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H. R. 2866

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CALVERT (for himself, Mr. POMBO, Mr. McKEON, Mr. RADANOVICH, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. HORN, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. BILBRAY, and Mr. GALLEGLY) 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 “Citizen Campaign Con-
5 trol Act of 1997”.

1 **SEC. 2. LIMITING AMOUNT OF CONGRESSIONAL CAN-**
2 **DIDATE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM INDIVIDUALS**
3 **NOT RESIDING IN DISTRICT OR STATE IN-**
4 **VOLVED.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 315 of the Federal Elec-
6 tion Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 441a) is amended
7 by adding at the end the following new subsection:

8 “(i)(1) A candidate for the office of Senator or the
9 office of Representative in, or Delegate or Resident Com-
10 missioner to, the Congress may not accept contributions
11 with respect to an election from persons other than local
12 individual residents totaling in excess of the aggregate
13 amount of contributions accepted from local individual
14 residents (as determined on the basis of the information
15 reported under section 304(d)).

16 “(2) In determining the amount of contributions ac-
17 cepted by a candidate for purposes of this subsection, the
18 amounts of any contributions made by a political commit-
19 tee of a political party shall be allocated as follows:

20 “(A) 50 percent of such amounts shall be
21 deemed to be contributions from local individual
22 residents.

23 “(B) 50 percent of such amounts shall be
24 deemed to be contributions from persons other than
25 local individual residents.

1 “(3) As used in this subsection, the term ‘local indi-
2 vidual resident’ means—

3 “(A) with respect to an election for the office
4 of Senator, an individual who resides in the State in-
5 volved; and

6 “(B) with respect to an election for the office
7 of Representative in, or Delegate or Resident Com-
8 missioner to, the Congress, an individual who resides
9 in the congressional district involved.”.

10 (b) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—Section 304 of
11 such Act (2 U.S.C. 434) is amended by adding at the end
12 the following new subsection:

13 “(d) Each principal campaign committee of a can-
14 didate for the Senate or the House of Representatives
15 shall include the following information in the first report
16 filed under subsection (a)(2) which covers the period
17 which begins 19 days before an election and ends 20 days
18 after the election:

19 “(1) The total contributions received by the
20 committee with respect to the election involved from
21 local individual residents (as defined in section
22 315(i)(3)), as of the last day of the period covered
23 by the report.

24 “(2) The total contributions received by the
25 committee with respect to the election involved from

1 all persons, as of the last day of the period covered
2 by the report.”.

3 (c) PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF LIMITS.—Section
4 309(d) of such Act (2 U.S.C. 437g(d)) is amended by add-
5 ing at the end the following new paragraph:

6 “(4)(A) Any candidate who knowingly and willfully
7 accepts contributions in excess of any limitation provided
8 under section 315(i) shall be fined an amount equal to
9 the greater of 200 percent of the amount accepted in ex-
10 cess of the applicable limitation or (if applicable) the
11 amount provided in paragraph (1)(A).

12 “(B) Interest shall be assessed against any portion
13 of a fine imposed under subparagraph (A) which remains
14 unpaid after the expiration of the 30-day period which be-
15 gins on the date the fine is imposed.”.

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

17 The amendments made by this Act shall apply with
18 respect to elections occurring after January 1999.

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