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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CALVERT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on House Administration

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 1999”.

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) Except as provided in paragraph (2), a can-
9 didate for the office of Senator or the office of Representa-
10 tive in, or Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the Con-
11 gress may not accept contributions with respect to an elec-
12 tion from persons other than local individual residents to-
13 taling in excess of the aggregate amount of contributions
14 accepted from local individual residents (as determined on
15 the basis of the information reported under section
16 304(d)).

17 “(2) If a candidate in an election makes expenditures
18 of personal funds (including contributions by the can-
19 didate or the candidate’s spouse to the candidate’s author-
20 ized campaign committee) in an amount in excess of
21 \$250,000, paragraph (1) shall not apply with respect to
22 any opponent of the candidate in the election.

23 “(3) In determining the amount of contributions ac-
24 cepted by a candidate for purposes of paragraph (1), the
25 amounts of any contributions made by a political com-
26 mittee of a political party shall be allocated as follows:

1 “(A) 50 percent of such amounts shall be
2 deemed to be a contributions from local individual
3 residents.

4 “(B) 50 percent of such amounts shall be
5 deemed to be contributions from persons other than
6 local individual residents.

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)(1) 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 “(A) 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 “(B) The total contributions received by the
7 committee with respect to the election involved from
8 all persons, as of the last day of the period covered
9 by the report.

10 “(2)(A) Each principal campaign committee of a can-
11 didate for the Senate or the House of Representatives
12 shall submit a notification to the Commission of the first
13 expenditure of personal funds (including contributions by
14 the candidate or the candidate’s spouse to the committee)
15 by which the aggregate amount of personal funds ex-
16 pended (or contributed) with respect to the election ex-
17 ceeds \$250,000.

18 “(B) Each notification under subparagraph (A)—

19 “(I) shall be submitted not later than 24 hours
20 after the expenditure or contribution which is the
21 subject of the notification is made; and

22 “(II) shall include the name of the candidate,
23 the office sought by the candidate, and the date of
24 the expenditure or contribution and amount of the
25 expenditure or contribution involved.”.

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

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

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

14 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

15 The amendments made by this Act shall apply with
16 respect to elections occurring after January 2001.

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