

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2630

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 24, 2007

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and
Administration

AN ACT

To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit certain political committees from compensating the spouse of the candidate for services provided to or on behalf of the committee, to require such committees to report on payments made to the spouse and the immediate family members of the candidate, 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 “Campaign Expenditure
5 Transparency Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS TO COM-**
7 **PENSATE SPOUSES OF CANDIDATES; DISCLO-**
8 **SURE OF PAYMENTS MADE TO SPOUSES AND**
9 **FAMILY MEMBERS.**

10 (a) PROHIBITION; DISCLOSURE.—Section 313 of the
11 Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 439a)
12 is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
13 section:

14 “(c) PROHIBITING COMPENSATION OF SPOUSES;
15 DISCLOSURE OF PAYMENTS TO SPOUSES AND FAMILY
16 MEMBERS.—

17 “(1) PROHIBITING COMPENSATION OF
18 SPOUSES.—Notwithstanding any other provision of
19 this Act, no authorized committee of a candidate or
20 any other political committee established, main-
21 tained, or controlled by a candidate or an individual
22 holding Federal office (other than a political com-
23 mittee of a political party) shall directly or indirectly
24 compensate the spouse of the candidate or individual

1 (as the case may be) for services provided to or on
2 behalf of the committee.

3 “(2) DISCLOSURE OF PAYMENTS TO SPOUSES
4 AND IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS.—In addition to
5 any other information included in a report submitted
6 under section 304 by a committee described in para-
7 graph (1), the committee shall include in the report
8 a separate statement of any payments, including di-
9 rect or indirect compensation, made to the spouse or
10 any immediate family member of the candidate or
11 individual involved during the period covered by the
12 report.

13 “(3) IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER DEFINED.—
14 In this subsection, the term ‘immediate family mem-
15 ber’ means the son, daughter, son-in-law, daughter-
16 in-law, mother, father, brother, sister, brother-in-
17 law, sister-in-law, or grandchild of the candidate or
18 individual involved.”.

19 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 313(a)(1)
20 of such Act (2 U.S.C. 439a(a)(1)) is amended by striking
21 “for otherwise” and inserting “subject to subsection (c),
22 for otherwise”.

1 **SEC. 3. IMPOSITION OF PENALTY AGAINST CANDIDATE OR**
2 **OFFICEHOLDER.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 309 of the Federal Elec-
4 tion Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 437g) is amended
5 by adding at the end the following new subsection:

6 “(e) In the case of a violation of section 313(c) com-
7 mitted by a committee described in such section, if the
8 candidate or individual involved knew of the violation, any
9 penalty imposed under this section shall be imposed on
10 the candidate or individual and not on the committee.”.

11 (b) PROHIBITING REIMBURSEMENT BY COM-
12 MITTEE.—Section 313(c) of such Act (2 U.S.C. 439a(c)),
13 as added by section 2(a), is amended—

14 (1) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-
15 graph (4); and

16 (2) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-
17 lowing new paragraph:

18 “(3) PROHIBITING REIMBURSEMENT BY COM-
19 MITTEE OF PENALTY PAID BY CANDIDATE FOR VIO-
20 LATIONS.—A committee described in paragraph (1)
21 may not make any payment to reimburse the can-
22 didate or individual involved for any penalty imposed
23 for a violation of this subsection which is required
24 to be paid by the candidate or individual under sec-
25 tion 309(e).”.

1 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2 The amendments made by this Act shall apply with
3 respect to elections occurring after December 2007.

Passed the House of Representatives July 23, 2007.

Attest: LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk.

By DEBORAH M. SPRIGGS,
Deputy Clerk.