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To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to improve the efficiency of the Federal Election Commission, to authorize appropriations for the Commission for fiscal year 2000, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HOYER (for himself, Mr. FATTAH, and Mr. DAVIS of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

A BILL

To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to improve the efficiency of the Federal Election Commission, to authorize appropriations for the Commission for fiscal year 2000, and for other purposes.

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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “FEC Reform and Authorization Act of 1999”.

6 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of
7 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. References in Act.

TITLE I—PROMOTING DISCLOSURE OF CAMPAIGN INFORMATION

- Sec. 101. Filing of reports using computers.
- Sec. 102. Campaign cycle reporting.
- Sec. 103. Granting Commission authority to waive reporting requirements or modify deadlines.
- Sec. 104. Establishment of FEC as sole point of entry for reports.
- Sec. 105. Prohibiting fraudulent misrepresentation in solicitation of contributions.
- Sec. 106. Regulation of contributions and expenditures of draft committees.
- Sec. 107. Permitting principal campaign committees to file reports on monthly basis.
- Sec. 108. Uniform 15-day deadline for semiannual, year-end, and monthly reports.
- Sec. 109. Clarification of permissible use of facsimile machines and electronic mail to file reports.
- Sec. 110. Requiring actual receipt of certain independent expenditure reports within 24 hours.
- Sec. 111. Requiring monthly filing for certain multicandidate political action committees.

TITLE II—CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES

- Sec. 201. Application of aggregate contribution limit on calendar year basis during non-election years.
- Sec. 202. Contributions from foreign nationals.
- Sec. 203. Treatment of lines of credit obtained by candidates as commercially reasonable loans.
- Sec. 204. Broader prohibition against force and reprisals.
- Sec. 205. Repeal Secretary of Commerce reports on district-specific population.
- Sec. 206. Technical correction regarding treatment of honoraria.
- Sec. 207. Banning acceptance of cash contributions greater than \$100.

TITLE III—PROMOTING ENFORCEMENT OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWS

- Sec. 301. Authorization of FEC to issue immunity orders.
- Sec. 302. Alternative procedures for imposition of penalties for reporting violations.
- Sec. 303. Extension of post-election period for audits for cause.
- Sec. 304. Standard for initiation of actions.
- Sec. 305. Signature authority of members of Commission for subpoenas and reason-to-believe notification.

TITLE IV—PUBLIC FINANCING OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGNS

- Sec. 401. Eligibility threshold for primary matching funds.
- Sec. 402. Elimination of State-specific expenditure limits for primary candidates.
- Sec. 403. Elimination of separate limit on expenditures for fundraising for primary candidates.
- Sec. 404. Eligibility requirements for public financing.
- Sec. 405. Deposit of repayments into Presidential Election Campaign Fund.

Sec. 406. Banning contributions to presidential candidates certified to receive public financing.

TITLE V—OTHER MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Sec. 501. Authorization of appropriations for Federal Election Commission.

Sec. 502. Requiring FEC to update national voting systems standards.

Sec. 503. Abolition of ex officio membership of Clerk of House of Representatives and Secretary of Senate on Commission.

TITLE VI—EFFECTIVE DATE

Sec. 601. Effective date.

1 **SEC. 2. REFERENCES IN ACT.**

2 Except as otherwise specifically provided, whenever in
3 this Act an amendment is expressed in terms of an amend-
4 ment to or repeal of a section or other provision, the ref-
5 erence shall be considered to be made to that section or
6 other provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of
7 1971 .

8 **TITLE I—PROMOTING DISCLO-** 9 **SURE OF CAMPAIGN INFOR-** 10 **MATION**

11 **SEC. 101. FILING OF REPORTS USING COMPUTERS.**

12 Section 304(a) (2 U.S.C. 434(a)) is amended by
13 striking paragraph (11) and inserting the following:

14 “(11)(A) The Commission shall promulgate a regula-
15 tion under which a person required to file a designation,
16 statement, or report under this Act—

17 “(i) is required to maintain and file a designa-
18 tion, statement, or report for any calendar year in
19 electronic form accessible by computers if the person
20 has, or has reason to expect to have, aggregate con-

1 tributions or expenditures in excess of a threshold
2 amount determined by the Commission; and

3 “(ii) may maintain and file a designation, state-
4 ment, or report in electronic form or an alternative
5 form if not required to do so under the regulation
6 promulgated under clause (i).

