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H. R. 6108

To reduce the pay of Members of Congress who miss votes because of
campaigning for election to another office.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FLORES introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To reduce the pay of Members of Congress who miss votes
because of campaigning for election to another office.

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. REDUCTION IN PAY OF MEMBERS WHO MISS**
4 **VOTES BECAUSE OF CAMPAIGNING FOR**
5 **ELECTION TO OTHER OFFICE.**

6 (a) REDUCTION IN PAY.—Section 601(a) of the Leg-
7 islative Reorganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 31) is
8 amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (1), in the matter following
2 subparagraph (C), by striking “paragraph (2)” and
3 inserting “paragraphs (2) and (3)”; and

4 (2) by adding at the end the following new
5 paragraph:

6 “(3) REDUCTION IN PAY OF MEMBERS MISSING
7 VOTES BECAUSE OF CAMPAIGNING FOR ELECTION
8 TO OTHER OFFICE.—

9 “(A) MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE.—

10 “(i) REDUCTION.—If during a Con-
11 gress a Member of the House of Rep-
12 resentatives (including a Delegate or Resi-
13 dent Commissioner to the Congress) is a
14 candidate for election to any office other
15 than the office of Representative in, or
16 Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the
17 Congress, the rate of pay otherwise appli-
18 cable to the Member for any month during
19 that Congress shall be reduced by the
20 Member’s missed vote percentage for the
21 most recent month prior to that month.

22 “(ii) MISSED VOTE PERCENTAGE DE-
23 FINED.—In this paragraph, the ‘missed
24 vote percentage’ of a Member of the House
25 of Representatives described in clause (i)

1 with respect to any month is equal to the
2 percentage of votes taken in the House of
3 Representatives during that month (includ-
4 ing votes taken in the Committee of the
5 Whole House on the State of the Union)
6 for which the Member did not cast a vote
7 because the Member was absent from the
8 House on the day the vote was taken, un-
9 less on such day the Member did not en-
10 gage in any campaign-related activity for
11 the election described in clause (i).

12 “(iii) DUTIES OF CLERK.—The Clerk
13 of the House of Representatives shall—

14 “(I) consult with the Federal
15 Election Commission on an ongoing
16 basis to determine which Members (if
17 any) are candidates for election to any
18 office other than the office of Rep-
19 resentative in, or Delegate or Resident
20 Commissioner to, the Congress; and

21 “(II) provide the Chief Adminis-
22 trative Officer of the House of Rep-
23 resentatives with such information as
24 the Chief Administrative Officer may

1 require in order to carry out this sub-
2 paragraph.

3 “(B) SENATORS.—

4 “(i) REDUCTION.—If during a Con-
5 gress a Senator is a candidate for election
6 to any office other than the office of Sen-
7 ator, the rate of pay otherwise applicable
8 to the Senator for any month during that
9 Congress shall be reduced by the Senator’s
10 missed vote percentage for the most recent
11 month prior to that month.

12 “(ii) MISSED VOTE PERCENTAGE DE-
13 FINED.—In this paragraph, the ‘missed
14 vote percentage’ of a Senator described in
15 clause (i) with respect to any month is
16 equal to the percentage of votes taken in
17 the Senate during that month for which
18 the Senator did not cast a vote because the
19 Senator was absent from the Senate on the
20 day the vote was taken, unless on such day
21 the Senator did not engage in any cam-
22 paign-related activity for the election de-
23 scribed in clause (i).

24 “(iii) DUTIES OF SECRETARY.—The
25 Secretary of the Senate shall consult with

1 the Federal Election Commission on an on-
2 going basis to determine which Senators (if
3 any) are candidates for election to any of-
4 fice other than the office of Senator.

5 “(C) TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO REDUCE
6 THE PUBLIC DEBT.—For each fiscal year, the
7 Secretary of the Treasury shall transfer from
8 the general fund of the Treasury to the account
9 established by section 3113(d) of title 31,
10 United States Code, an amount equal to the
11 difference between the aggregate amount ex-
12 pended for the pay of Members of Congress for
13 the fiscal year and the aggregate amount that
14 would have been expended for the pay of Mem-
15 bers of Congress for the fiscal year but for the
16 operation of this paragraph.”.

17 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
18 subsection (a) shall take effect January 1, 2013.

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