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# H. R. 57

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 6, 1999

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

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## 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 ACTIVITIES OF POLITICAL ACTION**  
4       **COMMITTEES IN FEDERAL ELECTIONS.**

5       (a) IN GENERAL.—Title III of the Federal Election  
6       Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 301 et seq.) is amended  
7       by adding at the end the following new section:

1 “BAN ON FEDERAL ELECTION ACTIVITIES BY POLITICAL  
2 ACTION COMMITTEES

3 “SEC. 323. (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any  
4 other provision of this Act, no political action committee  
5 may make contributions, solicit or receive contributions,  
6 or make expenditures for the purpose of influencing an  
7 election for Federal office.

8 “(b) POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE DEFINED.—In  
9 this section, the term ‘political action committee’ means  
10 any political committee which is not—

11 “(1) the principal campaign committee of a  
12 candidate; or

13 “(2) a national, State, local, or district commit-  
14 tee of a political party, including any subordinate  
15 committee thereof.”.

16 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—(1) Section  
17 301(4)(A) of such Act (2 U.S.C. 431(4)(A)) is amended  
18 by inserting after “persons” the following: “(but not in-  
19 cluding a partnership for purposes of section 323(b))”.

20 (2) Section 316(b)(2) of such Act (2 U.S.C.  
21 441b(b)(2)) is amended—

22 (A) by adding “and” at the end of subpara-  
23 graph (A);

24 (B) by striking “; and” at the end of subpara-  
25 graph (B) and inserting a period; and

1 (C) by striking subparagraph (C).

2 **SEC. 2. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ELECTION LIMITA-**  
 3 **TION ON CONTRIBUTIONS FROM PERSONS**  
 4 **OTHER THAN INDIVIDUAL IN-STATE RESI-**  
 5 **DENTS.**

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

9 “(i)(1) A candidate for the office of Representative  
 10 in, or Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress  
 11 may not, with respect to an election for Federal office,  
 12 accept contributions from persons other than individual  
 13 in-State residents totaling more than 20 percent of the  
 14 total of contributions accepted from all sources.

15 “(2) As used in this subsection, the term ‘individual  
 16 in-State resident’ means an individual who resides in the  
 17 State in which the congressional district involved is lo-  
 18 cated.”.

19 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

20 The amendments made by this Act shall apply with  
 21 respect to elections for Federal office held after December  
 22 31, 1998.

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