification of the contributor, and the date
24 of receipt and amount of the contribution.

1 “(B) The notification required under this paragraph
2 shall be in addition to all other reporting requirements
3 under this Act.”.

4 (c) INCREASING ELECTRONIC DISCLOSURE.—Section
5 304 of such Act (2 U.S.C. 434(a)), as amended by section
6 4(b), is further amended by adding at the end the fol-
7 lowing new subsection:

8 “(e)(1) The Commission shall make the information
9 contained in the reports submitted under this section
10 available on the Internet and publicly available at the of-
11 fices of the Commission as soon as practicable (but in no
12 case later than 24 hours) after the information is received
13 by the Commission.

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

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

20 **SEC. 6. WAIVER OF “BEST EFFORTS” EXCEPTION FOR IN-**
21 **FORMATION ON IDENTIFICATION OF CON-**
22 **TRIBUTORS.**

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

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

4 (2) by adding at the end the following new
5 paragraph:

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

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

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