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H. R. 797

To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to reduce the amount that a multicandidate political committee may contribute to a House of Representatives candidate, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SCHIFF 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. REDUCTION IN AMOUNT MULTICANDIDATE PO-**
4 **LITICAL COMMITTEE MAY CONTRIBUTE TO**
5 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CANDIDATE.**

6 Section 315(a)(2)(A) of the Federal Election Cam-
7 paign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 441a(a)(2)(A)) is amended
8 by striking “\$5,000” and inserting the following: “(i)

1 \$5,000, or (ii) in the case of a candidate for the office
2 of Representative in, or Delegate or Resident Commis-
3 sioner to, the Congress and the authorized political com-
4 mittees of such candidate, the amount of the limitation
5 provided under paragraph (1)(A) with respect to contribu-
6 tions made by individuals”.

7 **SEC. 2. REQUIRING AT LEAST 70 PERCENT OF CONTRIBU-**
8 **TIONS TO A HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE**
9 **CANDIDATE TO BE FROM IN-STATE INDIVID-**
10 **UAL RESIDENTS.**

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

14 “(i)(1) With respect to each reporting period for an
15 election, the total of contributions accepted by a candidate
16 for the office of Representative in, or Delegate or Resident
17 Commissioner to, the Congress from in-State individual
18 residents shall be at least 70 percent of the total of con-
19 tributions accepted from all sources.

20 “(2) As used in this subsection, the term ‘in-State
21 individual resident’ means an individual who resides in the
22 State in which the congressional district involved is lo-
23 cated.”.

1 **SEC. 3. WAIVER OF RESTRICTIONS FOR OPPONENTS OF**
 2 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE CANDIDATE**
 3 **WITH CONTRIBUTIONS OF PERSONAL FUNDS**
 4 **IN EXCESS OF \$50,000.**

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

9 “(j) In the case of an election to the office of Rep-
 10 resentative in, or Delegate or Resident Commissioner to,
 11 the Congress, if any candidate in the election has a total
 12 amount of personal contributions in excess of \$50,000—

13 “(1) subsection (a)(2)(A)(i) shall apply with re-
 14 spect to any opponent of such candidate; and

15 “(2) subsection (i) shall not apply with respect
 16 to any opponent of such candidate.”.

17 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
 18 315(a)(2)(A)(ii) of such Act (2 U.S.C. 441a(a)(2)(A)(ii)),
 19 as added by section 1, is amended by inserting after “such
 20 candidate” the following: “(except as provided in sub-
 21 section (j))”.

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