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To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to expedite the availability of reports submitted to the Federal Election Commission, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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 “Electronic Campaign
5 Filing and Disclosure Act of 1997”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROMOTING EXPEDITED AVAILABILITY OF FEC RE-**
7 **PORTS.**

8 (a) MANDATORY ELECTRONIC FILING.—Section
9 304(a)(11)(A) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of

1 1971 (2 U.S.C. 434(a)(11)(A)) is amended by striking
2 “permit reports required by” and inserting “require re-
3 ports under”.

4 (b) EXPEDITED REPORTING FOR LARGE CONTRIBU-
5 TIONS MADE TO PRINCIPAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE
6 WITHIN 90 DAYS OF ELECTION.—Section 304(a)(6)(A)
7 of such Act (2 U.S.C. 434(a)(6)(A)) is amended by strik-
8 ing “after the 20th day, but more than 48 hours before
9 any election” and inserting “during the period which be-
10 gins on the 90th day before an election and ends at mid-
11 night on the date of such election”.

12 (c) EXPEDITED REPORTING FOR LARGE INDEPEND-
13 ENT EXPENDITURES MADE WITHIN 90 DAYS OF ELEC-
14 TION.—Section 304(c)(2) of such Act (2 U.S.C.
15 434(c)(2)) is amended in the matter following subpara-
16 graph (C) by striking “after the 20th day, but more than
17 24 hours before any election” and inserting “during the
18 period which begins on the 90th day before an election
19 and ends at midnight on the date of such election”.

20 (d) INCREASING ELECTRONIC DISCLOSURE.—Section
21 304 of such Act (2 U.S.C. 434(a)) is amended by adding
22 at the end the following new subsection:

23 “(d)(1) The Commission shall make the information
24 contained in the reports submitted under this section
25 available on the Internet and publicly available at the of-

1 fices of the Commission as soon as practicable (but in no
 2 case later than 24 hours) after the information is received
 3 by the Commission.

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

7 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 8 this section shall apply with respect to reports for periods
 9 beginning on or after January 1, 1999.

10 **SEC. 3. WAIVER OF “BEST EFFORTS” EXCEPTION FOR IN-**
 11 **FORMATION ON IDENTIFICATION OF CON-**
 12 **TRIBUTORS.**

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

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

19 (2) by adding at the end the following new
 20 paragraph:

21 “(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply with respect to
 22 information regarding the identification of any person who
 23 makes a contribution or contributions aggregating more
 24 than \$200 during a calendar year (as required to be pro-
 25 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 1999.

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