7 “(B) The Commission shall make a designation,
8 statement, report, or notification that is filed electronically
9 with the Commission accessible to the public on the Inter-
10 net not later than 24 hours after the designation, state-
11 ment, report, or notification is received by the Commis-
12 sion.

13 “(C) In promulgating a regulation under this para-
14 graph, the Commission shall provide methods (other than
15 requiring a signature on the document being filed) for
16 verifying designations, statements, and reports covered by
17 the regulation. Any document verified under any of the
18 methods shall be treated for all purposes (including pen-
19 alties for perjury) in the same manner as a document
20 verified by signature.”.

21 **SEC. 102. CAMPAIGN CYCLE REPORTING.**

22 Section 304(b) (2 U.S.C. 434(b)) is amended by in-
23 serting “(or election cycle, in the case of an authorized
24 committee of a candidate for Federal office)” after “cal-

1 endar year” each place it appears in paragraphs (2), (3),
2 (4), (6), and (7).

3 **SEC. 103. GRANTING COMMISSION AUTHORITY TO WAIVE**
4 **REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OR MODIFY**
5 **DEADLINES.**

6 Section 304 (2 U.S.C. 434) is amended by adding
7 at the end the following new subsection:

8 “(d) The Commission may relieve any person or cat-
9 egory of persons of the obligation to file any of the reports
10 required by this section, or may change the due dates of
11 any of the reports required by this section, if it determines
12 that such action is consistent with the purposes of this
13 title. During each calendar quarter, the Commission shall
14 publish a list of each waiver granted under this subsection
15 during the previous quarter.”.

16 **SEC. 104. ESTABLISHMENT OF FEC AS SOLE POINT OF**
17 **ENTRY FOR REPORTS.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 302(g) (2 U.S.C. 432(g))
19 is amended to read as follows:

20 “(g) All designations, statements, and reports re-
21 quired to be filed under this Act shall be filed with the
22 Commission.”.

23 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 304 (2
24 U.S.C. 434) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a)(6)(A), by striking “the
2 Secretary or”; and

3 (2) in the second sentence of subsection (c)(2),
4 by striking “the Secretary or”.

5 **SEC. 105. PROHIBITING FRAUDULENT MISREPRESENTA-**
6 **TION IN SOLICITATION OF CONTRIBUTIONS.**

7 Section 322 (2 U.S.C. 441h) is amended—

8 (1) by striking “No person” and inserting “(a)
9 No person”; and

10 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
11 section:

12 “(b) No person may—

13 “(1) fraudulently misrepresent himself or her-
14 self or any entity under the person’s control as solie-
15 iting contributions for or on behalf of any candidate
16 or political party; or

17 “(2) knowingly and willfully participate in or
18 conspire to participate in any plan, scheme, or de-
19 sign to violate paragraph (1).”.

20 **SEC. 106. REGULATION OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDI-**
21 **TURES OF DRAFT COMMITTEES.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—

23 (1) TREATMENT AS CONTRIBUTIONS.—Section
24 301(8)(A) (2 U.S.C. 431(8)(A)) is amended—

1 (A) by striking “or” at the end of clause
2 (i);

3 (B) by striking the period at the end of
4 clause (ii) and inserting “; or”; and

5 (C) by adding at the end the following new
6 clause:

7 “(iii) any gift, subscription, loan, advance, or
8 deposit of money or anything of value made by any
9 person for the purpose of influencing any clearly
10 identified individual to seek nomination or election
11 to Federal office.”.

12 (2) TREATMENT AS EXPENDITURES.—Section
13 301(9)(A) (2 U.S.C. 431(9)(A)) is amended—

14 (A) by striking “or” at the end of clause
15 (i);

16 (B) by striking the period at the end of
17 clause (ii) and inserting “; or”; and

18 (C) by adding at the end the following new
19 clause:

20 “(iii) any purchase, payment, distribution, loan,
21 advance, deposit, or gift of money or anything of
22 value made by any person for the purpose of influ-
23 encing any clearly identified individual to seek nomi-
24 nation or election to Federal office.”.

