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H. R. 283

To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to require the disclosure of certain information by persons conducting phone banks during campaigns for election for Federal office, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 30, 2001

Mrs. MALONEY of New York 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 “Voters’ Right to Know

5 Act of 2001”.

1 **SEC. 2. DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION BY PERSONS CON-**2 **DUCTING PHONE BANKS DURING FEDERAL**3 **ELECTION CAMPAIGNS.**

4 (a) APPLICATION OF ADVERTISING DISCLAIMER

5 RULES.—Section 318(a) of the Federal Election Cam-

6 paign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 441d(a)) is amended by in-

7 serting after “political advertising,” the following: “or

8 makes any communication through a Federal election

9 phone bank described in subsection (c),”.

10 (b) FEDERAL ELECTION PHONE BANK DE-

11 SCRIBED.—Section 318 of such Act (2 U.S.C. 441d) is

12 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-

13 section:

14 “(c) FEDERAL ELECTION PHONE BANKS.—

15 “(1) ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURE REQUIRE-

16 MENTS.—In addition to any information required to

17 be disclosed under this section or otherwise reported

18 under this Act, each person who conducts a Federal

19 election phone bank shall report to the Commission

20 the following information:

21 “(A) The total cost of conducting the
22 phone bank.23 “(B) All sources of funds used to conduct
24 the phone bank (other than any contribution for
25 which information is otherwise required to be
26 reported under this Act).

1 “(C) The total number of households con-
2 tacted.

3 “(D) A copy of the questions asked or in-
4 formation provided to respondents.

5 “(2) DEFINITION.—Except as provided in para-
6 graph (3), in this section, a ‘Federal election phone
7 bank’ means a project under which an aggregate
8 number of not fewer than 1,500 households are con-
9 tacted by telephone during the 25-day period which
10 ends on the date of an election for Federal office
11 and—

12 “(A) are asked to state a preference in the
13 election or to state the likelihood of their sup-
14 port of any candidate;

15 “(B) are asked to make a contribution or
16 expenditure with respect to the election;

17 “(C) are provided with information ex-
18 pressly advocating the election or defeat of a
19 clearly identified candidate for such office; or

20 “(D) are provided with any information re-
21 garding a clearly identified candidate for such
22 office.

23 “(3) EXCEPTION FOR PROJECTS CONDUCTED
24 BY GENERAL MEDIA.—A Federal election phone
25 bank does not include any project conducted through

1 the facilities of any broadcasting station, newspaper,
2 magazine, or other periodical publication, unless
3 such facilities are owned or controlled by any polit-
4 ical party, political committee, or candidate.”.

5 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

6 The amendments made by this Act shall apply with
7 respect to elections occurring after January 2002.

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