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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 “Campaign Finance
5 Sunshine Act of 1998”.

6 **SEC. 2. FILING OF REPORTS USING COMPUTERS AND FAC-**
7 **SIMILE MACHINES.**

8 Section 302(a) of the Federal Election Campaign Act
9 of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 434(a)) is amended by striking para-
10 graph (11) and inserting the following:

11 “(11)(A) The Commission shall promulgate a
12 regulation under which a person required to file a
13 designation, statement, or report under this Act—

14 “(i) is required to maintain and file a des-
15 ignation, statement, or report for any calendar
16 year in electronic form accessible by computers
17 if the person has, or has reason to expect to
18 have, aggregate contributions or expenditures in
19 excess of a threshold amount determined by the
20 Commission; and

21 “(ii) may maintain and file a designation,
22 statement, or report in electronic form or an al-
23 ternative form, including the use of a facsimile
24 machine, if not required to do so under the reg-
25 ulation promulgated under clause (i).

1 “(B) The Commission shall make a designation,
2 statement, report, or notification that is filed elec-
3 tronically with the Commission accessible to the pub-
4 lic on the Internet not later than 24 hours after the
5 designation, statement, report, or notification is re-
6 ceived by the Commission.

7 “(C) In promulgating a regulation under this
8 paragraph, the Commission shall provide methods
9 (other than requiring a signature on the document
10 being filed) for verifying designations, statements,
11 and reports covered by the regulation. Any document
12 verified under any of the methods shall be treated
13 for all purposes (including penalties for perjury) in
14 the same manner as a document verified by signa-
15 ture.”.

16 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

17 The amendments made by this Act shall apply with
18 respect to reports for periods beginning on or after Janu-
19 ary 1, 2000.

 Passed the House of Representatives October 9 (leg-
 islative day, October 8), 1998.

 Attest:

Clerk.