1 (b) APPLICATION TO CORPORATIONS AND LABOR OR-
2 GANIZATIONS.—Section 316(b)(2) (2 U.S.C. 441b(b)(2))
3 is amended in the matter preceding subparagraph (A) by
4 inserting after “in this section,” the following: “and shall
5 include any contribution described in section
6 301(8)(A)(iii) and any expenditure described in section
7 301(9)(A)(iii),”.

8 **SEC. 107. PERMITTING PRINCIPAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEES**
9 **TO FILE REPORTS ON MONTHLY BASIS.**

10 Section 304(a) (2 U.S.C. 434(a)) is amended—

11 (1) in paragraph (2), by striking “If” and in-
12 serting “Except as provided in paragraph (12), if”;
13 and

14 (2) by adding at the end the following new
15 paragraph:

16 “(12)(A) A political committee which is the principal
17 campaign committee of a candidate for the House of Rep-
18 resentatives or for the Senate may file monthly reports
19 in accordance with this paragraph in lieu of the reports
20 required to be filed under paragraph (2), except that—

21 “(i) in addition to such monthly reports, the
22 committee shall file a pre-election report in accord-
23 ance with paragraph (2)(A)(i) with respect to any
24 primary election in which the candidate participates,
25 except that in the case of a primary election occur-

1 ring during the first 20 days of a month, the Com-
2 mission may waive the requirement to file such pre-
3 election report or the requirement to file the report
4 otherwise due under this paragraph during the
5 month, or may revise the deadlines otherwise appli-
6 cable for submitting such reports; and

7 “(ii) in lieu of filing the reports otherwise due
8 under this paragraph in November and December of
9 any year in which a regularly scheduled general elec-
10 tion is held, a pre-general election report shall be
11 filed in accordance with paragraph (2)(A)(i), a post-
12 general election report shall be filed in accordance
13 with paragraph (2)(A)(ii), and a year end report
14 shall be filed no later than January 31 of the fol-
15 lowing calendar year.

16 “(B) Monthly reports under this paragraph shall be
17 filed by the treasurer of the committee no later than the
18 20th day after the last day of the month and shall be com-
19 plete as of the last day of the month.”.

20 **SEC. 108. UNIFORM 15-DAY DEADLINE FOR SEMIANNUAL,**
21 **YEAR-END, AND MONTHLY REPORTS.**

22 (a) SEMIANNUAL REPORTS.—Section 304(a) (2
23 U.S.C. 434(a)) is amended—

24 (1) in paragraphs (2)(B)(i) and (4)(B)(iv), by
25 striking “July 31” and inserting “July 15”; and

1 (2) in paragraphs (2)(B)(ii) and (4)(B)(iv), by
2 striking “January 31” and inserting “January 15”.

3 (b) YEAR-END REPORTS.—

4 (1) FINAL QUARTER REPORT FOR COMMITTEES
5 REPORTING QUARTERLY.—Section 304(a) (2 U.S.C.
6 434(a)) is amended in paragraphs (2)(A)(iii) and
7 (4)(A)(i), by striking “: except that” and all that
8 follows through “year”.

9 (2) REPORTS OF OTHER COMMITTEES.—Section
10 304(a) (2 U.S.C. 434(a)) is amended in paragraphs
11 (3)(A)(i), (4)(B), and (12)(B) by striking “January
12 31” and inserting “January 15”.

13 (c) MONTHLY REPORTS.—Section 304(a) (2 U.S.C.
14 434(a)) is amended in paragraphs (3)(A)(i), (3)(B)(i),
15 (4)(B), and (12)(B) by striking “20th day” and inserting
16 “15th day”.

