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# H. R. 2533

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 17, 2001

Mr. SMITH of Michigan 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “PAC Limitation Act  
5       of 2001”.

1 **SEC. 2. BAN ON POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE CONTRIBU-**  
2 **TIONS TO CANDIDATES IN ELECTIONS FOR**  
3 **FEDERAL OFFICE.**

4 Title III of the Federal Election Campaign Act of  
5 1971 (2 U.S.C. 431 et seq.) is amended by adding at the  
6 end the following new section:

7 **“BAN ON CONTRIBUTIONS TO CANDIDATES BY POLITICAL**  
8 **ACTION COMMITTEES**

9 **“SEC. 323. (a) IN GENERAL.—**Notwithstanding any  
10 other provision of this Act, no political action committee  
11 may make any contribution to any candidate or any au-  
12 thorized committee of the candidate with respect to any  
13 election for Federal office.

14 **“(b) POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE DEFINED.—**In  
15 this section, the term ‘political action committee’ means  
16 any political committee which is not—

17 **“(1) an authorized committee of a candidate; or**  
18 **“(2) a national, State, local, or district com-**  
19 **mittee of a political party, including any subordinate**  
20 **committee thereof.”.**

21 **SEC. 3. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ELECTION LIMITA-**  
22 **TION ON CONTRIBUTIONS FROM SOURCES**  
23 **OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT.**

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

1       “(i) A candidate for the office of Representative in,  
2 or Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress  
3 may not, with respect to a reporting period for an election,  
4 accept contributions from all sources outside the congres-  
5 sional district involved totaling in excess of the total of  
6 contributions accepted from individual residents of the  
7 congressional district involved.”.

8 SEC. 4. LIMITATION ON ACCEPTANCE OF SOFT MONEY BY  
9 NATIONAL AND CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-  
10 TEES OF POLITICAL PARTIES.

11       Title III of the Federal Election Campaign Act of  
12 1971 (2 U.S.C. 431 et seq.), as amended by section 2,  
13 is amended by adding at the end the following new section:  
14    “LIMITATION ON ACCEPTANCE OF SOFT MONEY BY NA-  
15       TIONAL AND CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES OF PO-  
16       LITICAL PARTIES  
17       “SEC. 324. A national committee of a political party  
18 and the congressional campaign committees of a political  
19 party may not, in any calendar year, accept more than  
20 \$25,000 from any single person in contributions or trans-  
21 fers that are not otherwise subject to the limitations, pro-  
22 hibitions, and reporting requirements of this Act.”.

1 **SEC. 5. REPORTS ON FEDERAL POLITICAL ADVERTISE-**  
2 **MENTS CARRIED BY RADIO STATIONS, TELE-**  
3 **VISION STATIONS, AND CABLE SYSTEMS.**

4 Title III of the Federal Election Campaign Act of  
5 1971 (2 U.S.C. 431 et seq.), as amended by sections 2  
6 and 4, is further amended by adding at the end the fol-  
7 lowing new section:

8 “REPORTS ON FEDERAL POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENTS  
9 CARRIED BY RADIO STATIONS, TELEVISION STA-  
10 TIONS, AND CABLE SYSTEMS

11 “SEC. 325. At such times and in such manner as the  
12 Commission shall prescribe by regulation, each operator  
13 of a radio broadcasting station, television broadcasting  
14 station, or cable system shall report to the Commission  
15 the identity of each advertiser, the cost, the duration, and  
16 other appropriate information with respect to each Fed-  
17 eral political advertisement carried by the station or sys-  
18 tem, including any advertisement advocating the passage  
19 or defeat of Federal legislation, any advertisement advo-  
20 cating the election or defeat of a candidate for Federal  
21 office, and any advertisement characterizing the positions  
22 taken by such a candidate.”.

23 **SEC. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

24 The amendments made by this Act shall take effect  
25 on January 1, 2002.

