

106TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 463

To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to protect the equal participation of eligible voters in campaigns for election for Federal office.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 2, 1999

Mr. GILLMOR (for himself, Mr. TANNER, and Mrs. KELLY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

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## A BILL

To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to protect the equal participation of eligible voters in campaigns for election for Federal office.

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 “Equal Political Oppor-  
5       tunity Act of 1999”.

6       **SEC. 2. PROTECTING EQUAL PARTICIPATION OF ELIGIBLE**  
7       **VOTERS IN CAMPAIGNS AND ELECTIONS.**

8       Title III of the Federal Election Campaign Act of  
9       1971 (2 U.S.C. 431 et seq.) is amended by adding at the  
10      end the following new section:

1       “PROTECTING EQUAL PARTICIPATION OF ELIGIBLE  
2               VOTERS IN CAMPAIGNS AND ELECTIONS

3       “SEC. 323. Nothing in this Act may be construed to  
4 prohibit any individual eligible to vote in an election for  
5 Federal office from making contributions or expenditures  
6 in support of a candidate for such an election (including  
7 voluntary contributions or expenditures made through a  
8 separate segregated fund established by the individual’s  
9 employer or labor organization) or otherwise participating  
10 in any campaign for such an election in the same manner  
11 and to the same extent as any other individual eligible to  
12 vote in an election for such office.”.

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