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# H. R. 1081

To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to reduce the influence of multicandidate political committees in elections for Federal office.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 13, 1997

Mr. SMITH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Oversight

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## A BILL

To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to reduce the influence of multicandidate political committees in elections 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 “PAC Limitation Act  
5       of 1997”.

1 **SEC. 2. BAN ON MULTICANDIDATE POLITICAL COMMITTEE**  
2 **CONTRIBUTIONS TO CANDIDATES IN ELEC-**  
3 **TIONS FOR FEDERAL OFFICE.**

4 Section 315(a)(2)(A) of the Federal Election Cam-  
5 paign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 441a(a)(2)(A)) is amended  
6 to read as follows:

7 “(A) to any candidate and his authorized politi-  
8 cal committees with respect to any election for Fed-  
9 eral office;”.

10 **SEC. 3. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ELECTION LIMITA-**  
11 **TION ON CONTRIBUTIONS FROM SOURCES**  
12 **OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT.**

13 Section 315 of the Federal Election Campaign Act  
14 of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 441a), is amended by adding at the  
15 end the following new subsection:

16 “(i) A candidate for the office of Representative in,  
17 or Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress  
18 may not, with respect to a reporting period for an election,  
19 accept contributions from all sources outside the congres-  
20 sional district involved totaling in excess of the total of  
21 contributions accepted from individual residents of the  
22 congressional district involved.”.

1 **SEC. 4. LIMITATION ON ACCEPTANCE OF SOFT MONEY BY**  
2 **NATIONAL AND CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-**  
3 **TEES OF POLITICAL PARTIES.**

4 Title III of the Federal Election Campaign Act of  
5 1971 is amended by adding at the end the following new  
6 section:

7 “LIMITATION ON ACCEPTANCE OF SOFT MONEY BY NA-  
8 TIONAL AND CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES OF PO-  
9 LITICAL PARTIES

10 “SEC. 323. A national committee of a political party  
11 and the congressional campaign committees of a political  
12 party may not, in any calendar year, accept more than  
13 \$25,000 from any single person in contributions or trans-  
14 fers that are not subject to the limitations, prohibitions,  
15 and reporting requirements of this Act.”.

16 **SEC. 5. REPORTS ON FEDERAL POLITICAL ADVERTISE-**  
17 **MENTS CARRIED BY RADIO STATIONS, TELE-**  
18 **VISION STATIONS, AND CABLE SYSTEMS.**

19 Title III of the Federal Election Campaign Act of  
20 1971, as amended by section 4, is further amended by  
21 adding at the end the following new section:

22 “REPORTS ON FEDERAL POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENTS  
23 CARRIED BY RADIO STATIONS, TELEVISION STA-  
24 TIONS, AND CABLE SYSTEMS.

25 “SEC. 324. At such times and in such manner as the  
26 Commission shall prescribe by regulation, each operator

1 of a radio broadcasting station, television broadcasting  
2 station, or cable system shall report to the Commission  
3 the identity of each advertiser, the cost, the duration, and  
4 other appropriate information with respect to each Fed-  
5 eral political advertisement carried by the station or sys-  
6 tem, including any advertisement advocating the passage  
7 or defeat of Federal legislation, any advertisement advo-  
8 cating the election or defeat of a candidate for Federal  
9 office, and any advertisement characterizing the positions  
10 taken by such a candidate.”

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