

H. R. 399

To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit the use of soft money to influence any campaign for election for Federal office.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 19, 1999

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii 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. BAN ON SOFT MONEY FEDERAL ELECTIONS.

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

7 “BAN ON USE OF NON-FEDERAL FUNDS TO INFLUENCE
8 ELECTIONS

9 “SEC. 323. Notwithstanding any other provision of
10 this title, no person may expend any funds for the purpose

1 of influencing any campaign for election for Federal office
2 unless the funds are subject to the limitations, prohibi-
3 tions, and reporting requirements applicable to contribu-
4 tions and expenditures under this Act.”.

5 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
6 subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to elections oc-
7 ccurring after January 1999.

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