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# H. R. 767

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 13, 1997

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

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Common-Sense Cam-  
3 paign Finance Reform Act of 1997”.

4 **SEC. 2. LIMITING AMOUNT OF CONGRESSIONAL CAN-**  
5 **DIDATE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM INDIVIDUALS**  
6 **NOT RESIDING IN DISTRICT; LIMITING**  
7 **AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTIONS FROM PACS.**

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

11       “(i)(1) A candidate for the office of Senator or the  
12 office of Representative in, or Delegate or Resident Com-  
13 missioner to, the Congress may not accept contributions  
14 with respect to an election from individuals other than  
15 local individual residents totaling in excess of 35 percent  
16 of the total of all contributions from individuals accepted  
17 with respect to the election (as determined on the basis  
18 of the most recent information included in reports pursu-  
19 ant to section 304(d)).

20       “(2) A candidate for the office of Senator or the of-  
21 fice of Representative in, or Delegate or Resident Commis-  
22 sioner to, the Congress may not accept contributions with  
23 respect to an election from multicandidate political com-  
24 mittees (as defined in subsection (a)(4)) totaling in excess  
25 of 35 percent of the total of all contributions accepted with  
26 respect to the election (as determined on the basis of the

1 most recent information included in reports pursuant to  
2 section 304(d)).

3 “(3) In determining the amount of contributions ac-  
4 cepted by a candidate for purposes of this subsection,  
5 there shall not be taken into account any contributions  
6 made by a political party.

7 “(4) As used in this subsection, the term ‘local indi-  
8 vidual resident’ means—

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

12 “(B) with respect to an election for the office  
13 of Representative in, or Delegate or Resident Com-  
14 missioner to, the Congress, an individual who resides  
15 in the congressional district involved.”.

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

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

1           “(1) The total contributions received by the  
2           committee with respect to the election involved from  
3           local individual residents (as defined in section  
4           315(i)(3)), as of the last day of the period covered  
5           by the report.

6           “(2) The total contributions received by the  
7           committee with respect to the election involved from  
8           all individuals, as of the last day of the period cov-  
9           ered by the report.

10          “(3) The total contributions received by the  
11          committee with respect to the election involved from  
12          multicandidate political committees (as defined in  
13          section 315(a)(4)), as of the last day of the period  
14          covered by the report.”.

15          (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
16          this section shall apply with respect to contributions made  
17          on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

18       **SEC. 3. PROHIBITING CONTRIBUTIONS BY INDIVIDUALS**  
19                       **NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN FEDERAL ELEC-**  
20                       **TIONS.**

21          (a) IN GENERAL.—Title III of the Federal Election  
22          Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 431 et seq.) is amended  
23          by adding at the end the following new section:

1     “PROHIBITING CONTRIBUTIONS BY INDIVIDUALS NOT  
2             ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN FEDERAL ELECTIONS

3             “SEC. 323. (a) IN GENERAL.—An individual who is  
4 not eligible to vote in any election for Federal office may  
5 not make any contribution to any candidate for election  
6 for Federal office or to any political party.

7             “(b) TREATMENT OF INDIVIDUALS NOT REGISTERED  
8 TO VOTE.—This section shall not apply with respect to  
9 an individual who would be eligible to vote in an election  
10 for Federal office but for the failure of the individual to  
11 register to vote.

12            “(c) CONTRIBUTION DEFINED.—In this section, the  
13 term ‘contribution’ includes any amount which would be  
14 treated as a contribution under section 301(8) but for sub-  
15 paragraph (B) of such section.”.

16            (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
17 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to contributions  
18 made on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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