17 **SEC. 109. CLARIFICATION OF PERMISSIBLE USE OF FAC-**

18 **SIMILE MACHINES AND ELECTRONIC MAIL**

19 **TO FILE REPORTS.**

20 Section 304(a)(11)(A)(i) (2 U.S.C.
21 434(a)(11)(A)(i)), as amended by section 101, is amended
22 by inserting after “computers” the following: “(including
23 by facsimile device or electronic mail in the case of any
24 report required to be filed within 24 hours after the trans-
25 action reported has occurred)”.

1 **SEC. 110. REQUIRING ACTUAL RECEIPT OF CERTAIN INDE-**
2 **PENDENT EXPENDITURE REPORTS WITHIN 24**
3 **HOURS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 304(c)(2) (2 U.S.C.
5 434(c)(2)) is amended in the matter following subpara-
6 graph (C)—

7 (1) by striking “shall be reported” and insert-
8 ing “shall be filed”; and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following new sen-
10 tence: “Notwithstanding subsection (a)(5), the time
11 at which the statement under this subsection is re-
12 ceived by the Secretary, the Commission, or any
13 other recipient to whom the notification is required
14 to be sent shall be considered the time of filing of
15 the statement with the recipient.”.

16 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 304(a)(5)
17 (2 U.S.C. 434(a)(5)) is amended by striking “or
18 (4)(A)(ii)” and inserting “or (4)(A)(ii), or the second sen-
19 tence of subsection (c)(2)”.

20 **SEC. 111. REQUIRING MONTHLY FILING FOR CERTAIN**
21 **MULTICANDIDATE POLITICAL ACTION COM-**
22 **MITTEES.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 304(a)(3) (2 U.S.C.
24 434(a)(3)) is amended—

25 (1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),
26 by striking “President—” and inserting “President

1 or is a multicandidate political committee described
2 in section 315(a)(4)—”;

3 (2) by striking “and” at the end of subpara-
4 graph (A);

5 (3) in subparagraph (B) in the matter pre-
6 ceding clause (i), by striking “calendar year,” and
7 inserting “calendar year in the case of a committee
8 which is the principal campaign committee of a can-
9 didate for the office of President,”;

10 (4) by striking the period at the end of sub-
11 paragraph (B) and inserting “; and”;

12 (5) by adding at the end the following new sub-
13 paragraph:

14 “(C) in any other calendar year in the case of
15 a multicandidate political committee described in
16 section 315(a)(4), the treasurer shall file reports in
17 accordance with paragraph (4).”.

18 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 304(a)(4)
19 (2 U.S.C. 434(a)(4)) is amended in the matter preceding
20 subparagraph (A) by striking “All political committees”
21 and inserting “Except as otherwise provided in this sub-
22 section, all political committees”.

1 **TITLE II—CONTRIBUTIONS AND**
2 **EXPENDITURES**

3 **SEC. 201. APPLICATION OF AGGREGATE CONTRIBUTION**
4 **LIMIT ON CALENDAR YEAR BASIS DURING**
5 **NON-ELECTION YEARS.**

6 Section 315(a)(3) (2 U.S.C. 441a(a)(3)) is amended
7 by striking the second sentence.

8 **SEC. 202. CONTRIBUTIONS FROM FOREIGN NATIONALS.**

9 Section 319 (2 U.S.C. 441e) is amended—

10 (1) in the heading, by striking “CONTRIBU-
11 TIONS” and inserting “DONATIONS AND EXPENDI-
12 TURES”; and

13 (2) in subsection (a), by striking “contribution”
14 each place it appears and inserting “donation or ex-
15 penditure”.

16 **SEC. 203. TREATMENT OF LINES OF CREDIT OBTAINED BY**
17 **CANDIDATES AS COMMERCIALY REASON-**
18 **ABLE LOANS.**

19 Section 301(8)(B) (2 U.S.C. 431(8)(B)) is
20 amended—

21 (1) by striking “and” at the end of clause (xiii);

22 (2) by striking the period at the end of clause
23 (xiv) and inserting “; and”; and

24 (3) by adding at the end the following new
25 clause:

1 “(xv) any loan of money derived from an ad-
2 vance on a candidate’s brokerage account, credit
3 card, home equity line of credit, or other line of
4 credit available to the candidate, if such loan is
5 made in accordance with applicable law and under
6 commercially reasonable terms and if the person
7 making such loan makes loans in the normal course
8 of the person’s business.”.

