

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 689

To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to repeal the requirement that persons making disbursements for electioneering communications file reports on such disbursements with the Federal Election Commission and the prohibition against the making of disbursements for electioneering communications by corporations and labor organizations, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 9, 2005

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland (for himself, Mr. AKIN, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PITTS, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. OTTER, Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. TERRY, Mr. HENSARLING, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr. PENCE, Mr. GUTKNECHT, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. FEENEY, Mr. REHBERG, Mr. McHENRY, Mr. HOSTETTLER, Mr. CULBERSON, Mrs. DRAKE, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina, Mr. CARTER, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. COX, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. NEUGEBAUER, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. KLINE, Mr. GINGREY, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, and Mr. LINDER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

A BILL

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ments for electioneering communications by corporations and labor organizations, and for other purposes.

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 “First Amendment Res-
 5 toration Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REPEAL OF CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO**
 7 **ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICATIONS.**

8 (a) DISCLOSURE OF DISBURSEMENTS FOR COMMU-
 9 NICATIONS.—Section 304(f) of the Federal Election Cam-
 10 paign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 434(f)) is amended by adding
 11 at the end the following new paragraph:

12 “(8) TERMINATION OF REPORTING REQUIRE-
 13 MENT.—No person shall be required to file any
 14 statement under this subsection with respect to any
 15 disbursement made on or after November 6, 2002.”.

16 (b) PROHIBITION AGAINST MAKING OF DISBURSE-
 17 MENTS FOR COMMUNICATIONS BY CORPORATIONS AND
 18 LABOR ORGANIZATIONS.—Section 316 of such Act (2
 19 U.S.C. 441b) is amended—

20 (1) in subsection (b)(2), by striking “or for any
 21 applicable electioneering communication”; and

22 (2) by striking subsection (c).

1 (c) TREATMENT OF COORDINATED COMMUNICA-
2 TIONS AS CONTRIBUTIONS.—Section 315(a)(7) of such
3 Act (2 U.S.C. 441a(a)(7)) is amended—

4 (1) by striking subparagraph (C); and

5 (2) by redesignating subparagraph (D) as sub-
6 paragraph (C).

7 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

8 The amendments made by this Act shall take effect
9 as if included in the enactment of the Bipartisan Cam-
10 paign Reform Act of 2002.

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