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To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prohibit the use of public funds for political party conventions, and to provide for the return of previously distributed funds for deficit reduction.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 7, 2012

Mr. COLE (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. PAUL, Mr. BARTLETT, Mr. FLEMING, Mr. LANDRY, Mr. YODER, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. WEBSTER, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. SOUTHERLAND, Mr. JORDAN, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. BROUN of Georgia, Mrs. SCHMIDT, Mr. PITTS, Mr. PAULSEN, Mrs. LUMMIS, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. ISSA, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. QUAYLE, Mrs. NOEM, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. CANSECO, and Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. PROHIBITING USE OF PRESIDENTIAL ELEC-**
2 **TION CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR PARTY CONVEN-**
3 **TIONS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 95 of the Internal Rev-
5 enue Code of 1986 is amended by striking section 9008.

6 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
7 of chapter 95 of such Code is amended by striking the
8 item relating to section 9008.

9 **SEC. 2. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

10 (a) AVAILABILITY OF PAYMENTS TO CANDIDATES.—
11 The third sentence of section 9006(c) of the Internal Rev-
12 enue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “, section
13 9008(b)(3),”.

14 (b) REPORTS BY FEDERAL ELECTION COMMIS-
15 SION.—Section 9009(a) of such Code is amended—

16 (1) by adding “and” at the end of paragraph
17 (2);

18 (2) by striking the semicolon at the end of
19 paragraph (3) and inserting a period; and

20 (3) by striking paragraphs (4), (5), and (6).

21 (c) PENALTIES.—Section 9012 of such Code is
22 amended—

23 (1) in subsection (a)(1), by striking the second
24 sentence; and

25 (2) in subsection (c), by striking paragraph (2)
26 and redesignating paragraph (3) as paragraph (2).

1 (d) AVAILABILITY OF PAYMENTS FROM PRESI-
2 DENTIAL PRIMARY MATCHING PAYMENT ACCOUNT.—The
3 second sentence of section 9037(a) of such Code is amend-
4 ed by striking “and for payments under section
5 9008(b)(3)”.

6 **SEC. 3. RETURN OF PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED MONEY FOR**
7 **DEFICIT REDUCTION.**

8 Any amount which is returned by the national com-
9 mittee of a major party or a minor party to the general
10 fund of the Treasury from an account established under
11 section 9008 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 after
12 the date of the enactment of this Act shall be dedicated
13 to the sole purpose of deficit reduction.

14 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

15 The amendments made by this Act shall apply with
16 respect to elections occurring after December 31, 2012.

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