9 **SEC. 204. BROADER PROHIBITION AGAINST FORCE AND RE-**
10 **PRISALS.**

11 Section 316(b)(3) (2 U.S.C. 441b(b)(3)) is
12 amended—

13 (1) by redesignating subparagraphs (A) through
14 (C) as subparagraphs (B) through (D); and

15 (2) by inserting before subparagraph (B) (as so
16 redesignated) the following new subparagraph:

17 “(A) for such a fund to cause another person
18 to make a contribution or expenditure by physical
19 force, job discrimination, financial reprisals, or the
20 threat of force, job discrimination, or financial re-
21 prisal;”.

22 **SEC. 205. REPEAL SECRETARY OF COMMERCE REPORTS ON**
23 **DISTRICT-SPECIFIC POPULATION.**

24 (a) REPEAL REPORT BY SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
25 ON DISTRICT-SPECIFIC VOTING AGE POPULATION.—Sec-

1 tion 315(e) (2 U.S.C. 441a(e)) is amended by striking
2 “States, of each State, and of each congressional district”
3 and inserting “States and of each State”.

4 (b) DEADLINE FOR REPORTING OF CERTAIN AN-
5 NUAL ESTIMATES TO COMMISSION.—

6 (1) PRICE INDEX.—Section 315(c)(1) (2 U.S.C.
7 441a(c)(1)) is amended—

8 (A) by striking “At the beginning” and in-
9 serting “Not later than February 15”; and

10 (B) by striking “as there become available
11 necessary data from the Bureau of Labor Sta-
12 tistics of the Department of Labor,”.

13 (2) VOTING AGE POPULATION.—Section 315(e)
14 (2 U.S.C. 441a(e)) is amended by striking “During
15 the first week of January 1975, and every subse-
16 quent year,” and inserting “Not later than February
17 15 of 1975 and each subsequent year,”.

18 **SEC. 206. TECHNICAL CORRECTION REGARDING TREAT-**
19 **MENT OF HONORARIA.**

20 Section 301(8)(B) (2 U.S.C. 431(8)(B)), as amended
21 by section 203, is further amended—

22 (1) by adding “and” at the end of clause (xiii);

23 (2) by striking clause (xiv); and

24 (3) by redesignating clause (xv) as clause (xiv).

1 **SEC. 207. BANNING ACCEPTANCE OF CASH CONTRIBU-**
2 **TIONS GREATER THAN \$100.**

3 Section 315 (2 U.S.C. 441a) is amended by adding
4 at the end the following new subsection:

5 “(i) No candidate or political committee may accept
6 any contributions of currency of the United States or cur-
7 rency of any foreign country from any person which, in
8 the aggregate, exceed \$100.”.

9 **TITLE III—PROMOTING EN-**
10 **FORCEMENT OF CAMPAIGN**
11 **FINANCE LAWS**

12 **SEC. 301. AUTHORIZATION OF FEC TO ISSUE IMMUNITY OR-**
13 **DERS.**

14 Section 6001(1) of title 18, United States Code, is
15 amended by inserting “the Federal Election Commission,”
16 after “the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation,”.

17 **SEC. 302. ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURES FOR IMPOSITION OF**
18 **PENALTIES FOR REPORTING VIOLATIONS.**

19 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 309(a)(4) (2 U.S.C.
20 437g(a)(4)) is amended—

21 (1) in subparagraph (A)(i), by striking “clause
22 (ii)” and inserting “clauses (ii) and subparagraph
23 (C)”; and

24 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
25 paragraph:

1 “(C)(i) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), in the
2 case of a violation of any requirement under this Act relat-
3 ing to the reporting of receipts or disbursements, the Com-
4 mission may—

5 “(I) find that a person committed such a viola-
6 tion on the basis of information obtained pursuant
7 to the procedures described in paragraphs (1) and
8 (2); and

9 “(II) based on such finding, require the person
10 to pay a civil money penalty in an amount deter-
11 mined under a schedule of penalties which is estab-
12 lished and published by the Commission and which
13 takes into account the amount of the violation in-
14 volved, the existence of previous violations by the
15 person, and such other factors as the Commission
16 considers appropriate.

