

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 344

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prohibit the use of public funds for political party conventions.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 27, 2003

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland 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 “Political Convention
5 Reform Act of 2003”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING USE OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION**
7 **CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR PARTY CONVEN-**
8 **TIONS.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 95 of the Internal Rev-
10 enue Code of 1986 is amended by striking section 9008.

1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
 2 of chapter 95 of such Code is amended by striking the
 3 item relating to section 9008.

4 **SEC. 3. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

5 (a) AVAILABILITY OF PAYMENTS TO CANDIDATES.—
 6 The third sentence of section 9006(c) of the Internal Rev-
 7 enue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “, section
 8 9008(b)(3),”.

9 (b) REPORTS BY FEDERAL ELECTION COMMIS-
 10 SION.—Section 9009(a) of such Code is amended—

11 (1) by adding “and” at the end of paragraph
 12 (2);

13 (2) by striking the semicolon at the end of
 14 paragraph (3) and inserting a period; and

15 (3) by striking paragraphs (4), (5), and (6).

16 (c) PENALTIES.—Section 9012 of such Code is
 17 amended—

18 (1) in subsection (a)(1), by striking the second
 19 sentence; and

20 (2) in subsection (c), by striking paragraph (2)
 21 and redesignating paragraph (3) as paragraph (2).

22 (d) AVAILABILITY OF PAYMENTS FROM PRESI-
 23 DENTIAL PRIMARY MATCHING PAYMENT ACCOUNT.—The
 24 second sentence of section 9037(a) of such Code is amend-

1 ed by striking “and for payments under section
2 9008(b)(3)”.

3 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

4 The amendments made by this Act shall apply with
5 respect to elections occurring after December 31, 2003.

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