17 “(ii) The Commission may not make any determina-
18 tion adverse to a person under clause (i) until the person
19 has been given written notice and an opportunity for the
20 determination to be made on the record.

21 “(iii) Any person against whom an adverse deter-
22 mination is made under this subparagraph may obtain a
23 review of such determination by filing in the United States
24 District Court for the District of Columbia (prior to the
25 expiration of the 30-day period which begins on the date

1 the person receives notification of the determination) a
2 written petition requesting that the determination be
3 modified or set aside.”.

4 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
5 309(a)(6)(A) (2 U.S.C. 437g(a)(6)(A)) is amended by
6 striking “paragraph (4)(A)” and inserting “paragraph
7 (4)”.

8 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
9 this section shall apply with respect to violations occurring
10 on or after January 1, 2001.

11 **SEC. 303. EXTENSION OF POST-ELECTION PERIOD FOR AU-**
12 **DITS FOR CAUSE.**

13 The sixth sentence of section 311(b) (2 U.S.C.
14 438(b)) is amended by striking “6 months” and inserting
15 “12 months”.

16 **SEC. 304. STANDARD FOR INITIATION OF ACTIONS.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 309(a)(2) (2 U.S.C.
18 437g(a)(2)) is amended by striking “it has reason to be-
19 lieve” and all that follows through “of 1954,” and insert-
20 ing the following: “it has a reason to investigate a possible
21 violation of this Act or of chapter 95 or chapter 96 of
22 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 that has occurred or
23 is about to occur (based on the same criteria applicable
24 under this paragraph prior to the enactment of the FEC
25 Reform and Reauthorization Act of 1999),”.

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
2 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to complaints filed
3 on or after January 1, 2001.

4 **SEC. 305. SIGNATURE AUTHORITY OF MEMBERS OF COM-**
5 **MISSION FOR SUBPOENAS AND REASON-TO-**
6 **BELIEVE NOTIFICATION.**

7 (a) ISSUANCE OF SUBPOENAS.—Section 307(a)(3) (2
8 U.S.C. 437d(a)(3)) is amended by striking “signed by the
9 chairman or the vice chairman” and inserting “signed by
10 any member of the Commission”.

11 (b) NOTIFICATIONS OF ALLEGED VIOLATION.—Sec-
12 tion 309(a)(2) (2 U.S.C. 437g(a)(2)) is amended by strik-
13 ing “through its chairman or vice chairman” and inserting
14 “through any of its members”.

15 **TITLE IV—PUBLIC FINANCING**
16 **OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION**
17 **CAMPAIGNS**

18 **SEC. 401. ELIGIBILITY THRESHOLD FOR PRIMARY MATCH-**
19 **ING FUNDS.**

20 Section 9033(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of
21 1986 (26 U.S.C. 9033(b)(3)) is amended by striking “20
22 States” and inserting “30 States”.

1 **SEC. 402. ELIMINATION OF STATE-SPECIFIC EXPENDITURE**
2 **LIMITS FOR PRIMARY CANDIDATES.**

3 Section 315(b)(1)(A) (2 U.S.C. 441a(b)(1)(A)) is
4 amended by striking “, except the aggregate” and all that
5 follows through “\$200,000”.

6 **SEC. 403. ELIMINATION OF SEPARATE LIMIT ON EXPENDI-**
7 **TURES FOR FUNDRAISING FOR PRIMARY**
8 **CANDIDATES.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 301(9)(B)(vi) (2 U.S.C.
10 431(9)(B)(vi)) is amended—

11 (1) by inserting “with respect to a general elec-
12 tion” after “such a candidate”; and

13 (2) by striking “section 315(b)” and inserting
14 “section 315(b)(1)(B)”.

15 (b) ESTABLISHMENT OF UNIFIED EXPENDITURE
16 LIMITATION.—Section 315(b)(1)(A) (2 U.S.C.
17 441a(b)(1)(A)) is amended by striking “\$10,000,000”
18 and inserting “\$12,000,000”.

19 **SEC. 404. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC FI-**
20 **NANCING.**

21 (a) ELIGIBILITY FOR GENERAL ELECTION.—Section
22 9003 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C.
23 9003) is amended by adding at the end the following new
24 subsection:

1 “(f) INELIGIBILITY OF CERTAIN CANDIDATES.—A
2 candidate shall not be eligible to receive payments under
3 section 9006 if—

4 “(1) the candidate has been convicted of will-
5 fully violating any provision of this chapter or chap-
6 ter 96;

7 “(2) the candidate has failed to make any re-
8 payment required under section 9007 or section
9 9038; or

10 “(3) the candidate would not be eligible to serve
11 as President if elected.”.

12 (b) ELIGIBILITY FOR PRIMARY ELECTIONS.—Section
13 9033 of such Code (26 U.S.C. 9033) is amended by add-
14 ing at the end the following new subsection:

15 “(d) INELIGIBILITY OF CERTAIN CANDIDATES.—A
16 candidate shall not be eligible to receive payments under
17 section 9037 if—

18 “(1) the candidate has been convicted of will-
19 fully violating any provision of this chapter or chap-
20 ter 95;

21 “(2) the candidate has failed to make any re-
22 payment required under section 9007 or section
23 9038; or

24 “(3) the candidate would not be eligible to serve
25 as President if elected.”.

1 **SEC. 405. DEPOSIT OF REPAYMENTS INTO PRESIDENTIAL**
 2 **ELECTION CAMPAIGN FUND.**

3 Section 9007(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of
 4 1986 (26 U.S.C. 9007(d)) is amended by striking “in the
 5 general fund of the Treasury” and inserting “in the fund”.

6 **SEC. 406. BANNING CONTRIBUTIONS TO PRESIDENTIAL**
 7 **CANDIDATES CERTIFIED TO RECEIVE PUBLIC**
 8 **FINANCING.**

9 Section 315 (2 U.S.C. 441a), as amended by section
 10 207, is further amended by adding at the end the following
 11 new subsection:

12 “(j) Except to the extent permitted under sections
 13 9003(b)(2) and 9003(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code
 14 of 1986, no person may make any contribution to a can-
 15 didate for election for President who is eligible to receive
 16 benefits with respect to such election under chapter 95
 17 of such Code by making a certification described in section
 18 9003(b) and section 9003(c) of such Code.”.

19 **TITLE V—OTHER**
 20 **MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

21 **SEC. 501. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR FED-**
 22 **ERAL ELECTION COMMISSION.**

23 The second sentence of section 314 (2 U.S.C. 439c)
 24 is amended—

25 (1) by striking “and” after “1978”; and

1 (2) by striking the period at the end and insert-
2 ing the following: “, and \$38,516,000 for the fiscal
3 year ending September 30, 2000.”.

4 **SEC. 502. REQUIRING FEC TO UPDATE NATIONAL VOTING**
5 **SYSTEMS STANDARDS.**

6 The Federal Election Commission shall (directly or
7 by contract) update the current national voting systems
8 standards and conduct ongoing analyses of the techno-
9 logical advances to the equipment, and shall publish the
10 updated standards for such equipment.

11 **SEC. 503. ABOLITION OF EX OFFICIO MEMBERSHIP OF**
12 **CLERK OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**
13 **AND SECRETARY OF SENATE ON COMMIS-**
14 **SION.**

15 Section 306(a) (2 U.S.C. 437c(a)) is amended—

16 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “the Secretary
17 of the Senate and the Clerk” and all that follows
18 through “right to vote, and”; and

19 (2) in paragraphs (3), (4), and (5), by striking
20 “(other than the Secretary of the Senate and the
21 Clerk of the House of Representatives)” each place
22 it appears.

1 **TITLE VI—EFFECTIVE DATE**

2 **SEC. 601. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

3 Except as otherwise provided, the amendments made
4 by this Act shall apply with respect to elections occurring
5 after January 2001.

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